

Dobson United Methodist Church

South Main Street

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As we begin our second year as pastor of this congregation, we pray that this new pictorial directory will be helpful to all of us as we seek to be a caring congregation, serving the Lord Jesus Christ, the community and each other, as proclaimed in our STATEMENT OF MISSION that follows:

Dobson United Methodist Church is a congregation striving to embody the unconditional love of God, as shown through Jesus Christ, whose purpose is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior to all people, especially to those persons in and around the community of Dobson. Our Vision is to offer God's Grace to the world by being a fellowship that provides an outreach of emotional, physical and spiritual support and care through: Worship; Christian Education; and Church Programming, while encouraging Individual and collective ministries in Music, Art, and other forms of Christian Self-Expression.

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Dobson United Methodist Church was founded In 1858, first meeting in the Surry County Courthouse and the Martin Hotel. In 1877, the first church building was erected on a lot northwest of the courthouse on what is now North Crutchfield Street This served the congregation until more space was needed as a result of a growth in membership.

In 1923, the members enthusiastically took steps to relocate to the present location on South Main Street. The old building was dismantled and materials were salvaged to use in the new building. The men of the church undertook much of the necessary labor including digging the basement and making brick. The ladies diligently pursued fund raising projects to contribute to the costs, but lack of funds halted progress for about two years. During this period, services were held in the Dobson Baptist Church in the building now occupied by Davis Funeral Home.

The dedication service for the new church building took place on August 2, 1930. At that time, we were on a circuit with five other churches. In 1939, as a result of a merger, what was then known as the Methodist Episcopal Church South became simply The Methodist Church. A later merger with the United Brethren Church in the 1960's resulted in our present name of The United Methodist Church.

Major improvements were made to the church sanctuary in 1948; again much of the work being done by members. In 1958, the Educational Building was completed, resulting in expanded facilities that were used not only by the congregation but also by other members of the community. Surry Community College met here until its campus was complete. In the early 1970's when the Surry County Courthouse was heavily damaged by fire, District Court was held in the fellowship hall while repairs were being made to the courthouse. The Community Library has used the fellowship hall for a summer reading program and it is often the scene of family reunions and other celebrations and as a meeting place for various civic and charitable organizations. For many years, Dobson United Methodist Church has been the sponsor of, and provided a meeting space for, the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Girl Scouts.

Truly, for nearly a century and a half, Dobson United Methodist Church has been an integral and valuable member of this community.





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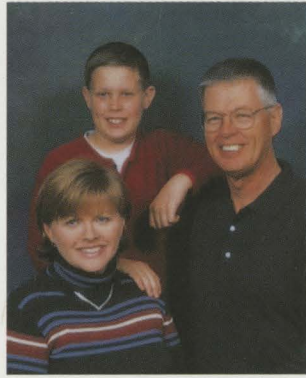
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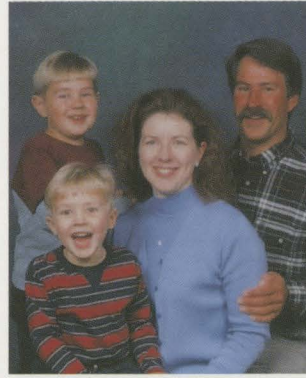
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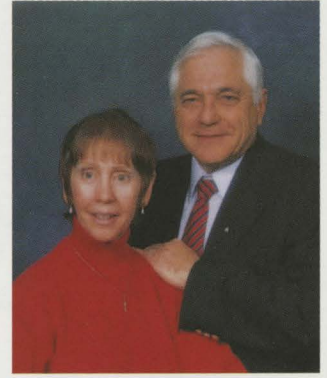
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