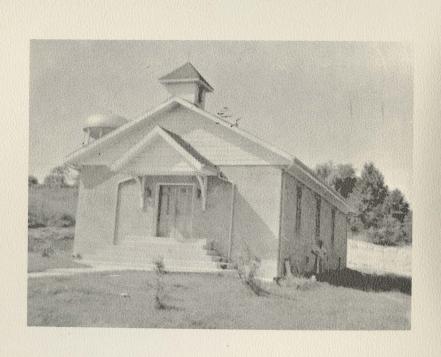


A Centennial Celebration

of

Edward Webb Presbyterian Church 704 Worth Street Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

1882 - 1982



A CELEBRATION OF OUR HERITAGE EDWARD WEBB PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

Today we celebrate the church, not as a Gothic Cathedral with expensive stained glass windows, nor a futuristic edifice of modern architecture. Instead, we celebrate the church as people — men, women, children — people with talents, skills and love, joined by a common spirit, to bring about the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

"We celebrate the church
Where every child of God is hailed
unique and valuable
Where arms are opened to the world's
outcasts.

Where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world is invited in and surprised by the life-giving work that in Christ, God accepts all the children of the world."

IN APPRECIATION

This is a time to rejoice and give praise. One hundred years have passed, and we still remain a viable instrument in the building of God's kingdom. We give thanks to the many servants who encourage the organization of this church, and who made many sacrifices along the way. We give thanks for those who continue to act with inspiring enthusiasm, and keeping the vision alive.

We are grateful to those who made this effort a success, through your generous contributions of time, interest and financial assistance.

Special Recognition of Historians:

Dr. J. D. Peterson,Stated Clerk, Yadkin Presbytery

Mrs. Ruby D. Mason,Granddaughter of Founder and Organizer

Rev. T. B. Hargraves

The S. L. Young Family

Gladys W. Bailey Centennial Compiler and Historian

DEDICATION

WHERE AS Edward Webb's early spirits caught a vision of a church in Christ —

We dedicate this day.

WHERE AS The membership, over the years, persevered to make

the fellowship a reality — We dedicate this day.

WHERE AS

The willingness was cultivated to keep dream alive —

We dedicate this day.

Therefore, be it resolved, that this Celebration become a day of Recognition, and prayerful Commitment to the servants in Christ of the past, present, and future. May we be inspired to keep this vision alive.

The Session

EDWARD WEBB UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1982 11:00 A. M.

Gladys Bailey	
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THE PRELUDE	
THE PROCESSION	DNAL HYMN
THE CALL TO V LEADER:	VORSHIP: O Thou whose glory shone like fire, within the ancient Temple walls, grant us our heart's sincere desire: Thy presence in these sacred halls.
PEOPLE:	O THOU WHO, HOMELESS, WANDERED WIDE, THOUGH FAR JUDEA'S FAVORED LAND, MAKE THIS A HOME FOR MEN, GUIDE THE STEPS OF ALL WITH THY STRONG HAND.
LEADER:	O Thou who, sorrowing in the night, longed for the love of human friend, make here a spring of friendship bright with Thy rich love which knows no end.
PEOPLE:	O THOU WHOSE LOVE AND WORDS WERE ONE, STRONG, AND DIVINE, HERE MAY OUR FELLOWSHIP SHOW HOW ALL MAY LIVE A LIFE LIKE THINE.
THE INVOCATION	ON *
	ESPONSE
THE WELCOME	AND THE OCCASION
THE HYMN OF F	PRAISE
THE SCRIPTURE	
PRAYER	Elder Leone Cannon
CHANT No. 535	

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Teresa Roberts INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Elder Leone Cannon THE HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 275 "Amazing Grace - How Sweet The Sound" THE SERMON "This Far By Faith" Rev. J. Louis Spears, Moderator - Salisbury, North Carolina THE HYMN OF INVITATION No. 320 "I Am Thine, O Lord" THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP THE OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC Elders Josie Ann Moore and Gilmer Franklin THE OFFERTORY BLESSING Thanksgiving, Intercession and The Lord's Prayer		
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THE DOXOLOGY		
THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
LEADER: Your generosity is indescribable O Eternal God. Even the heavens cannot contain you. You have watched over and protected us for lo these 100 years. Be with us who are together at this moment as we re-dedicate ourselves and ask your blessings.		
PEOPLE: Almighty and ever-blessed God, who in the abundance of your goodness did give us more than we desire or ask: Pour out upon us, we ask you, a spirit of grace and charity and peace. So rule in our hearts that we may be useful in your service. Thank you for the 100 years past and in this coming year, lighten our darkness, defend us from all perils and dangers, and make strong the bonds of faith. Preserve the works of your mercy that we may perservere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name. We would build the old wastes and repair the desolations in your name. We re-dedicate ourselves to your service, asking you to fulfill the hopes and desires of your people. Amen.		
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN		

THE BENEDICTION
THE PRELUDE

EDWARD WEBB UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1982 3:00 P. M.

LaDonna McCarther Director - Music		
Leone Cannon - Presiding		
THE PRELUDE		
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN		
THE CALL TO WORSHIP		
THE RESPONSE — THE DOXOLOGY		
THE WELCOME AND THE OCCASION		
THE RESPONSE		
SPECIAL SELECTIONS		
THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE		
THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Dr. J. A. Ga		
THE PRAYER		
THE PRAYER RESPONSE "Sweet Hour of Prayer"		
SPECIAL SELECTIONS Boonville First Presbyterian Churc		
A CELEBRATION OF OUR HERITAGEMr. Clarence Bryan		
SPECIAL SELECTIONS JFMC Choir, Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church		
DEDICATION		
SPECIAL SELECTIONS		
THE OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC A. C. Edwards, Warner Dodson, Robert Galloway		
THE OFFERTORY BLESSING AND RESPONSE "We Give Thee But Thine Own"		
REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS		

SPECIAL SELECTIONS ...

.....The Young Adult Choir, Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
THE BENEDICATION
THE POSTLUDE

USHERS: Robena Jarvis, Teresa Roberts

HISTORY

Rev. William Gaston Catus moved to Mount Airy with his family many years ago. His life in the community reflected his interest in the spiritual, educational, business and general welfare of all who came to know him. He owned and operated a store near his home, and taught in the first parochial school organized here. Sunday School was taught in the old Sandy Level School.

By 1882 he was instrumental in organizing the Colored Presbyterian Church. A lot was purchased and deeded to Anthony H. Galbriel Penn and James Sparger. The Church was built near the Parsonage in the location hereafter referred to as Catus Hill.

Because of his commitment of service to others and his humanitarian spirit, many were inspired and encouraged to complete their education and dedicate their lives to Christ.

Following his retirement he moved to his native home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

In 1885 Rev. A. B. Lawrence came from Winston-Salem and continued the work for the next four years. Rev. T. B. Hargraves and family arrived in 1889 from Laurinburg, North Carolina. His son, Rev. Thomas B. Hargraves, age 88 years, at this printing, recalls the life and work of his father during the next 19 years, as recorded in the following letter:



Rev. T. B. Hargrave, Sr. at home

P. O. Box 278
Portsmouth, Va. 23705
Feb. 20th, 1982

Dear Mrs. Bailey:

I was quite thrilled to receive your letter concerning the Edward Webb Presbyterian Church after all of these years. I will have to rely on my memory as to dates and events, but I am afraid that time has taken its toll there. However I will do what I can to recall some vague facts as I am now 88 years of age.

I will recall that my father, Rev. Thomas B. Hargrave, Sr. was called to serve a Mission Church, succeeding Rev. Catus who had resigned the Pastorate. Rev. Hargrave and wife, Mary and two children Thomas and Mary arrived on the field from Laurinburg, N.C. in the year 1893. Rev. Hargrave had a vision to build a new church on a site near the depot and he organized a young group known as the "Builders Society" as time went on this organization began to develop and Dad asked everyone to gather bricks and pile them up at the church front. The idea caught on and as there was a brick yard not so far away where many of the members or men worked, the pile of bricks became very large. Many little kiddies picked up brick from their own back vard. A Mr. Merritt who owned a hardware store also owned the brick yard and gave his permission to let the kiddies pick up the scattered brick. Some few years passed and finally the work was started. Mr. Merritt furnished paint and nails, Mr. J. R. Patterson (both white) made a goodly donation and the people rallied to the cause. Now the Board of Mission for Freedman had its headquarters in Pittsburg, Pa. They were impressed by the reports coming from Mt. Airy and granted permission to Dad to go to Pennsylvania Synod and canvas for money to build the structure. A Mr. Edward Webb of Oxford, Pa. heard his report and gave a goodly sum of money for the cause. On his return the people became very ensthusuastic about the prospect and began to all cooperate. Every child had a card and soon there was a race among the children to see how much they could raise. My Dad and some of the young men painted the new church and Edward Webb Presbyterian Church was dedicated free of debt. I am not sure of the exact date but it was about 1904 or 5. There was a professor at Biddle University at Charlotte, N.C. who was with Dad at Lincoln University during his college days who came and preached the dedicational sermon.

Now about 1907 a goodly number of girls and boys were sent to Scotia Seminary and Biddle. W. P. Walker who became a dentist took a group of boys from the church, Fred Davis, Conse Walker, Tom Hargrave and many more to Scotia Seminary, Nora Banner, two or three Gilmers, Anna Leak and many others including Mary Hargrave. Some of the Elders were Mr. George Hammon, Mr. Scales, Walter Walker, Mart Banner, etc.

Rev. T. B. Hargrave retired in 1908 and with his family of 7 children moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. One child born in Ohio.

Mrs. Bailey, I hope that this bit of history will be of some use. I am sorry that I could not have this type written as I have been on the go and also have a wife who is very ill. I wrote this quickly to get it to you as I will be rushing out of town soon. I appreciate your asking me and I hope that this bit of history will be of service.

If there are any of the older members who remember me, please say to them that I am happy to hear from Mount Airy. I am enclosing a few pictures of the work here in Portsmouth. It all started in 1945 when I came here as a chaplain under the wartime service commission.

Thank you for writing me and please give my love to Edward Webb Members.

Sincerely yours, Thos. B. Hargrave

Thas B. Hargrane



Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Liddell Young Christmas 1945

Historical Facts related to the Ministry of the late Rev. Samuel Liddell Young, during his years of service at Edward Webb Presbyterian Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Rev. Samuel L. Young accepted the call to serve Edward Webb Presbyterian Church in the year 1916. Twelve years later he retired from the church and moved his family to Winston-Salem, NC.

During his ministry the town was small, but its potential for growth and involvement was evident.

Eighteen families provided the membership. These families were loyal to the church and its program and used their influence and interest in service to the community.

The Wednesday night prayer meetings, the Sunday morning services and the Sunday School were sources of spiritual awakening and opportunities for service.

The Ruling Elders of the church were Mr. Henry Davis, Mr. John Whitlock, Mr. W. M. Walker and Elder Massey.

The Presbyterian Parochial School of Webb Memorial Church provided early educational experiences for the young people of the church and community. A desire for higher education for the students was expressed. Some were able to meet all of the requirements. Others received scholarships through the untiring efforts of Rev. Young.

Through his recommendations the following young women were accepted at Scotia Seminary: Nauvata G. Young, Mable Gordon, Thelma Gordon and Nannie B. Walker. They became public school teachers and instructors in business education. Six young men attended and some graduated from Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith University. Among them were Dr. O'Connor Walker, dentist, Mr. Fred Davis, principal of public school, Mr. Samuel Lawrence Young, Sunday School Missionary of Southern Virginia, Gilmore Franklin, public school teacher.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Jessie C. Young, wife of Rev. S. L. Young, the Women's Missionary work was organized and became an essential part of the spiritual growth of the church and reached out to the women of the community. She provided home study for the women, helping them to improve in the fundamentals (of the three R's). This enabled them to understand, interpret and enjoy the Bible Study, and so

much of the program of the church, which led to enthusastic involvement in the work of missions at home and abroad. It improved the family life of the members and their support to the church. A cultural aspect developed in the community and an interest in music was prevalent.

Because of the musical ability of the pastor, many of the young people learned to play the piano and organ. Others enjoyed group singing which increased church attendance and fellowship.

Among the missionary women of the church who served faithfully were: Mrs. Lelia Franklin, Mrs. Margret Kegler, Mrs. Plutine Walker, Mrs. Ana Gordon.

May Edward Webb Presbyterian Church continue its service to God and Humanity.

This historical information concerning the Edward Webb Presbyterian Church submitted by:

Samuel Lawrence Young, Eldest son of Rev. S. L. Young Louise Young Harris, Daughter of Rev. S. L. Young Esther Young Hargrave, Daughter of Rev. S. L. Young During the next 28 years - up to about 1941 - the following persons served the church as Pastors, Moderators, and Student Supply from Johnson C. Smith University: J. H. Clement, H. O. Walker, A. S. Young, W. A. Hawkins, C. Pitchford, O. J. Hawkins and L. B. Washington.

The church was able to call a full-time minister, Rev. L. M. Onque.



Dr. LeGrande M. Onque



Mrs. LeGrande M. Onque

REV. L. M. ONQUE

Rev. Onque came to the pastorate of the church in early 1941 via Princeton, New Jersey. He had just concluded his service with Mocksville Presbyterian Church. Most of his influence in the life of the church was placed on increased membership and the educational pursuit of young people. The highest enrollment in Sunday School Vacation Church School and other youth activities was recorded during his 10 years of service.

His wife, Mrs. B. J. Onque was a dynamic influence in promoting stewardship and Mission with the United Presbyterian Women. Organizing Bazaars, Fellowship Teas, Sponsoring Band Concerts and Harvest Festivals are just a few of the many activities attributed to her success of buying a piano, Restoration and Dedication of Pulpit Bible dated 1877, and the general maintenance and beautification of the church.

We feel the evidence of her presence today. Through the enthusiastic efforts of the members, we now enjoy carpeting in the Sanctuary, new heat/air conditioning system, storm windows, doors, ramp for easy accessibility, and a completed parking area.

We go forward, with dedication, inspiration and determination toward further plans to brick the exterior and purchase new pews. Our main concern is not on the temporal, but on the spirit of touching others with love.

Following the retirement, and election as Pastor Emeritus, of the Rev. Mr. LeGrande M. Onque, the church failed to secure the service of another minister immediately. The needs of the community commanded his continued service which he rendered gladly.

It was during the retirement years of Dr. Onque, the Edward Webb Church found relocation from the Granite Street location necessary. During the interun, meetings were held in the homes of various members. Ministers who were with Moderators, Student Supply, or Pulpit Supply, gave leadership as plans were devised to purchase land for the site of the new church. The site was purchased from Fred and Lora Davis, July 25, 1951. Rev. L. M. Onque, Pastor Emeritus, Mrs. B. J. Onque, Clerk of Session, and Trustee, Deacon Alexander Edwards worked to the completion and dedication of the new structure in 1954. Rev. Robert Pooley, Pastor of Flat Rock Presbyterian Church, U.S. and Lawyer Archie Carter were among the many to encourage and help in the effort.

REV. WARREN CHARLES JONES

Rev. Warren Charles Jones first came to Mt. Airy as a Seminary Student from Johnson C. Smith University in 1926-27.

For the next 30 years he devoted his life to being a mobile minister, emphasizing the self-development program, organizing Sunday Schools and influencing young people to raise their educational level. His effort in securing financial aid through scholarships and other avenues allowed many to complete high school and college.

Rev. Jones returned to Mt. Airy in 1955. He was instrumental in getting Presbytery to approve a loan of \$1,500.00 from the Board of National Missions, and a grant of \$1,500.00 to complete the present church building. In 1960 he accepted a call elsewhere, and continued to carry on the ministry of mission in action.

In 1972, now retired, he consented to return and offer his service following the death of our Minister, Mr. Grover C. Grimes. This third period of service was culminated in 1981.

His work and interest in Edward Webb has had an impact on the continuing progress of the life in the church.



Rev. W. C. Jones

PASTORS — STATED SUPPLY MODERATORS AND SEMINARIANS

1882 - 1932

Rev. William Gaston Catus

A. B. Lawrence

T. B. Hargrave

S. L. Young

J. H. Clement

H. O. Walker

A. S. Long

W. A. Hawkins

1932 - 1982

C. Pitchford*

O. J. Hawkins*

L. B. Washington*

L. M. Onque

Warren C. Jones**

R. B. A. Massey**

S. W. Alexander***

Otha Harris

J. A. Gaston**

Calvin Hood**

Robert Woods

J. E. McMillian***

Grover C. Grimes**

W. C. Jones

Joe Louis Spears*

- * Moderator
- ** Seminarians
- *** Stated Supply

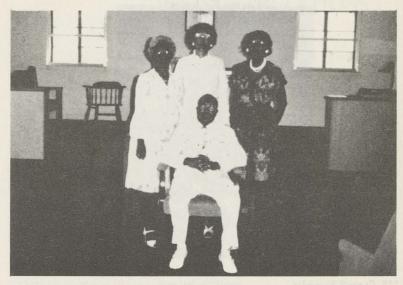
ELDERS

1882 - 1982

George Hammond Albert Ellis M. Scales Walter Walker Martin Banner

George Coble Wiley Massey Andrew Galloway Robert Ceasar Henry Davis John Whitlock Joe Gordon

Fred Davis Gilmer Franklin B. J. Onque Gladys Bailey Leone Cannon Josie A. Moore



Seated: Gilmer Franklin, Standing: (L to R) Gladys W. Bailey, Leone Cannon, Josie A. Moore

TRUSTEES

1882 - 1982

Gabriel Penn James Sparger Anthony Hoffer B. P. McRae Martin Banner

Joe J. Gordon John Whitlock Luther Rawley Henry Davis A. H. Galloway

Gilmer Franklin Jessie Galloway Alexander Edwards Gladys Neal Bailey Leone Cannon Robert Galloway Haywood Massey Robena Jarvis

DEACONS

1882 - 1982

Fred D. Davis
Will Reeves
Jessie Galloway
Gilmer Franklin
Alexander Edwards
Josie A. Moore
Robena Jarvis
LaDonna McCarther



(L to R) Robert Galloway, Leone Cannon, Robena Jarvis, Gladys Neal Bailey



(L to R): LaDonna McCarther, Robena Jarvis, (not pictured) Alexander Edwards

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION

- 1. Contributions to Clothes Closet for the needy in the Community.
- 2. Seasonal Decorations for Surry County Nursing Home.
- 3. Collected postage stamps and sent to Washington traded in for food for world poor.
- 4. Contributed Bibles to the World Home Bible League for overseas dispersement.
- 5. Contributions to Synod of Piedmont for extensive flood damage to Office and Equipment.
- 6. Donations to Barber Scotia College.
- 7. Provided funds for Medications for Local Kidney Patient.
- 8. Adopted Jerry Skinner through World Changers International Mission.

We are at work with others as we continue to share and care in the World Community. It is a precious gift from the past. We pledge to continue to reach out in compassionate love.



Jerry Skinner, Age 7, June 1977

MEMORABILIA

AND

CONGRADULATIONS



Yadkin Presbytery

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A.

J. D. PETERSON, STATED CLERK

3521 ROBINSON COURT

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. 27105

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CENTENNIAL

Y A D K I N P R E S B Y T E R Y

We salute you upon completion of a century of ministry and service and we look forward to a future of cooperation in service to your community and Presbytery.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MRS. CORA L. MASSEY MODERATOR

REVEREND DR. J. D. PETERSON STATED CLERK

Edward Webb Memorial Presbyterian Church Mount Airy, North Carolina

August 8, 1954

Calvin A. Hood, Minister

3+00 P. M.

Dedicatory Service

C. A. Hood, Presiding

Prelude Processional+ "The Church's One Foundation". . . . No. 196 The Call to Worship. Presiding Minister Doxology+ I Kings 8:22,23,27-30; I Cor. 3:10-23; Scriptures: Matt. 16:13-20 Confession of Faith+. The Apostles Creed Prayer: Dr. McCarthy
Pastor, Fresbyterian Church Mount Airy, N. C. Presentation of Keys of the Building: Church Representative Winston Salem, N. C. Offering Offertory Response Hymn: . . "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" ... No. 194 Benediction Postlude

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⁺ Congregation Standing

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July 10,1982

To Mrs. Bailey and members of Edward Webb United Presbyterian Church, May we extend to you congratulations in the tentennial Celebration of your Charch.

Prechyterian Church founded July 7,1857. May you continue to spread God's Gospel.

Yours sincerely,

Mt. Tabor UPC Members

Rev. S. hewberry, Pastor K. J. Slevenson, Sr. Clerk

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Boonville First Presbyterian Church Helen Wilson Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church Trinity United Presbyterian Church

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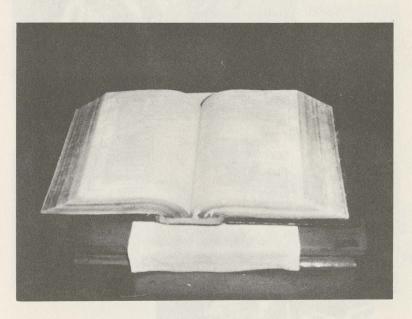
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Cora L. Massey
Men's Council - St. James Presbyterian Church
Jimmie N. Joyce
Robena Jarvis
Shelia Jarvis
Yadkin Presbytery
James and LaDonna McCarther
Grace Presbyterian Church
Leone Cannon
The Dodson's
Josie A. Moore

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Gladys Bailey



THE ORIGINAL PARSONAGE
Home of Rev. William Gaston Catus on Catus Hill



HOLY BIBLE DATED IN 1877 Restored and presented to the Church by Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Onque



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL June 1962







"Tasty Freeze"
Affectionally called by the Bible School Children



Homecoming



Visiting Choir St. Paul Methodist Church



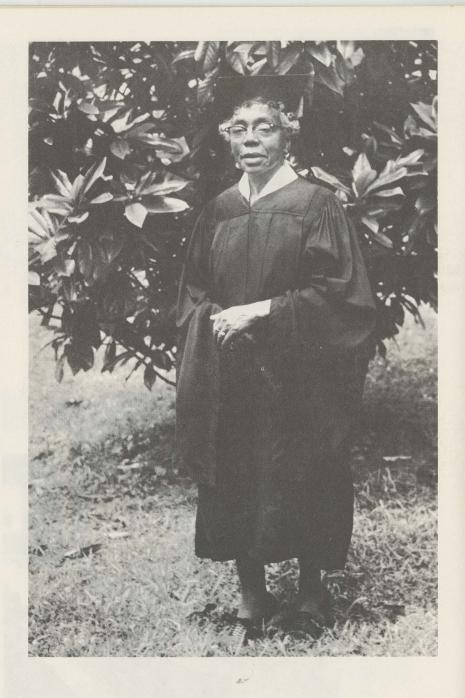
Elder and Mrs. Wiley Massey



Elder Andrew Galloway



and son, Deacon Jessie Galloway



Mrs. Cornelia Franklin



Elder and Mrs. Robert Ceasar

F E L O W S H I P



at Christmas Party





Edward Webb Presbyterian Church



Rev. Clarence Bryan



(L to R): Josie A. Moore, Leone Cannon, Matroy Dobson



(L to R): Leone Cannon, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Teressa Roberts, News, Annie Setzer, Chairperson Major Mission.



LaDonna McCarther, Financial Secretary



Josie A. Moore, Treasurer



Robena Jarvis, President United Presbyterian Women



LaDonna McCarther, Director Music Editor of Newsletter

