



Dobson United Methodist Church
1858-2008

Dobson United Methodist Church
Organized April 19, 1858

Sesquicentennial Celebration
October 5, 2008

The Rev. Dr. Larry Goodpaster, Bishop Western North Carolina Conference

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Moore Jr., Northeast District Superintendent

Rev. Katherine L. Earley, Pastor

A Brief History of Dobson United Methodist Church

The Methodist church was started by brothers John and Charles Wesley. They traveled to America around 1739 and the first Methodist Conference was held in America in 1784. Eventually organizational mergers formed The United Methodist Church in 1968. Our church began as Dobson Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1858 and was within a multiple-church charge. Dobson became an independent church in January 2007 under the leadership of Rev. Benny Hahn. Church progress, led by Rev. Kathy Earley since July 2007, has confirmed the wisdom and joy of independence.

The first Dobson church building was built in 1877 on a lot donated by William Haymore and Ice Snow at the town cemetery. Rev. W. S. Creasy, Romulus S. Folger, Henry Snow, Thomas Evans, William Marsh, and Harden Leak were associated with the building project. Major R. E. Reeves of Siloam donated the bell. A small debt lien held up completion until Henry Snow sold his mules, paid off the lien, and the church doors were opened. The little white church had pews arranged on both sides of a center aisle, right side for men, left for women.

Rev. C. C. Tutherow was pastor in 1923 when work began on a new church at its current Main Street site. Grady Cooper, W. B. White, Mrs. Robert C. Freeman, Sr., Dr. W. M. Stone, W. Eugene Reid and Benjamin Franklin Folger, Sr. served on the building committee. Interior bricks were hand made from Fisher River mud. Lack of funds stretched out the building process. The old church was dismantled and some salvaged building materials were used in the new building. The contractor was paid, in part, with Dobson bricks. While the new church was under construction, Dobson First Baptist Church graciously allowed the Methodist to hold services in its church building. The new church was dedicated August 24, 1930.

In 1948, major church renovations were made. In 1958, the fellowship hall was built. Further improvements were made to the church in 1964. Members directly associated with these projects included Rev. Enoch M. Hoyle, Mrs. R. L. (Blanche) Norman Folger, Mrs. Aubrey (Elizabeth) Moore, W. Frank Comer, Rev. George Lyndon, John Norman, Glenn Beasley, Porter Barker, Dr. D. A. McLaurin, Dr. E. T. Newell, Horace Adams, Rev. Donald C. Davis, Otis Carter, Jimmie Davis, and Mrs. S. I. (Juliet) Poole.

Since the 1880s, the church has maintained a parsonage at several sites in town. In 1973, led by Sam Walker, a new parsonage was constructed on Wesleyan Drive on a lot donated by Grady Cooper. It was renovated in 1989 under the direction of Mrs. Joe (Libby) Maye. In 1967, through the efforts of Mrs. Glenn (Marge) Beasley and two teenage MYF members, Franklin Freeman, Jr. and Amy Jo Madison, the church sponsored the first Dobson MYF Horse Show. For 25 years, the Horse Show proceeds went primarily toward paying off the parsonage mortgage. Eleanor Cooper, Rom Folger, Otis Carter and John Norman inherited the show and led it to even more profitable returns.

No brief or even a long church history can name the hundreds of church members who have stepped forward to lead and serve when they were needed. For example, the choir history is largely unknown but consistently appreciated. This church history, after all, is simply an inadequate account of the members who quietly and, in their own fashion, worshiped and served God. In that sense, Dobson United Methodist Church is exceptionally fashionable. *(From the research of former church historians Nannie Riggs and Helen Walker, a more complete church history is available. For a copy, please contact Capt. Robert F. Comer, US Navy (Ret.), PO Box 7, Dobson, NC 27017 or bcomer@sanfordholshouser.com).*

Ministers who have served Dobson

<u><i>Years of Service</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>
1858 - 1876	Marquis L. Wood
	James Smoot
	William A. Smith
	R. J. N. Stevenson
	Josac Avent
	Hugh F. Wiley
	W. B. Maness
	F. A. Bishop
	W. F. Needham
1876 - 1879	W. S. Creasy
1879 - 1880	S. J. McLeod
1880 - 1881	C. G. Little
1881 - 1882	E. L. Stamey
1882 - 1883	J. F. Craven
1883 - 1884	James Wilson
1884 - 1885	R. M. Taylor
1885 - 1887	B. A. York
1887 - 1888	N. R. Richardson
1888 - 1889	J. M. Price
1889 - 1890	W. L. Dawson
1890 - 1892	W. H. Perry
1892 - 1893	J. S. Tucker
1893 - 1894	S. P. Douglas
1894 - 1895	E. W. Dixon
1895 - 1896	Nicholas Mallory
1896 - 1897	S. D. Moore
1897 - 1899	J. P. Rodgers
1899 - 1901	Seymour Taylor
1901 - 1902	V. L. Marsh
1902 - 1905	J. W. Long
1905 - 1906	D. W. Lawmon
1906 - 1910	T. J. Houck
1910 - 1911	B. M. Jackson
1911 - 1912	E. M. Avert

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1913 - 1915
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2001 - 2007
2007 -

J. M. Price
J. C. Holloway
F. V. Crouse
O. P. Routh
F. S. Cable
C. C. Futherow
J. E. Kipp
A. J. Bowling
M. O. Tuttle
Elmer Simpson
W. J. S. Walker
M. A. Lewis
J. O. Cox
C. W. Russell
R. G. McClamrock
J. W. Parker
Wilson Nesbitt
E. M. Hoyle
Robert C. Carter
Juan A. Stephens
Earl C. Black
G. R. Combs
George E. Lyndon, Jr.
P. J. Dixon
Donald C. Davis
James R. Calloway
Jack Yarbrough
Edward D. Lee
J. Kent Outlaw, Jr.
Lonnie Kendall
Mark Lewis
Jeff Sweeney
Ruth Overman
Benny Hahn
Kathy Earley

*Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Color: Green*

October 5, 2008

Time : 10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Dr. Mark Donovan

Processional

Carrying In The Light Of Christ

The Acolytes

Greeting and Announcements

Mr. Chuck Beasley, Lay Leader

Chimes Beckon Us To Worship

Dr. Mark Donovan

Choral Call To Worship

"Majesty"

The Dobson Chancel Choir

Recognition and Sharing By Former Pastors

**Affirmation of Faith*

"The Apostles Creed"

#881

**The Gloria Patri*

"Glory Be to the Father"

#71

**Hymn of Praise*

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#57

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prayers of the People

Minister and People

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and joy of salvation.

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all whom today lead in worship, witness and service.

We give you thanks, O God.

Give us assurance that we too belong to that great company and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding, through Jesus Christ our Savior. We pray for the sick, the hungry, the hurting, and we pray for grace for all of humanity. **Amen!**

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**Doxology*

#95

**Offertory Prayer*

Rev. Kathy Earley

**Hymn of Thanksgiving*

"Forward Through the Ages"

#555

Children's Moments

Rev. Kathy Earley

Special Music

"Come Build A Church" Ken Medema

The Dobson Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Rev. Lonnie Kendall

Special Music

"Down In the River to Pray"

The Dobson Chancel Choir

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:18-27

Rev. Kathy Earley

Sermon

"A Remembered Past And A Future Glory"

Rev. Kathy Earley

Hymn

"I Come With Joy"

#617

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Kathy Earley and Rev. Lonnie Kendall



(Two stations are set up to partake of this meal, please come down the center aisle and return by the side aisle. We will partake of communion by intinction you will receive the bread and then dip it in the common cup)

Departing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#557

Blessing

Benediction

"Shalom To You"

The Dobson Chancel Choir

Recessional

**Please Stand As You Are Able*

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all nations, you created every person in your image, and called us by your Holy Spirit to become one in Christ Jesus, through Baptism and through faith. In Jesus Christ, you showed us the way to live with unique gifts and particularities, yet in harmony with you and with each other. You, O God, are indeed above all and through all and in all. So, today we join with voices through out the earth and in heaven saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived among us to show us your love; caring enough to feed hungry persons, stopping to touch person in need of healing, reaching out those not like himself and we should do, likewise. When Jesus ate with the disciples at the Passover Meal he said, "Take eat, this is my body given for you." Then he took the cup and said, "Drink from this all of you this is the blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." After his death and resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples told others through this meal, that Jesus was the Messiah, sent by God, for all humankind. Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table spread this day around this globe, and with breads from around the world. May all who partake, wherever they live, know the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May your church go forth from Communion with you to be one in Christ and one in witness to the world.

In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.