



Ararat

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Level Cross - New Hope United Methodist Charge

1969



Rev. William E. Harris

THE LEVEL CROSS - NEW HOPE CHARGE

The Level Cross-New Hope Charge was formed in June 1969. It is the merger of The Level Cross Charge And The New Hope Charge. The total membership for the charge is 281 members. It consists of the following churches: Ararat, Blackwater, Level Cross, New Hope, and Siloam.

Ararat United Methodist Church dates back many years. It was The Methodist Episcopal Church, North. Prior to the building of a railroad through Ararat, the Church building was located one quarter mile north of Ararat, on the East bank of the river. The church building was completely demolished by rocks, while the blasting took place to lay the railroad. The church was not reimburse for the damage. The people continued to worship in the homes of the people. In 1910, the tobacco factory at Ararat was used for worship. On June 26, 1959, the present church building was started. It was completed in May 1961 and the first worship service was held. The Rev. Marion Fulk, Sr. brought the first message. The name of the church was Bryant Memorial, but it was changed by conference action to Ararat United Methodist Church.

Blackwater United Methodist Church dates back to 1928. The formation and organization of The Danley Venable Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church was on the 19th day of August 1928. There was a baptismal service and reception of members into full fellowship. Dave Berkley was first class leader. The trustees appointed were: J.A.Danley, William Tolbert, and O.H.Hayes. The pastor, Rev.T.W.Bryant, was chairman of trustees. The church stewards elected were Lula Johnson, Hattie Johnson, Pernie Hayes, Monroe Johnson, J.R.Parker and Jesse Doss. There was a building committee appointed consisting of the following persons: J.A.Danley, J.P.Danley, William Tolbert, Monroe Johnson, and the pastor as chairman. This committee was to locate and build a church house for the people at a place most convenient to the greater number of people. The present location and building was completed in 1958.

Level Cross United Methodist Church, located at Level Cross, Rt. 2, Dobson, N.C. dates back to the year 1893. It was at the funeral of Mrs. Martha Witt Carmichael Moser that Moser's Chapel is thought to have been organized. Prior to Mrs. Moser's death, she professed religion and joined the Methodist Protestant Church at Hickory Ridge. She was a member of this Church for about 30 years until December, 1876, when she with her husband and family moved to Surry County. Brother Moser purchased a large tract of land near Fisher River. Having no Methodist Protestant Church, they erected a brush arbor and got Rev. D.A. Highfill to preach for them and their neighbors. He was succeeded by others, having meetings regularly. After two or three years, they erected a small log house which was a place of worship until 1892, when they gained enough sufficient strength to erect a substantial framed building.

During the year 1893 there were nineteen accessions to the church, which gave sister Moser much joy, not only to live to see a good house to worship God in, but a gracious revival of the religion of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is thought that The Rev. James Needham was the founder of the New Hope Church. Memorial Services are held annually in his honor. New Hope United Methodist Church was founded about 133 years ago. A log church was erected on the same plot of land about 100 yards west of the present Church in the year 1893, which was used for a great soul-winning station. In December 1958, the present Church was completed and we moved into it for our first service. The people of New Hope felt as if this was too much of an undertaking for them to build a new Church, but it proved not to be. They built the church, paid for it and dedicated it in two years.

The mother of the present Siloam United Methodist Church was organized as the Bold Springs Meeting House, which was located about two miles north of here. We do not have an authentic record, but there is ample reason for believing that this church was organized during the period between 1790 and 1800 by Bishop Asbury or one of his co-workers.

The Old Siloam Methodist Church was founded from this Meeting House. Then about 1820 to 1825 a log Church was built two miles east of here. Many children of the community received all the education they had at Sunday School in the Siloam Methodist Church. The children studied the Bible, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

During the 1870's the log structure was replaced by a frame building which is still standing. The cemetery at Old Siloam Church is a sacred place and is one of the oldest landmarks in Surry County. A number of slaves are buried there. After the railroad was built and the Siloam Academy established, the social center naturally moved to the school and commercial center. Then the Methodist built a church in the Siloam village about 1899. This building was destroyed by fire in 1930. It was replaced in 1932. In 1954, the church building was destroyed by fire again. The congregation graciously accepted the invitation to the Baptist Church. Later the Siloam School building was used until the present building was completed in 1959.

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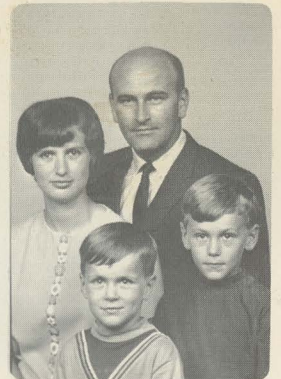
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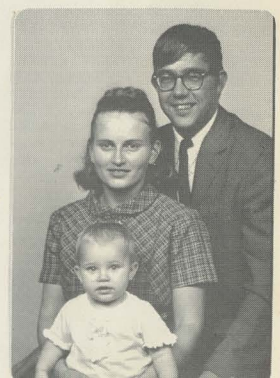
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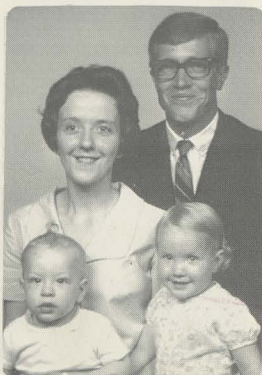


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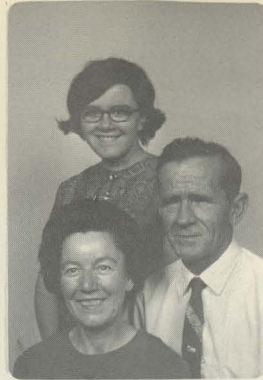
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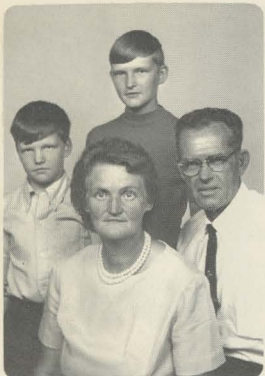
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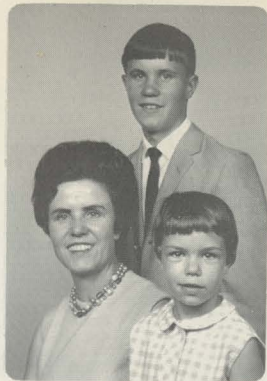
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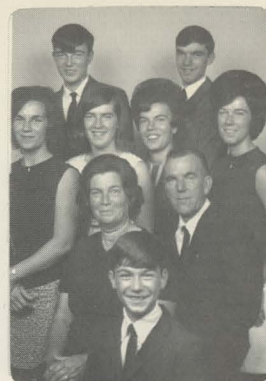
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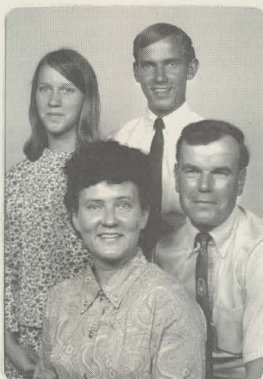
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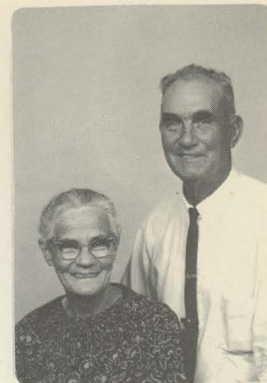
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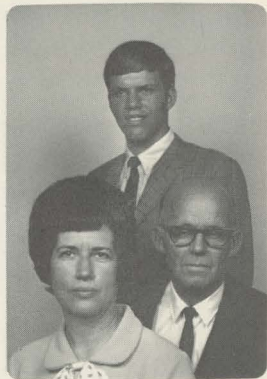
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The Lord's Prayer



OUR FATHER *which art in heaven,*

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth,

As it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts.

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the kingdom and the

Power and the glory, for ever.

Amen.



CALL YOUR MINISTER

1. WHEN YOU ARE FACING A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Most Ministers have been trained to help people with their personal, family and other problems. The important judgment of a spiritual leader, together with his prayers for Divine guidance, will enable you to face your problems with confidence. Don't allow your problem to get too big for you.

2. WHEN SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH

You constantly meet young people and adults who are in your community, and others who have not united with the local church. Put in a good word for your church and tell your pastor about the prospective members.

3. WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS

Your Minister is as near as your telephone. His presence, counsel and prayer will be helpful. Your pastor will appreciate your phone call when you, your loved one or friend is sick or going to the hospital.

4. WHEN THERE IS DEATH

Your Minister should be notified when there is a death in the family. He can give comfort and counsel at this difficult time.

5. WHEN YOU MUST MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION

If you are a young person and face a decision about going to college, arranging your course of study, or choosing your life work, make an appointment to see your minister. The viewpoint of your spiritual adviser should be considered.

6. WHEN THERE IS A WEDDING

Your Pastor should be consulted before the wedding day is set. Since you will undoubtedly desire to have one or more conferences with your Minister, it is advisable to contact him well in advance of the wedding.

7. WHEN SOMEONE DESIRES TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Happy, indeed, is the pastor who is asked to talk with someone desiring to become a Christian. Tell your Minister about friends of yours who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith.

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