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MINUTES of the Administrative Board of Duncombe Street United Methodist Church
meeting January 12, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the F.A.B. with 79 members present.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 1981.

Mr. Jerry Steele, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gardner Hendrix gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Steele introduced new members coming on the Board.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as mailed with one typographical correction in the Minutes of the Charge Conference. (Third paragraph- the approved diaconal minister is Mr. Freeman Orr.)

Mr. Steele called for commission reports.


He asked Mr. Bill Orders to review the adjustments made to the budget. Mr. Orders reported pledges of $462,359 have been received on Operating Budget and pledges to the F.A.B. are within $1000 of the goal. To delay hiring a business manager until spring will save $4000/Staff Committee. Benevolence, Conference and District was adjusted to $105,322. Church Property-maintenance was adjusted to $21,634, saving $3400. The committee has an emergency fund if unexpected major repairs should be needed. The F.A.B. Interest ($16,300) was removed from the budget. Literature allocation was cut to $5775. The Council On Ministries/Revival & Enrichment account will remain at $500. Worship/Altar allocation was adjusted to $465 from $965. The $800 asked for missions/UMCOR will be provided from outside the budget. The $1000 cut from Social Concerns' request will be paid from other sources. An adjustment of approximately $40,000 was made in the budget.

The Revenue Sources Report shows beginning balances for checking account/cash management to be $28,000 plus pledges in amount of $443,664 and additional income expected to be $57,250 makes a total of $529,714 for the recommended budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE and the Board voted unanimously:

TO ACCEPT THE ADJUSTED BUDGET IN AMOUNT OF $529,714 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUB COMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TO REINSTATE ITEMS THAT WERE CUT IN THE BUDGET, IF AND WHEN POSSIBLE, WITH PRIORITY OF ITEMS TO BE REINSTATABLE TO BE DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Ogle reviewed the Treasurer's Report which shows excess of Revenues over Expenses for the year to be $48,757.

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YOUTH  Mr. Dan Browning reported on Activities of the youth group as follows:

December 12 - Decorated Christmas Tree for the FAP.
December 14 - Participated in Round Table Sing Program.
December 19 - Caroling for shut-in members. Hayride for the group.
December 21 - Participated in Candlelight Service.
January 25 - Youth dinner- tickets available.
February 21-22 - Ski Trip.

Jr. Hi Group in the midst of a series of lessons on Alcohol & Drug Abuse;
Sr. Hi Group, Comparison Religions.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS  Mrs. Elaine Gentry announced the Emergency Assistance Sales event is planned for February 7. Donated items may be left John Knox Presbyterian Church. Block Partnership program in Southside area is needing funding to establish a halfway house and recreation center. At some time this year application for Federal Funds is planned to be made.

EVANGELISM  Mr. John Hannon reported that the committee has established a goal of 150 new members for 1981. He solicited the help of every member to accomplish this goal. January 21 is the date for the New Member Dinner. Tentative plans for a School of Christian Growth in February were made.

MISSIONS  Mrs. Edith Edwards reported that Miss Cook had a warm reception.
Mrs. Edwards shared with the Board a communication from African missionaries who asked for the prayers of the members.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  Mrs. Ruth McDonald announced the committee is undertaking two new projects: a service project under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Creech and a needlework project scheduled for April 7 with proceeds to be used for improvements to the Fellowship Hall.

UNITED METHODIST MEN  Mr. Bob Dorns announced the Men's Breakfast that is scheduled for January 26.

Mr. I. C. Holloway reminded members of Talent Night.

Mr. Ken Herron, Sunday School Superintendent, reported that he plans to visit the church school classes for the next few Sundays.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES  Miss Dorothy Moore reported that the committee had delivered 35 poinsettias to shut-in members.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL  Mrs. Sara Cooley reported that 101 children are now enrolled in the school. This is maximum enrollment.

LEISURE MINISTRIES  Mr. David Stubbs announced the planned activities as follows:

January 13 - Photography Seminar
January 20 - Basketry Classes begin with 4 sessions planned
January 21 - Fellowship Club
February 5 - Chinese Cooking Classes taught by Mr. Arthur Cottingham

MUSIC  Mr. Freeman Orr reported that all the choirs are practicing. February services will be televised so that there will be special instrumental music each Sunday in February.
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Miss Jonell Robinson reported that new literature with strong emphasis on the Bible is being written and due for publication in the near future. In the Fall of '52, new Children's Literature is expected to be published. Evaluation of programs is being made. The church is meeting new needs by reaching out to Furman students, by setting up the Singles/Singles Again Class. Visible growth this year is seen by the establishment of three new adult classes, the strengthening of the ministries to persons, and by having more people involved in leadership.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER Rev. Bill Claytor reported the membership of the church at the beginning of 1980 was 1,932. 107 new members were received into the church, 105 members were lost, leaving a total membership at year's end at 1,934.

HEALTH & WELFARE Mr. R. P. Crumpler reported the Commission's responsibilities to be that of concern for the needs of the colleges and Epworth and Orangeburg Homes. He asked for volunteers to serve with him on this commission.

F.A.B. Mr. B. O. Thomason reported that we will have reached the goal to reduce the F.A.B. debt down to $200,000 when the next payment is made. Three years ago the debt was $530,000. He expressed appreciation to the 250 people who pledged to the building fund this year and announced that 98.5% of the 1931 goal has been pledged. He expressed the hope that the mortgage will be burned by 1934 - the 100th year of Buncombe Street Church.

Mr. Eddie Nabors announced that the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast, in amount of $1,000, has been given to Meals on Wheels.

SENIOR MINISTER Dr. Ryan Crenshaw expressed his appreciation to Board members that are retiring from the Board and welcomed new members coming on the Board. He complimented Mr. Dick Rankin for his splendid leadership and for the staff members who have worked diligently and under difficult conditions this year. He reported that pledges to the General Operating Budget combined with total pledges to the F.A.B. Building Fund amount in total in excess of half-million dollars. A final financial report will be sent out as soon as possible.

He noted the deepening of spiritual life in the church - new adult classes recently formed, more outreach in missions and services.

He announced plans to launch a Pension Crusade for the purpose of undergirding the Pension Program in South Carolina for retired ministers.

He said his concerns for the church for the coming year are four-fold: 1) a continuing spiritual growth, 2) attendance growth with more members in the "circle of fellowship," 3) program growth and service growth, 4) member growth.
By special permission of the District Superintendent, Dr. Crenshaw called a session of the Charge Conference to order. The Conference unanimously
VOTED TO REPORT TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE THOSE APPORTIONMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
VOTED TO ELECT MR. RAY TRULUCK TO MEMBERSHIP TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD.
Charge Conference Closed.
Benediction by Dr. Crenshaw. 3:55 p.m.

(Urs) Sara R. Stivers, Secretary
MINUTES, Administrative Board of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, meeting February 9, 1981 in the F.A.B. at 7:00 p.m. with 61 members present.

NEXT MEETING, MARCH 9, 1981.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Jerry Steele. Opening prayer was given by Mr. John Terry.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as mailed.

Motion was made and the Board unanimously voted to increase the price of the Board meeting suppers from $1.50 to $2.00 per person beginning with the March meeting.

Mr. Steele asked members who plan to make reports to please call him (298-9124) during the week prior to the Board meeting so their names can be put on the agenda.

Reports from the commissions were given as follows:

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES Mrs. Elaine Gentry reported that the Emergency Benefit Sale netted $3400.

STEWARDSHIP Mr. John Terry urged members to join in a 30-day experiment, scheduled to begin on Ash Wednesday, of total commitment to the Lord. The commitments include: 1) Prayer 2) Bible Study from 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. each day and to do something for someone else 3) give two hours each week for the work of the Lord 4) tithe 5) tell others what has happened in your life.

MISSIONS Mrs. Edith Edwards announced that the commission had sent $500 to Zaire and $700 to New Zealand. Reverend Way will be speaking at the Sunday School hour on February 22.

FINANCE The Financial Report for the month of January 1981 was distributed. Mr. Dick Rountree reported that the number of pledges received is 689 for a total of $465,466. For the F.A.B. building, 252 pledges in the amount of $74,634 have been received. The F.A.B. debt is now reduced to $196,000. A proposal was accepted for increasing the funds-on-hand by placing them in a custodial fund at the C & S Bank.

TRUSTEES Mr. Tom Curlee announced that he will make a church property report at the next meeting.

He made mention of the presentation Mr. David Stubbs had done outlining the various activities the church provides for all ages. He noted that Mr. Stubbs is available to give the presentation to any group upon request.

YOUTH Mr. Dan Browning thanked Board members for the support given for the congregational dinner sponsored by the youth group. The project netted almost $400. He announced that the ski trip for the youth is planned for February 20-22. He said the basketball tournaments will begin soon.
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  Mrs. Nancy Eskew asked members to mark their calendars for April 7 for the Cook’s Carnival. The UMW is making plans for an extended-fellowship-program for the purpose of looking out for people who are no longer as active as they have been in the past.

FAMILY NIGHT Dr. I. C. Holloway announced the Bingo is planned for the program February 25 and urged everyone to attend.

LEISURE MINISTRIES Mr. David Stubbs reported that the Chinese Cooking Class will be repeated in April. Other activities include: Fellowship Group meeting February 19; Eight Ball Club; Macrame Class; League tournament starting Wednesday. He announced that ULOS is sponsoring a Health Fair on April 3-13. The kick-off meeting will be held in the Buncombe Street gym on April 2, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Miss Jonell Robinson announced that the Lenten School courses will include:
"The Psalms: Their Meaning for Today" - Dr. Hanley
"A Faith for the Future: What We Believe" - Dr. Willson
"Developing as Adults" - Dr. McCahan
Youth - Rev. Len Carter
March 6, 15, 22, 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. are the dates and times for the Lenten School.

Confirmation Classes for the 6th graders is scheduled for March.

RETIREMENT PENSION PLAN/FOR MINISTERS Dr. Steele announced that the Chairperson for this committee is Mr. Bobby Hudson. The four-year goal for Buncombe Street is $64,097. Buncombe Street ministers have already pledged $5000 of that amount. Mr. Steele challenged the Board to set the example and to return the pledge cards within the next 2 weeks.

SENIOR MINISTER Dr. Brynn Crenshaw reminded Board members of the challenge he had made last month: for each member to find one family and bring that family into the church. He invited members to share in the covenant group. He announced the present indebtedness to be under $200,000; interest paid is in excess of $175,000. He reminded members of the Lenten services beginning Ash Wednesday. He said our goal for the Pension Fund for ministers is $64,000. He introduced some of the ministers in the film.

RETIRED MINISTER’S PENSION PLAN film was shown.

Benediction: “Let us go seeking also to love and to share.”

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

(Mrs.) Sara R. Stivers, Secretary
MINUTES, Administrative Board of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, meeting March 9, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. in the FAB with 58 members present.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 13, 1981.

Mr. Richard Rountree gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved with the following correction:

MISSIONS . . . the commission sent $500 to Zaire and $700 to New Zealand and $250 to Rev. Way's work in People's Central Institute in Rio de Janeiro.

OLD BUSINESS Pension Fund Crusade

Dr. Crenshaw made a report on the Pension Fund. Board members turned in pledge cards.

Motion was made and seconded that Buncombe Street accept the fair-share asking of $84,097 as its goal to be paid over a 4 year period. Board unanimously approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE Mr. Lyn Ogle distributed the Treasurer's Report for February. The committee on Finance and the Administrative Board, on recommendation of the Staff-Parish committee, voted that up to 15% of the ministers' salaries for 1981 be designated as 'parsonage expense.'

Mr. Ogle reported that certain surplus church funds had been consolidated into one account at the C & S Bank to earn interest on a daily basis - interest rate changes daily.

In February, receipts amount to $37,167 while expenses amounted to $37,525, leaving a deficit for the month of $358. Annually, revenues exceed expenses by $74,221.

ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS Miss Ruth Boyd reported two examples of church unity - the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the World Day of Prayer.

LAY LEADER Mr. Gardner Hendrix reminded members of the District Layman's Retreat scheduled for April 24-25.

YOUTH Mr. Dan Browning reported the following activities:

- Ski trip for youth group.
- 46 members of the group had attended the Lenten School course taught by Mr. Lem Carter.
- Youth group will be making crosses of palm leaves for everyone attending the Palm Sunday church services.
- Health Fair, April, twenty youth will help as non-professionals.
- Special services for youth are planned for early evening on Palm Sunday.

MISSIONS Mrs. Edith Edwards reported that Mr. Reggie Barker will be in the Fidelis Room on Wednesday evening to talk with members interested in helping with the Pre Release program.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Mr. Fred Fowler reported that he and the committee, including Mrs. Richard Hester, Mrs. Augustus McLean, III, Dr. Garmon Smith, and Miss Sally Wise had prepared a draft of the purposes and functions of the Child Development School Board; he read it to the Board; the Board unanimously approved the recommendation as the working procedure for the Child Development School Board. (Copy of the document attached as part of the minutes).
LEISURE MINISTRIES  Mr. David Stubbs announced plans for:

- the basketball banquet
- the Health Fair scheduled April 3-11, and the need for more volunteers (non-medical)
- beginning of new exercise classes, March 24-morning; March 30-afternoon
- March 18 Fellowship Group trip to Hendersonville ($7)
- Savannah trip in April.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  Miss Jonell Robinson reported on positive comments received concerning the Lenten School. There are 19 students enrolled in the Confirmation Class. She reported that materials are available about the programs going on for the youth and adults. She reminded members of the Wednesday Noon Lenten Services.

MUSIC  Mr. Freeman Orr reported that on March 29 adult choir will sing special music. Brass instruments will be used in the services on Palm and Easter Sundays.

MEMBERSHIP  Rev. Bill Claytor reported that he has completed a four-week study course on the Methodist Church. He said they will try to offer this course 4 or 5 times each year.

Mr. Bobby Hudson reported that 32 pledges in amount of $13,000 for the Pension Fund had been turned in by Board members.

SENIOR MINISTER  Dr. Bryan Crenshaw said that the basketball banquet deserves our support because of the valiant performances by the players, their exemplary behavior and good sportsmanship.

He announced the Lenten speakers for Wednesday Noon Services to be: Messrs. Paul Rodgers, Ben Cunningham, George Duffy, Bob Davenport, Clarence Pittman and Darmond Canaday.

He called for testimonies for the excellent Lenten School. He reported that the attendance in the Worship services and Sunday School is up significantly. He said we have many new people visiting the church.

One desperate need, he noted, is the involvement of lay persons to visit prospective members. The greatest number of people who join the church, do so because a member invites them. This is a necessary part of our Christian witness.

"Our challenge is to bring people into the Kingdom . . .
if we miss that, we miss the main thing - the only thing that will keep us alive.
Everyone has the opportunity of inviting, sharing and witnessing.
Remember that."

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by prayer by Dr. Crenshaw.

(Signed)
(Mrs.) Sara R. Stivers, Secretary
MINUTES

Administrative Board
Duncombe Street United Methodist Church
Meeting Held: April 13, 1981
7:00 p.m. in the PAC
50 members present

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 1981

Dr. Gaman Smith led in the opening prayer. Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. (He reminded everyone to be sure to make reservations for future meetings. Tonight we had only 42 reservations, while 50 people were eating.)

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS - Pension Fund Crusade

Mr. Steele stated that he was overjoyed with the results of the Pension Fund Crusade. Results as of today were $125,014, which is about 140% of our quota. He congratulated members for this accomplishment and particularly Bobby Hudson for his hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE - lyn onle distributed the Treasurer's Report for March. During the month of March, cash receipts were $33,940 and we paid our $44,854, leaving a deficit of approximately $10,000. Mr. Vanderstels stated that the year-to-date income was $106,592 with expenditures of $129,927. This gives us an excess of approximately $23,335.

We have collected 25% of our budget for the first quarter and 37% of our total budget. We are doing well because some people who were in higher income tax bracket pre-paid their place in December.

CONVENANT GROUP - MR. BILL BUNNY gave a special report on the Convenant Group. Twelve people attended this special program read Bible verses and gave testimony which greatly inspired and improved their lives. John Terry stated that Mr. Cranston read to the group and they disciplined themselves to do the following five things:

1. Daily Bible study reading for 30 minutes.
2. Do something each day for the kingdom of people, such as visit hospitals, the sick at home etc.
3. Fast one day weekly for prayer and sharing.
4. Title.
5. Tell someone what is happening to you.

They are ready to start another group whenever four or five people would like to get together.
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - Nancy Eskew expressed thanks to the people who helped with the successful Cook's Corner and especially thanked the men who helped. She felt the fellowship of working with over 400 women throughout the city was just great. Total proceeds collected were $3,105.31. The money will be used for the Happy Days Program of the Inter-City Program and redecoration of the fellowship Hall. The church pays for maintenance, but it is the UMW's responsibility for a beautiful appearance.

YOUTH - Jan Browning gave the following report on youth activities:

Basketball teams fared well. Junior Girls were runner-up in the state. Senior Girls were state champions.

Eddie Holbrook was speaker for the banquet.

Linton Vasper's service was very meaningful and successful. Appreciation was expressed to the counselors and all those who helped. They would like to have a similar program next year.

Summer activities will be reported at the next meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ken Herron, Superintendent asked if we had seen Jesus anywhere today. He would like everyone to attend Sunday School Class and find out what we really don't know about Jesus. He urged the Sunday School classes to consider new Bible material, to pray over it, consider it, and then make a decision.

COMMISSION OF MISSIONS - Ms. Edith Edward was very impressed with the youth accomplishments. She read a letter from the Strange family, our missionaries in Korea.

ALUMNI REUNION - Gardner Hendrix announced the Laymen's Retreat April 24-25. He would like to see a good turnout for this weekend of inspiration. There will be discussion groups and lots of just good fellowship. Those interested must register by April 20.

Dr. Garman Smith announced the New Member Dinner on May 19.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - Mr. Fred Fowler reported that the school was operating under budget. Federal, City and County government all participate in money for operation. A Federal Government representative inspected the facilities and no deficiencies were found. Operation of the school is a very valuable service to the community. During March, the school collected $11,223 and USDA contributed $1,400 for a total of $12,623.

All costs of the operation were $22,529, leaving a small balance. This is very encouraging due to the fact that inflation is still increasing. However, we still need many things. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Cooley donated the cost of the fence.
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AD HOC NEWS
April 12, 1991

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD - Mr. Luther Machtan announced the next meeting on May 17. On Saturday, May 9, Duncombe Street will have a golf match. Mr. Machtan would like to get more people involved.

LEISURE INDUSTRIES - David Stubbins spoke on the successful basketball season and the area tournaments. The trophies won by all divisions were shown and displayed.

Volleyball practice has begun - approximately 27 were present for the first practice. Several churches will play here - this is strictly recreational.

CIS will be at the Church on April 20, Teaching CPR. This will be limited to 25 people.

Thanks were given to everyone for their help on the Health Fair. All groups participated, fellowship, Youth and many others.

CHURCH LIFE - John Robinson reported that 16 sixth graders joined the Church last week. She also spoke on the Methodist Church Camp - a good program for fourth graders through families.

MUSIC - Freeman Orr reported on services for the coming week. Very special music will be presented on Sunday morning. The youth people will supply musical selections for the Church Summer on April 22 - another special musical presentation.

MEMBERSHIP - Dr. Clayton expressed appreciation for everyone's contribution for Evangelism for life of Church. We are taking in a few members, but losing members also. He urged everyone to bring someone with them next Sunday.

Jerry Stoele gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
Meeting Held May 11, 1981
7:00 p.m. in the FAB
63 Members Present

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8.

Bill Henley led in the opening prayer. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS
Jerry Steele commented that we had done a super job on the Pension Fund Crusade. There was some discussion about the reminders or billings for pledges when they become due. Dr. Crenshaw said it had been decided to handle this procedure from Columbia and the reminders would be coming from there. Of course, if anyone wanted to send their pledge to the church, it could be handled this way also.

NEW BUSINESS
Finance - Mrs. Lyn Ogle gave the Treasurer's Report for April. During the month cash receipts were $39,630 and expenditures were $37,787, leaving an excess of $1,851. We have collected 44% of budget and spent 32% of budget. We are above the point where we were a year ago as far as percentage averages; however, we do not want to let up on our collections.

Pastor Parrish Committee - Dr. Crenshaw stated that Mrs. Sara Lever had been hired part time for membership recruitment. This was by action of the Pastor Parrish Committee and approved by the Finance Committee.

We have so many people visiting church, it is impossible for Dr. Crenshaw or Mr. Claytor to visit everyone. Mrs. Lever will assist in visitations to prospective members and visitors. Everyone is looking forward to working with Mrs. Lever.

Council on Ministries - Sis Ballenger stated that they will start making program plans for next year on Monday. She requested suggestions about what can be done for all people of the Church and the programs the congregation and members would like to be working on. Mrs. Ballenger further suggested that we listen to all comments from the congregation to determine the needs of the Church in 1982.

Child Development - Sara Cooley stated the last day of kindergarten will be the last Friday in May - enrollment for summer is 60 at present. There will be an open house on the 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. for parents and people from the church. Members were requested to come and help greet the parents.

Church Staff Youth - David Stubbs reported that there are lots of activities in the plans for summer. The highlight will be the Junaluska Gala for perhaps 25 to 30 of our youth.

We will honor the graduates on Sunday, May 24.

The four participants in the summer labor at Lake Salkehatchie are Susan Wilkins, Karen Seale, Nina Lewis, and Debbie Rountree. The Spring golf outing was a success. Everyone had a good time. There will be softball teams for both men and women this summer. A picture of the new logo for the Leisure Ministries was shared.
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Christian Education - Jonell Robinson spoke about the new brochures she has for each level of Church school. They are polishing plans for the summer and continue to have good testimony from classes.

Vacation Bible School needs workers. Much planning is to be done for the children, but there are opportunities for adults also.

The graduation listing is being compiled - she requested the names of high school and college graduates.

Music - Dr. Freeman Orr - The Junior Choir made a trip to Six Flags and all had a great time. Acolytes are being recognized at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. service. During the summer months, various Sunday School classes will be replacing the Choir for 9:00 a.m. service.

Membership - Bill Claytor reminded everyone to bring a new prospective member. The new member dinner will be Tuesday evening.

Dr. Crenshaw missed the last meeting due to having to attend the Board Meeting at Wofford College. Governor Richard W. Riley, a member of our Church, will be awarded a Doctor of Laws honorary degree on May 17, at Wofford College. We are proud to have him as a part of our Church.

Dr. Crenshaw stated that we did not realize what we have in the Child Development School. Sara Cooley attended a meeting of other Church schools in North Carolina recently, which consisted of schools in 3 other states, and someone remarked if they wanted to see how Child Day Care schools should be operated, they should visit Buncombe Street Methodist Church in Greenville, South Carolina.

He is thrilled that the young people are going to Salkehatchie.

Dr. Crenshaw commented on the beautiful Easter services.

Another Covenant Group will begin Tuesday, May 26 in Dr. Crenshaw's study - would like to see a good group attend this program.

Dr. Crenshaw discussed the Anniversary Celebration which would mark our 150th Birthday. Attached is a copy of his comments and he would like us to study and pray over this and make any suggestions. This is just a rough draft of his thoughts and he would like to have ours.

Dr. Crenshaw gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Hireeighty-four will mark the two hundredth anniversary of Methodism in America and the one hundred fiftieth birthday of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. This is a unique confluence of celebration, and plans should be made now for significant observance by our Church. I would envision a total Church and congregational involvement which would focus on three basic areas:

I. The first of these would be ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PAST. Involved in this would be seeking for all possible historical data related to our local church, the accumulation of documents and memorabilia, the establishment of archives, the updating of our present history, the accumulation of information relating to persons who have played significant roles in our church history, and the communication to the congregation information on our Methodist heritage.

The celebration of this would involve research, writing, dramas, sermons, study classes, etc.

II. The second aspect of this celebration could be AFFIRMING OUR PRESENT. What I envision here is program and work beginning now to bring Buncombe Street to what it should be in the year 1984. The goal here would be to bring our church by 1984 to a standard of excellence and service in all phases of its ministry.

The basis of this emphasis would involve developing the spiritual life of the congregation. This would be accomplished through preaching missions, prayer groups, special sermon series, the encouragement of family and personal devotions and involving the congregation in ministry. Growing out of this would be specific goals.

I would envision that we would work toward the paying of all indebtedness, bringing our physical facilities into first-class condition, expanding our membership to 2100 members, reclaiming inactive members, increasing significantly the average attendance at worship services, an increase of at least 25% in Church School enrollment and attendance, the expansion of our missions and outreach work, an enlarged community service, growth in music, arts, drama and leisure ministries. I would also envision the bringing of our current records up to date so they would be accurate and complete. We would expand our ministry in membership care, especially for the aging, homebound, and other persons of special needs.

III. The third part of this would be ANTICIPATING OUR FUTURE. The idea here is to anticipate the future of Buncombe Street and its unique place among churches in the Greenville community and South Carolina Methodism. This would involve a projection of goals for at least ten years and perhaps even a projection to the year 2000.

These things are the outgrowth of my thought regarding possibilities. This may provide a framework for the church leadership and members to work out specific details and program.

In order to accomplish this, we would need to appoint in the near future a committee which would determine overall goals for the 1984 celebration and then to assign responsibilities to existing commissions, committees and other groups to work out details.

If we are to reach the goals which I have envisioned and the greater goals which will grow out of suggestions and planning by the leadership and membership of the church, work should begin immediately. Many of our goals will be accomplished only by developing detailed time lines and intermediate goals, clearly defined and measurable, which would begin by the Fall of 1981 and move step by step through the realization of goals and the celebration in 1984.

Bryan Cronshaw
May 11, 1981
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
Meeting Held June 8, 1981

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 10, 1981 -- JULY MEETING CANCELLED

The June meeting of the Administrative Board was called to order by Chairman, Jerry Steele. Mr. Robert Downs gave the opening prayer. Mr. Steele reported that there was a difference of only three in the number who registered for dinner and the actual number present. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Mr. Steele reported that we must work through the years in order to reach our goals for our 150th year celebration.

Mr. Lynn Ogle, Finance Chairman, reported for the month of May we have had $47,139 revenues collected, $36,057 expenses, leaving an excess of revenues over expenses of $11,082. He stated we have completed 42% of our year, spent 38% of our budget and collected 54% of our budget. The Finance Committee is going to try, for a three month period, a data processing system at a cost of $32 per month.

Mr. Steele reported for Pastor-Parish Relations Committee that Dr. Crenshaw and Mr. Claytor have been returned to us for another year.

Mrs. Edith Ballenger, Council on Ministries, again asked for ideas and suggestions for programs we wish to be started in our church.

Dan Browning gave a report on the various summer activities planned for the youth. He also expressed appreciation for the board's support this past year.

Mr. Wilson Wakefield, Christian Social Concerns, reported on progress in the block partnership with Southernside community and our summer program "Happy Days" which will be held July 6-17.

Lay delegated, Mr. Jack Cureton, Mr. Harry Thompson, Mr. Wilson Wakefield, Mrs. Vera Black, Mr. Marchant Cottingham, Mrs. Lautrelle Merchant and Mr. Gardner Hendrix, reported on Annual Conference, highly praising Bishop Clark and Mrs. Clelia Hendrix. Mr. Wakefield stressed preparation for responsibility as a lay delegate, Mr. Cottingham expressed concern over Lack of concern of starving people of the world, Mrs. Merchant attended the entire conference. Mr. Hendrix reported that Dr. Crenshaw will be missed as secretary of Annual Conference (a position he has held for 22 years). He also mentioned a speech given by Vernon Anderson, a former associate of ESUMC, concerning the Pension Plan funding.

David Stubbs, Director of Leisure Ministries, reported we have a full program for all ages.

Director of Christian Education, Jonell Robinson, again reported on confirmation experiences and VBS, which started June 8, with 103 present, 76 children and 33 workers. A new college class, coordinated by Toni Ramsey, will begin meeting in FAB dining room June 14. She also reported a great ministry through our Mother's Day Out program.

Mr. Freeman Orr reported our services will be televised during the month of July. The Junior Choir Summer Session will be held on August 10, 11, and 12.

Mr. Claytor reported on new members as of January 1, 1981. We have received 32 on profession of faith (18 of these were confirmands), 22 from other Methodist churches, 19 from other denominations, making a total of 73. We have lost 11 through transfer, 6 to other denominations, 8 due to death and 2 withdrawals, making a total of 27.
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Mr. Luther Marchant reminded us of our church-wide picnic at Furman on June 11. Also our July 4 celebration will be held immediately following our 11:00 a.m. service on July 5 in the FAB gym.

Mr. Steele asked for a motion that the July meeting be cancelled and that we not meet again until August. The motion was made and passed.

Dr. Crenshaw's closing remarks:

July is a program planning time to be presented at the August meeting. Reminded leaders that news for July "What's Happening" must be in by June 18.

He expressed appreciation to conference delegates. Also explained technical term withdrawal - when a member joins another denomination without request for transfer.

Appointed Mr. Freeman Orr person responsible for updating our membership records. Noted Dan Browning will be entering Emory University to begin training for Methodist ministry.

Stated to goals have been reached: Bishop Clark elected, Mrs. Clelia Hendrix elected Chairman of Ministries.

Significant things at Annual Conference: Conference deliberately worked through business of church. Affirmed Mrs. Sara Cooley, Miss Jonell Robinson and Mr. Freeman Orr. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Chauncey Lever was ordained in the Florida conference.

Stated we must provide finest leadership we can for our church. We must light our lanterns with love of Christ and dedication to His Kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted:

(Irs.) Gail DeLoach
ADLAJistrATIVE BOARD MINUTES
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
August 10, 1981 at 7:00 p.m.
54 members present.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1981.

Mr. John Redmond called the meeting to order.
Mr. Moffett Kendrick gave the opening prayer.
Minutes of the June meeting were approved as mailed.
Mr. Redmond called for Commission reports.

FINANCE Mr. Lynn Ogle distributed the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July. He reported that at the September Board meeting he hopes to present a recommended annual budget for 1982. He announced that Mr. John Redmond will act as Chairman of the Every Member Campaign. The Audit sub-committee chairman, Mr. Gardner Hendrix has been in contact with Eliot-Davis about the Audit for 1980. The Audit will be made available for anyone who is interested to review.

For the month of July, total revenues amounted to $31,930 and expenditures $41,533; leaving a deficit for the month of $9,603. Year-to-date revenues over expenses amount to $73,619. To date, collections amount to 67% of the pledges and expenditures amount to 53% of the monies budgeted. Mr. Ogle reported that the finances of the church are in good order.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS Mrs. Elaine Gentry reported that the Happy Days Program had been completed and was very successful. She said the commission will need church assistance for the Block Partnership endeavors.

MISSIONS Mrs. Edith Edwards reported on trips to Lake Junaluska and to Columbia for Laity Week. She encouraged members to start planning now to attend these meetings in 1982.

STEWARDSHIP Mr. John Terry announced that members of the Covenant Group would be meeting September 2 at 7:00 p.m. He encouraged members to join the group by agreeing to carry out the 5 disciplines for a 30-day period.

On August 29 at 8:00 a.m., the Stewardship committee plans to meet at the church to pray and seek guidance for areas of church needs in the coming year.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Mrs. Nancy Eskey reported that a large group of women plan to go by chartered bus to Lake Junaluska for the day, tomorrow, to hear Bishop Clark.

METHODIST MEN Mr. Bob Downs announced the meeting of the men for the 4th Monday of August at 7:00 a.m. Rev. DeArmond Canady will be the speaker.

PRE-SCHOOL DIVISION Mrs. Joy Cutchin announced that Mrs. Cheryl Scadlock will be the new director.

YOUTH DIVISION Mrs. Marilyn Hassey announced that the youth are going to Carrowinds on Saturday; they will have a Back-to-School "bash" soon thereafter.

She complimented the young people who went to Salkahatchie and Janie Creech who was selected for the Governor’s Honors School of the Arts program.
ADULT DIVISION Mr. Chauncy Lever announced the church school seminar for August 18, that has been planned especially for church school teachers and class officers.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL Mrs. Sara Cooley thanked the Commission on Missions for allotting Lenten Folder monies to the school for supplies. She said that kindergarten starts August 24. Enrollment is not yet at capacity.

LEISURE MINISTRIES David Stubbs announced activities that are planned: Fellowship Club will go by bus to Abbeville on Saturday for the theater. Watermelon party is scheduled for August 25. Family Night Summer Carnival is scheduled for August 26 - films for "Children of all ages" will be shown. Summer Golf Day is scheduled at Furman for August 29. $7.00 green fee. Fall programs planned include: CPR Course and a home-decorating class.

MUSIC Mr. Freeman Orr announced that the Jr. Choir Summer Fun session had been a great success with 18 children participating. In September, the Youth Choirs and Handbell Choirs will begin practice. Mr. Orr asked members to consider joining a Drama Group that is being formed.

Mr. Orr has been appointed the Staff contact person for working on the church roll to bring the membership records up-to-date. He requested that members please send in the questionnaires that were circulated so that phone calls would not be necessary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Miss Jonell Robinson commended the leaders of the Church School for the work they have done during the summer. She announced that church school programs are now being reviewed and evaluated. August 30 is promotion Day. She urged teachers and officers to take advantage of the Training School planned for August 18. Complimentary dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER Rev. William Claytor encouraged everyone to fill in the questionnaire for the Church Roll. He announced that in 1980, 107 new members were added to the rolls and 105 members were lost. So far, this year, 100 new members have been added and only 37 lost. He asked that every Sunday School class have their roll up-to-date. As of last Sunday, 1,997 members are enrolled at Buncombe Street. The New-Member Dinner is scheduled for September 9.

SENIOR MINISTER Dr. Crenshaw affirmed the Covenant Group, saying that for those who join, it is a rich and rewarding experience. He said that he plans to be at Junaluska on Monday to hear Bishop Clark along with the UMW members. All church members were encouraged to consider taking the CPR course when it is offered. Mrs. Sara Lever, the new Staff-member, was commended for the work she is doing for the church. It was announced that a legacy of $3,000 had been received from Miss Minnie Crane. He said that we need to be a people of prayer; that he has a "dream" for the church. We need to pray that God will use us.

"Let us go in faith, knowing that his dreams for us are beyond all highest dreams."

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sara R. Drummer, Secretary
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
Buncombe Street United Methodist Church
September 14, 1981 at 7:00 p.m.
53 Members Present

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12, 1981

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order.
Mr. Bill Workman gave the opening prayer.
Minutes of the August meeting were approved as mailed.
Mr. Steele called for Commission reports.

FINANCE Mr. Lynn Ogle gave the financial report. There was no report last month as they were running about a week behind. He stated that we were running $10,000 ahead in collections over expenditures. At the end of July we were running $73,000 ahead.

The proposed budget for 1982 has been prepared for each major commission and presented to the Finance Committee. Tommy Thomason has spearheaded this committee and has gone over it in minute detail with the full Finance Committee. He has done a great job.

A proposed budget of $592,206 has been recommended. This represents 11.8% over the 1981 budget. A copy of this budget is attached and made a part of these minutes. An opportunity for any questions was given.

Mrs. Elaine Gentry recommended that the Commission of United Ministries be moved over to Social Concerns. Edith Edwards agreed. This involves moving over of $5,000 from The Commission on Missions.

Mr. Steele asked that the proposed 11.8% be approved. The Board approved and passed the budget for the next year as $592,206.

Mr. Tommy Thomason recommended that we should have a goal for the fund raising of the Family Activities Building of $75,000 above the budget. This is a separate building fund. He stated that we have reached our last year's goal of $75,000. He hopes we can reduce the Family Activities Building to $150,000 - $160,000 by the end of the year. We are only paying the bank the interest at present. As a result, we have $35,000 in the building fund and can reduce the debt at any time. By the end of the year, we should have $40,000 to $50,000 in the bank. We would like to pay this debt off entirely by 1984.

Dr. Crenshaw stated that we are paying only interest and holding principal. We are about 3 years ahead of our payment schedule, therefore we would have a long way to go to catch it. He agrees this is a very wise and proper thing to do.

A motion was made and adopted that $75,000 be the budget for the Family Activities Building.

Mr. Lynn Ogle brought up that the Church is particularly in need of a major paint job. It has been put off for the last two years and the Finance Committee is recommending an appropriation of $30,000 for the capital improvements fund. This will be left in the fund continuing to draw interest until some time next year. By that time, it will be absolutely necessary to paint the Church.
Mr. Tom Curlee and Junius Garrison will prepare a list of capital improvements, general repairs and maintenance. Any funds left from these two accounts will be placed in the capital improvements fund at the end of the year. It appears as if we could have about $8,000 left over.

A proposal was made that $30,000 be set aside for capital improvements which will accrue until next year. By doing this we could actually start a fund in which we could do major work without going to the congregation to ask for extra money.

A motion was made and seconded that $30,000 be set aside for capital improvements next year.

Mr. Tom Curlee stated that for some time they had felt the Church should establish a memorial honoring Mr. Tom Reed and Miss Luella Schloeman, and they would like to get the blessings of the Board. He spoke of Miss Schloeman and her dedication - the things she did working at the Church every day.

He asked the Finance Committee for a sum not to exceed $750 to install a concrete bench in Miss Schloeman’s honor and a bronze plaque at the Richardson Street entrance for Mr. Reed. A motion was made and seconded that this be done.

Mr. Curlee said that no commitments had been made and that he was open to any different or better suggestions.

Mrs. Edith Ballenger reported all commissions have spent much time this summer preparing their programs for 1982 and finding out how much money was needed. A meeting was held on August 30 to prepare the budget. We are very happy all was approved tonight and hope we will be successful in raising the money. Everyone has been working very hard and some innovative ideas are being prepared.

Mrs. Elaine Gentry stated they were happy to get money for the project on 864 West Washington Street. This is a project with the black partnership where we go into the Southern Side Community. Volunteers and money are needed for this project. Funds needed for the first year are $10,000. They need furniture, drapes, etc. but are not far enough along to collect items yet. More detail will be provided at the next meeting.

Dr. Garna Smith went over the program for the coming year. An excellent new member dinner was attended by 87 people. Jerry Steele stated that Dr. Crenshaw went to every table and introduced every new member, telling something of each new member’s background.

Bob Downs invited all men to their regular breakfast meeting on the 4th Monday of each month. The Annual Laity Rally will be at Lee Road Methodist Church on October 1, with supper from 6:00 to 7:00. Bishop Roy Clark will be the featured speaker and is hoped that everyone will attend.

David Stubbs stated that MYF had started two weeks ago and had a good crowd. He says the program is fantastic for all children and they have plenty to do. The Youth Council Retreat planned all programs from September through May. Jerry Steele stated that we need Sunday School teachers for youth.

Chauncy Lever announced three new programs: (1) Thursday noon Bible study (2) New Inquirer’s Class for new members (3) Need of adults.
FAMILY COORDINATOR  Dr. I. C. Holloway announced that Wednesday, September 23, will be Family Night. Freeman Orr will report on this.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE  Dot Moore says the entire membership roll of the Church was checked by six volunteers. Next time, she recommends starting weeks, rather than days, ahead.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT  Sara Cooley still needs 10 or 12 more pre-school children. Everything is starting off fine.

LEISURE MINISTRY  Mr. Lynn Hendricks commented that David Stubbs is doing an excellent job. Mr. Stubbs went over the brochure which went out in the bulletin last week. He asked that everyone refer to it as it gives all upcoming events.

MUSIC  Mr. Freeman Orr needs members for all choirs. September 23 is Church Family Night and the choirs are to provide the program of special music instead of hymns. They will present several Broadway musical numbers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  Miss Jonell Robinson commended Ann Landers for heading the nursery each Sunday and for her dedication. Many couples would not be able to attend if we did not have her to handle both services for us each Sunday. Jonell stated that all teachers were enthusiastic and making great plans. New teachers are needed. About 20 people attended the Skills Workshop.

NEW MEMBERS  Mr. Bill Claytor expressed joy in getting to know all the young people we have had to join lately—eighty-seven new members for the dinner and fourteen children in the nursery. The new Bible Study will take six years, every Sunday and Thursday to complete. This is to be on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and Thursday at noon.

SENIOR MINISTER  Dr. Crenshaw is delighted to see so many young people moving into the Church. He stated that we will have our first black child to be born in our Church in over 100 years and he is very pleased over this coming event.

Dr. Crenshaw feels we are showing great improvement in church growth—our records will soon show 2,000 members. About 60 new families will be moving to Greenville with Bovaters. He requested anyone having people moving into Greenville, please bring them to Church with you before someone else does.

He further stated that we had adopted a tentative and very significant budget—one larger than any church in South Carolina. He believes our church will respond beautifully to this challenge.

The Charge Conference will be the 2nd Monday in December and elections will be held. He also commented on the Inquirer's Class which gives orientation to our new members.

It is up to us to reach out to persons who are not members and to teach them about the Methodist Church and to assist them in making a decision to join us. He asked that everyone hear Bishop Clark if possible.

Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dottit King, Acting Secretary  

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### Buncombe Street Methodist Church

**Proposed Budget 1982**

**Summary**

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NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 1981

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order.
Mrs. Edith Ballenger led the opening prayer.
Minutes of the September meeting were approved as mailed.
Mr. Steele called for Commission reports.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle gave the financial report. He apologized for not having the report ready for the last two months. A new, more readable format will be available at our next meeting. Mr. Lewis Hazelwood worked on this new report which will enable our auditors to perform budget audits at less expense.

For the month of September $34,810.34 was received and total money received was $39,724.77. After disbursements, excess revenues were $597.48. A comprehensive report will be given next month.

Jerry Steele presented Bill Workman who asked to give a statement. Bill said he would be coming to the pulpit on Sunday to give the sermon with much humility and was honored to be asked.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Edith Ballenger said she was very pleased to see so many young and older people when she visited the Inquirers' Class. They are a fine group of people and add tremendously to the program of the Church. She was delighted to know so many people wanted to hear about the Methodist Church and what it means to belong to the United Methodist Church.

EVANGELISM: Mr. Garmon Smith stated they had a very good meeting. They looked at the goals being considered, the goals for 1984 and the desired rate of growth. If we can get 50 new people, a good growth rate will have been made. A tea for all new members will be held on Sunday, October 25, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Bob Downs invited all Methodist men to the breakfast on Monday at 7:00 a.m. Some come regularly to the meetings and if anyone would like to attend and bring others, please let him know.

NEW FUND DRIVE: Mr. John Redmond gave his report on our new fund drive. He has been successful in recruiting and engaging 7 or 8 people's help - they have given countless hours to this program. The basic thought for this program is: "I don't have to ask you to give money - I don't think you like to be asked to give money." We have tried to think of a way to minimize fund raising and it could be called several things - Pony Express - Circuit Rider. The congregation will be broken into relatively small clusters of family units with 8-10 families in each circuit with approximately 100 circuits. Each circuit will have a leader whose job is to make sure the plan progresses. A nice packet has been developed, with instructions everyone should be able to understand quite easily. The first person receives the packet, reads the material and follows instructions. After the pledge card is filled out and placed into the packet for completed pledges, it will be passed to the next family listed on the sheet until all families have received one. The envelope should not be kept longer than 24 hours. Plans are to move into the congregation on November 11. If everyone does their little task, it will work. Mr. Redmond feels this is going to be the most pleasant thing he has done in a long, long time.
Training sessions have been planned so everyone will be informed. He urged everyone to join in this new process and be excited. If it works well, many, many hours will be saved in tracking down everyone. The Circuit Rider's job is to make sure the packet is moving between families. We will not take pledges at all in Church. Mr. Redmond gave the opportunity for questions. Kick-off is Sunday, November 1, with a congregational dinner in the Family Activities Building and a short visual presentation. Also, a congregational dinner will be held on Thursday, October 29, for those who cannot attend Sunday.

Mr. Jerry Steel added that this is a very important time of year and emphasized that if everyone does their job, it will be a great success. Mr. Steel asked for reports from Coordinators.

YOUTH DIVISION: Mike Smith reported a major effort to get youth involved in all activities. The point system will be reinstated with pledge cards for the children who will use the points for the ski trip. A Halloween Carnival is also planned.

LEISURE MINISTRY: David Stubbs commented on how fortunate they are to have the Smith's working with them. Family night is scheduled for October 27. This is the third annual carnival with food, games and the haunted house planned.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr stated that all choirs are now organized. The Primary Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Steel, has been rehearsing and will be singing in church services soon. The Junior Choir has already presented their music in church twice. A very fine group of ladies are forming the Handbell Choir and will possibly present their music in a couple of Sundays. The new Drama Group, directed by Priscilla Spoon, already has 15 interested people. They will possibly make a presentation during Advent Season. On October 25, we will have brass instruments for the 11:00 a.m. service. The brass section comes from Clemson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson spoke about setting goals and would like to have this year's attendance up by 25. She is very pleased with the classes and doesn't understand why attendance is not up. The college students especially enjoy attending. Much thought is being given to the Linton School and help is requested. More people are needed to work in Education of Church. Lessons will be given in helping every member Circuit Rider relating to the children.

Our open house had good results and the parents were thrilled. Men are still needed to teach on Sunday morning - we just don't have enough men on a quarterly basis. Miss Robinson thanked Dr. Crenshaw for his special mention of people at Church and felt we had some new attendees as a result.

ASSISTANT MINISTER: Mr. Bill Claytor spoke of our new people and feels very fortunate to have new people moving into the area. We have a good program with something to present to everyone. It is a team effort to get new people into the church and this touches the lives of many people. An average net gain of 50 people per year is needed until 1984, if we are to reach our goal of 2,100 members by this time. Last year our gain was 107, but then we lost 105. Thus far this year we have gained 115, but lost 43 for a net gain of 72. Everyone has an important role to play in touching people by telling them about Buncombe Street and with everyone's help, we can have a gain of 50.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw stated that every study shows that most people join a church because they were invited or brought by a friend. Many do not join because of geographical locations. He further commented that we lose a number of people
due to death and families moving to other communities. He feels we need at least 100 people per year to replace those leaving for various reasons and that we should try to impress upon our people moving to other communities to be active in their new churches as they were at ours.

Bill and Sara Lever are calling on us for our concern for and work with people.

Dr. Crenshaw commented on the Circuit Rider and asked that we encourage everyone to be present for the dinners. The visual will be brief but one of the finest productions and a time for sharing at Buncombe Street. He urged everyone to be there. He stated that we are the leaders of the Church and we must demonstrate this leadership by thinking about our work, our planning, that which God has given to us and our opportunity to share. We are delighted to do the task before us. This is where we should start. Be born again.

Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Dottie King, Acting Secretary
Minutes of the Administrative Board  
November 9, 1981  
In the F.A.B. at 7 p.m. with 54 members present

CHARGE CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 14, 1981

The meeting was called to order by the acting chairman, John Redmond.  
Mr. Chauncey Lever opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved when amended by the deletion of the last sentence of the Evangelism Commission report.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October were distributed.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported that for the month of October expenses over income amounted to $3,296. Year-to-date revenues exceed expenses by $58,145. He said that he hoped that by year's end we will be on target.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards asked for Board members to make suggestions for program material for a mission week-end.

YOUTH: Mr. Van Price announced a volleyball marathon that is scheduled for Friday, November 15, and said the youth group is hoping to make $500 toward the expenses of their trip.

CIRCUIT RIDER REPORT: Mr. John Redmond reported two congregational dinners were held -- one on Thursday and one on Sunday, November 1. The one on Sunday was the largest group ever to be fed in Buncombe St. Church. The Circuit Rider packets were distributed. The pledges are due back by Thursday. The report will be made on Friday, November 13, 1981, and announced to the congregation on Sunday, November 15. The total number of Circuit Rider packets is approximately 105. Mr. Redmond thanked all the people who have worked to make this program successful.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr reported on special music recently preformed and projected. Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at 9:00 a.m.; Christmas music by the choirs at 5:00 p.m. on December 13 following the Family Dinner; Candlelight & Carol Service at 5:00 on December 20; Communion Services at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on December 24 with a 30-minute organ recital preceding both services. A youth drama group, directed by Mrs. Priscilla Spoon, is working on a program for the Advent Season.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs reported on the Volley Ball team championship for the second year in a row. He said basketball practice has begun. More Jr. Hi girls are needed for the team. Plans are being made for a bowling team. The Fellowship Club will meet on November 18 for a program on health. A discussion group will meet at 11:00 a.m. on November 24 to review Norman Cousin's book "Anatomy of an Illness." The ski trip for the youth group is scheduled for December 17.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson announced the plans for the annual Christmas Workshop that is scheduled for November 15. A new feature of this year's workshop will be books for sale for Christmas giving. Mrs. Helen Shepard Librarian will have selections from our Methodist curriculum on Advent/Christmas for all age levels. She reported that the number of babies in the nursery has increased so that the second nursery is now open. Mother's Day Out program is going well under the excellent leadership of Cheryl Scadlock.
LAY LEADER: Mr. Gardner Hendrix thanked those who participated in the Layman's Sunday program. Bill Workman, the speaker, did an outstanding job.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: The Rev. Bill Claytor announced that the Inquirer's Class -- set up for prospective, new, and old members of the church -- meets for four Sundays to study (1) the heritage of the church, (2) the doctrines and beliefs of the church people, (3) the structure of the local church, and (4) the ministry of Buncombe St. Church to the community and the world. In October, there were 31 people of 7 different denominational backgrounds attending the class.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Bryan Crenshaw called attention to the current issue of "What's Happening." He reported that during this week there would be more than 70 activities going on in the church. He announced that mid-week services would begin December 2 and continue for 4 weeks with guest ministers preaching at noon and lunch being served preceding and following the services. Church services at 11 o'clock will be televised during the month of December. The Charge Conference is scheduled to follow the Administrative Board meeting in December. The Nominating Committee will mail the list of nominees before the Charge Conference, and members are encouraged to make other nominations as they deem appropriate. The church is in good shape financially. One area of concern he mentioned are unpaid pledges to retire the debt on the F.A.B. building. He asked members to keep their payments current.

"As I survey the year, it has been a good year. Let us continue to be faithful in the work of the church. Let us continue to pray that God will show us how we may serve. Let us continue to love one another; to invite others; to make the presence of God a reality in the lives of those who share."

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Sara R. Brummer, Secretary
Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. Mr. Dick Roundtree gave the opening prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed. Mr. Steele thanked the Board members for their cooperation during the year.

FINANCE: Mr. Tommy Thomason distributed the Treasurer's Report for November. He reported a surplus of $49,705 and said we should finish out the year on budget. As of December 14 68.53% of the $592,206 budget goal had been pledged for 1982. 344 pledges have been received – a total of 155 more than in 1981. An increase amounting to $59,125 over last year has been pledged. The FAB goal of $75,000 has been over-subscribed to date by $5,893 based on 301 pledges. A $45,000 payment will be made this month which reduces the total debt to $155,000. The debt should be paid in full by 1984. He expressed appreciation to all who helped make it possible.

Upon recommendation, the Board voted and approved unanimously the following budget items for 1982:
1) Pastor-Parish budget item in amount of $261,309 for 1982.
2) Benevolence, Conference and District askings of $124,315 for 1982.

A full report and recommendation for the new budget will be ready and presented at the January 11 meeting.

Mr. Thomason expressed appreciation to Messrs. Redmond, Lever, Minestine, Harper, Haselwood, and Henley for their efforts in making the Circuit Rider campaign successful.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Sis Ballenger reported highlights of the year in the area of programs and activities provided for all age groups.

Christian Social Concerns programs: Block Partnership; Happy Days.
Education: School for workers in which 80 people were in attendance. Lenten School.
Adult Ministries: New Bible Study Group meeting on Thursdays. College class organized. Inquirers' Class for new members meeting for 4 sessions each month during the year. Film series.
Youth: Program expanded and bringing in new members. Volleyball marathon raised $500. Organized another Nursery to care for additional babies. Home visits made to families with new babies.
Leisure Ministries: A Gold Volley Ball team with 8 young couples organized. Couples have become members of the Communion Class. Health Fair.
Stewardship Committee: Organized Bible Study and Prayer group; Thursday Noon Bible Study Group and Covenant Groups.
Missions: Kept in touch with missionaries; sent money to support those in Costa Rica and Haiti.
Worship: Use of Handbells and more instrument accompaniments. Christmas drama group.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Nancy Eskew reported the following:
Changed the format of meetings to attract new people. Made trip to Columbia to visit the Methodist Children's Home and Governor's Mansion. Pledged $10,000 and over-subscribed by $525 their commitment to missions. The Spring Cook's Carnival netted $3,500 which is designated to go toward the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. The
ULM Extended Fellowship program reached 70-80 people who are shut-in. At the December meeting, 17 new babies were recognized and 59 ULM members who had been members for 50 years were honored. Mrs. Ida Hudson has been elected president for the new year.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr reported that the Carol and Candle service will be Dec. 20.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw reported that more than 400 persons were present for the church family dinner. He expressed appreciation to the committee heading up the Circuit Rider program and to the members for their cooperation in making the program successful.

BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHARGE CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 14, 1981

Rev. D'Armond Canady opened the Conference with Bible readings from 1st John. He commended Buncombe Street church for being the leader in the endeavors of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Tom Curlee briefly reviewed the report for the Trustees.

Dr. Bryan Crenshaw presented the slate of nominees for approval as follows:

Section I - Nominations and Personnel slate nominated by acclamation.

Section II - At Large Members - 1st year 1985 - nominated by acclamation. Mr. Tommy Thomason nominated Mrs. Eva Troutman for 3rd year 1983. The nomination was approved by acclamation.

Section III - Ex-Officio Members, Administrative Board slate of nominees approved by acclamation.

Section IV - Council on Ministries slate of nominees approved by acclamation with Mr. & Mrs. Alex Edmonds, coordinators, Elementary Division.

Section V - Others to be elected - slate of nominees approved by acclamation. Finance Committee and Council on Ministries slate of nominees were approved by acclamation.

By written ballots, Messrs. Doug Wheale, Jerry Steele, and John Redmond were approved for the Committee on Nominations and Personnel: 1984.

Rev. Bill Claytor reported that the church membership now totals 2031 - an increase of 117 over last year.

Dr. Bryan Crenshaw reported that the church had a net gain in membership for the first time in many years. Buncombe St. church pledged the largest amount to the Pension Fund than any church in S. C. All debts are to be paid in full. The church now has the largest membership in its history. He expressed appreciation to the church staff for their loyalty and dedication, and to Rev. Canady for his support.
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Mrs. Sara Cooley, Mr. Freeman Orr, and Miss Jonell Robinson were approved by acclamation for the diaconal ministry.

Mr. Tommy Thomason, Mr. John Terry and Dr. Garmon Smith were approved by acclamation as certified Lay Speakers.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Tommy Thomason expressed appreciation for the work of the ministers, Dr. Crenshaw and Rev. Claytor, for their leadership and dedication. He asked Rev. Canady to express to the Bishop the Administrative Board’s appreciation for this ministerial team.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Sara R. Drummer, Secretary
MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 11, 1982 at 7:00 p.m.
61 members present

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 1982

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. Mr. Gardner Hendrix opened with prayer. Mr. Steele pointed out the importance of a dinner reservation being made for the meeting. He asked that we turn in the reservation slip in the bulletin on Sunday, or call the church office early on Monday morning so the kitchen staff could make their plans. He also welcomed the new board members and expressed appreciation for the large crowd. The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as written.

FINANCE: Mr. Tommy Thomason gave the finance report. He had just attended the Finance Committee meeting and gave a word of thanks to those who worked on the budget this year...who had gone the "second mile" to make the report possible, and for the tremendous effort the entire membership had made this year.

For the year 1981, we had 638 families who made pledges to the church. In 1982, through the help of the Circuit Rider, 371 pledges have been made - an increase of 33. The final gain to the church is over $80,000. Mr. Thomason recommended that the board officially adopt the budget as $591,877 for 1982. The budget was approved.

Mr. Thomason further stated that we had a surplus of $35,000 at the end of 1981. This is another first. Last year when it was thought we would have a shortfall, we cut the South Carolina Conference askings for the amount of $4,901. The Finance Committee discussed this and decided that if we came out over budget, we would request the sum of $4,901 be paid to the South Carolina Methodist Conference. The motion to do this was made and approved.

Mr. Thomason recommended that a motion be made by the board that up to 15% of Minister's salaries go into parsonage expense. This motion must be officially adopted. The motion was made and approved.

Pledges on the building fund amount to $78,248 which is over the goal and with 57 more pledges over past years. It is hoped that this debt will be paid off in the next two years and it appears that we will be able to do so.

Mr. David Stubbs reported that the FAB building was used 33½ hours per week, which is over 1,500 hours per year. As compared with the Sanctuary and Sunday School Class rooms, it has a tremendous outreach.

Mr. Jerry Steele asked for committee reports and asked that new members stand and be greeted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee reported that the new boiler (installed in 1973) began leaking last Tuesday with no apparent reason. A new boiler will be necessary, but hopefully this one will last until warm weather.

STAFF PARRISH RELATIONS: Mr. Bennett Hudson - No Report

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Edith Ballenger informed the new people that the Council on Ministries made up all programs for the church and she is very grateful the budget did not have to be reduced. They will now be able to carry out all plans for 1982. The enthusiasm of new members, the expectations of old members and the leadership of the fine staff will make this possible. The first meeting of the Council on Ministries will be Monday night, February 8, at 7:30--and will continue...
to meet on every third Monday in 1982.

YOUTH: Mr. Van Price invited everyone to the youth sponsored Congregational Dinner on January 25.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Mrs. Elaine Gentry - No Report

CHURCH UNITY AND INTERRELATIONS CONCERNS: Miss Ruth Boyd - No Report

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that she has a dynamic group this year. The Lenten School is planned for all four Sundays in March. The job function workshop is on Sunday, January 31. Susan says she is looking forward to working for us and will be pleased to attend any thing that will help.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Garmon Smith reminded us of the new member dinner next Tuesday night. Forty two new members who have joined our church since September 9, 1981, have been invited to attend this event.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. John Terry stated that we in the Church are called to be witnesses but many of us do not feel comfortable in this ministry. A seminar will be held in March to teach us how to witness. He urged all to plan to attend this event.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards. Three new young married couples and three high school students are on this Committee this year. Prayer requests will be posted on our bulletin board and we were asked to stop and read these.

Mr. Jerry Steele asked that all new board members who do not have a specific job to see either him, Mr. Claytor or Dr. Crenshaw and they will be assigned a commission or where they are most needed.

WORSHIP: Mrs. Mary Jane Steele - No Report

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson reported that we now have 11 circles and one new one for the young married women and working women. It will be held in the evening. We are continuing our extended fellowship this year with particular attention to the shut-ins.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs reminded us of the good fellowship and good food at the men’s breakfast the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are over by 8:00 a.m.

COORDINATES: Preschool - Mrs. Vaughan Landers - No Report

YOUTH: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Smith - No Report

YOUNG ADULTS: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Truluck said our Communion Sunday School class is to invite one other class for fellowship one Sunday each month, thus getting to know more people. Mr. Bill Werkman is their teacher.

ADULT: Mr. & Mrs. Lou Brummer - No Report

FAMILY: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ariail could not attend tonight. Talent is needed for Family Night on January 27. Anyone having talent should contact Bob Ariail.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Lynn Hendricks - No Report
CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ken Herron - No Report

Mr. Jerry Steele introduced Mr. John Redmond as his Vice Chairman and asked the new Board Members to stand and introduce themselves.

CHURCH STAFF: Mr. David Stubbs gave a report on the basketball games and the standings on wins and losses. A sewing class for beginners will be held next Tuesday. The fellowship group will meet next Wednesday. The World's Fair trip is planned for August or the first of September. A trip to New Orleans is also planned.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr extended an invitation for anyone to join one of the choirs. He expressed appreciation for the beautiful music over Christmas and said we will have some more instrumentalists towards the end of the month. One of the Board Members mentioned that they were able to pick up the morning Worship Service on WFBC while in Kingsport over the Christmas holidays and they enjoyed the music very much.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson expressed gratitude for the outstanding leadership on education last year. A number of new leaders are coming in to help this year and she encouraged everyone to come to Lenten Services.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Mr. Bill Claytor reported that we are having an exciting time regarding new members. Some doubted that it could be done but we did receive 151 new members last year. Forty came in from profession of faith, 44 from other denominations and 67 from transfer from other United Methodist Churches. We lost 62 members in 1981. Our membership now stands at 2,035. Mr. Claytor requested that we all try to encourage new members. We still have a list of 39 families as prospective members that may come into the church. Our goal for this year is 150. Mr. Claytor further stated that the Inquirers' Class has been most successful. Forty or more people have profited from this class since October, 1981. He asked that we encourage people to come and learn about the Church. We have two purposes: (1) Bringing people to Jesus Christ. (2) Helping people to grow in the Lord as we carry out the Lord's work.

LAY LEADER: Mr. Gardner Hendrix reported that we have had the best year in the history of Buncombe Street and that our church is growing. This was a marvelous year of leadership.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw expressed appreciation to the staff for their dedication. The spirit and power of God makes everything we do possible. Dr. Crenshaw said that 1981 was a beautiful year due to the labor and dedication of so many people, but we need to press on. Buncombe Street has reached every landmark and this Board should be very proud.

Five years ago tonight he announced that Buncombe Street was the first Church in all of South Carolina Methodist to have approved a budget of $300,000. The next year, Buncombe Street was the first church to attempt and pledge a budget of $400,000; the next year to attempt and fund an operating budget of $500,000; the next year the first church in the history of South Carolina to attempt and pledge a budget in excess of $500,000. That which we adopted tonight is $80,000 more. We combine our two figures of amount of money pledged and funded for the coming year of $591,870 to the operating budget without using any balance. Starting with a zero balance making a total this year of $670,000 which is at least $150,000 more than any Methodist Church has done in the history of South Carolina Methodism. He said he simply overlooked the grace and power of God and the generosity of the people of Buncombe Street.
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Nothing would surprise him as to what this Church does. Just can't tell how much respect this Church does have in this Conference. All Churches compare themselves to Buncombe Street.

Dr. Crenshaw said he had been talking with the Epworth Children's Home Treasurer that day and Buncombe Street has sent through the annual conference the amount of $180,000. During 1931 Buncombe Street has sent $40,000 more than any other church in the conference.

We have over 2,000 members and are moving toward an all time membership of 2,167. This means that we have 2,167 concerned persons. In looking through our rolls, we need to encourage inactive members to become active in their local communities. We will have to labor as evangelists in discipling, in education, in missions in order to move forward to do some of the great things we envision. We need 150 new members not counting confirmation classes.

We need to think about the temperatures dropping - think about the number of street and poor people who are cold tonight. Most people are warm tonight because of things we are doing. Mr. Dawkins works with these people for specific needs and every day we are responding to them.

Dr. Crenshaw related that at 6:30 a.m. this morning, upon entering the post office, there was an old man sitting crouched against the wall asleep. He had no place to go. We are doing much but there is still much to be done. Under social concerns, we need to move more distinctively and positively in serving all people in need.

The Lord makes us mindful of the needs of others, of the needs of the hurting, those who are cold, of people with special physical needs, aware of the needs of the wealthy who do not know the Lord. Make us very sensitive to the needs of persons, whoever they are, whatever they are, we should wipe our slate clean - start over.

Dr. Crenshaw stated that he was looking forward to the biggest year ever at Buncombe Street. He closed with prayer in the spirit of love one another and His Kingdom. Know His purpose.
MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
February 8, 1982 at 7:00 p.m.
70 Members Present

NEXT MEETING TO BE MONDAY, MARCH 3

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. Mrs. Edith Ballenger led the opening prayer. Mr. Steele called for a motion for an addition to the minutes of January 11 on the Child Development School. That statement should have read: Mrs. Sara Cooley introduced Dr. Garmon Smith as the 1982 Chairman of the Child Development School Board. Also, there was one change to the December minutes. Under Finance, the FAB goal of $75,000 payment will be over subscribed to date by $3,248 instead of $5,893 as stated. The motion was made and approved that these changes be made.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported that the Church has been asked to guarantee $3,000 on a building loan for the New Disciples Church to be built in the Pelham Road area. We would participate with seven other churches financially and would only be responsible for $3,000 if they could not meet their obligation, which doesn't seem to be a great problem.

The loan is for $150,000 and once it is paid down to $126,000, we would not be under further obligation. Participation would be only on a pro-rata share with the seven other churches. This is a requirement of lending agencies. Mr. Luther Marchant made the motion we endorse this loan. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report for January indicated that we received a total of $126,000 on the current pledges. Total collection on the budget - $160,000 for 27% of budget. A very good start. We have received $20,000 in a designated gift. Dr. Crenshaw stated that this was put in the operating budget and was a gift from a friend of the Church who asked that Dr. Crenshaw use it as he saw fit.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee presented a report on the boiler made by the insurance company inspector. The report stated why the boiler was damaged. Price of the boiler is $11,056, plus tax of $1,000 and labor to install will be $5,750.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Sis Ballenger asked that we think about programs we would like instigated in the Church. Plans are to go ahead on the program for 1982, but need to think about 1983. They must work that far in advance to keep up with the needs of the Church. It is the duty of the Administrative Board so we must come up with some ideas in the near future.

Mr. Jerry Steele welcomed all new members of the Board who were not present last month and asked for our continued interest.

YOUTH: Mr. Van Price spoke of the winter retreat and said that all returned without broken bones this time. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship. A first aid course was given before the trip.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Mr. Bev Willey reminded everyone that the Annual Fair for United Ministries is to be held at Textile Hall on April 17. The annual meeting of United Ministries was held on January 25. Tom Pietila, Pastor of Laurens Road UMC, has been named new director.

The Southern Side Community Center has been completely renovated. Sunday, the 21st will be the opening, with a service of dedication between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.
Once we get into the house, the help of many volunteers will be needed. An appeal for furniture, etc., will be issued. The funds will be coming in soon for a full time Director. We believe this will be very good for the young blacks as well as for the elderly.

CHURCH UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS: Mrs. Ruth Boyd reported that the World Day of Prayer is on March 5 at 11:00 a.m. It will be observed at the John Wesley Methodist Church on Falls Street. The Church has been completely renovated and is beautiful. The program is arranged and sponsored by the Councils of Church Women.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards asked that we read the bulletin board. Twenty-five young people are needed to construct a building in Costa Rico and help is also needed in other foreign countries.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Smith reported on the new member dinner. Because of inclement weather (heavy fog) on January 19, only 26 of the 42 new members invited to the dinner were able to attend, but we felt that the orientation program and introduction of new members to some of our key leaders served a useful purpose.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that the second meeting was held tonight and the format of meetings will be changed. They will try to take care of reporting ahead of time. Work began tonight on teacher recruitment. Lenten School will be held on the four Sundays of March and she asked that we mark our calendars.

Coordinators were introduced.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson reported the study this month was Methodism in Europe.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs said that attendance for the men’s breakfast meeting once a month is not good and asked that all men attend as they do have fun and fellowship.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ken Herron stated attendance is around the 520 to 530 rate and we would like to maintain this all year. During the summer, attendance falls to around 400. Please try to encourage everyone to keep the attendance up.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs reported on a new group to be started on Health Enrichment for older people. They will try to teach these people to eat better and exercise regularly as a preventive measure. He also announced a ski trip on Wednesday for adults. It is to be at Sapphire Valley, which is great for beginners. Many other activities are planned and he urged everyone to join in.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr remarked that they will continue to have instrumentalists for services. The Primary Choir will begin singing soon. The Junior Choir is working on a new musical called Singing Bishop and will be singing on Sunday morning.

The last Wednesday of this month is Ash Wednesday and special music will be presented. They are working on different areas of music for the Church Supper in May.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson commented that we should put the Church first. She is very enthusiastic over getting more people involved and working with the new coordinators. She said she was very proud of the spirit the young people exhibited on the ski trip. They all shared in the work, devotionals, etc., and we should be very thankful we have such wonderful young people.
This year the Lenten School will be exceptional. Confirmation classes for the 6th grade begins February 23, until Palm Sunday.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Mr. Bill Claytor stated that evangelism is the work of every member of the Church. He will do everything he can to help them become assimilated into this Church. He urged that we tell everyone of the great things going on here at Buncombe Street.

The Lay Ministers are having a brief program to help our members visit people and be evangelists. We are the Church - the Church is only a building.

**SENIOR MINISTER:** Dr. Crenshaw commented that no one knew everything going on at Buncombe Street and that the Church is what is left after the building burns down. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for joining the other Churches in giving to the New Disciples Church. We need a strong Church on the growing east side. A Church grows through new congregations. The Church must move toward where the people are located.

He also mentioned that Bev Willey had spoken about the Southern Side Community House. He further explained that about three to four years ago, Buncombe Street entered into partnership with the Southern Side Community, the most neglected community in Greenville. We entered into this partnership and asked the people to determine their needs and we would help them accomplish their goals and meet their needs. A clean up campaign was begun and tons of debris were taken out. The entire area was helpful.

The John Wesley Black Methodist Church has been completely restored exactly as it was when it was built in 1903. If you enjoy history you should go to see this old church at the World Day of Prayer Meeting.

Dr. Crenshaw said that as Dr. Garmon Smith stated, the single reason most people join a Church is because someone asked them to join. He asked how long it had been since we tried to bring someone to Christ.

Dr. Crenshaw named some of the different activities of the Church, AA, and all EMS people from upstate counties, and area narcotics meetings here. He was impressed by the remark that the Church comes first and the dream of people being involved. Most are involved financially but not personally.

Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.
NEXT MEETING TO BE MONDAY, APRIL 12

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. Mr. Lynn Hendricks led the opening prayer. Mr. Steele called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported the completion of the shortest Finance Committee meeting on record. They simply did not have any questions as things are going great. A copy of the Financial Report is attached. At this time, we are 41% over budget. People seem to be paying their pledges early because of the tax advantages. Even though we are moving along well, we should not become complacent but keep up the good work.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: Mr. Bennett Hudson reported that the staff has been meeting regularly and has been working. Through meetings with the District Superintendent and Dr. Crenshaw, Mr. Hudson announced that Mr. Claytor will be retiring at the coming South Carolina Conference. He will continue on the staff here at the Church as an employee and not a conference appointee. He will be a professional staff member, and we are all pleased to have him with us.

There are several reasons we need expansion on the staff. One is that it is becoming impossible for present ministers to reach the number of people required. Also, the appointment of a young minister would help broaden an overall capability of our Church, especially with the young couples. Robert Howell, Jr. will be the new Associate Minister. He is recommended by Dr. Crenshaw and the entire Staff-Parish Committee is elated with this young man. The Bishop has given his approval. Mr. Howell finished Buford High School in 1972 and attended the University of South Carolina. He continued his education at the Duke Divinity School and will graduate in May. He serves two churches – Bethel and Sandy Grove in Bethune, South Carolina.

Dr. Crenshaw and the Pastor-Parish Committee has met Mr. Howell and they were tremendously impressed. He has an easy way with people, is very responsive and has a good sense of humor. He is dedicated to Christian ministry. Dr. Crenshaw also talked with Bishop Kenneth Goodson, who is Mr. Howell's professor. He has been working with this young man on a one-on-one basis.

Jerry Steele expressed his delight that Bill Claytor will be staying with us.

YOUTH: Mr. Van Price mentioned that Lenten School is in progress. Worship services are planned for 9:00 a.m. on Palm Sunday. Some of the older ladies in the membership will be offered transportation to the church on Mother's Day.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Mrs. Elaine Gentry reported that the United Ministries sale will be held April 17. She asked that we begin taking items to John Knox Presbyterian Church on Mondays and Thursdays. We will have our toy booth as usual.

Bev Willey commented on the opening of the Southernside Community Center. The Mayor and most of the area people attended the grand opening, along with many from Buncombe Street. The Center is being run by Mrs. Brock, who is an area black leader. It is running a full program on a daily basis with volunteer help. The renovation turned out very well and the center looks good. The people are happy. We, at Buncombe Street, should be very happy as Downtown and City Hall are overjoyed at this accomplishment. Mrs. Elaine Gentry expressed her wish that other churches would become
involved in projects such as this. The Center needs sports equipment for persons in the 10-to-18 age group. Anyone having a piano, a four-drawer file cabinet, volleyball balls, stick balls or art supplies are asked to call either Mr. Willey or Mr. David Stubbs - they will make arrangements for pickup.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: No Report

CHURCH UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS: No Report

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards expressed her appreciation for the $2,000 given by The Missions Commission for the building in Costa Rica. On February 1, twenty-five people went down to build it.

The Lenten folders have gone out, and it is hoped that the response will be very good. The money was spent wisely last year.

EVANGELISM: No Report

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. John Terry reminded everyone of the seminar on Christian witnessing to be held March 25 through 27, with sessions on Thursday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 and a Saturday session from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. There are no instructors - only film and cassettes. This is 12 hours of work and a very moving seminar. It is well made and quite meaningful. Every Christian should witness - there must be someone you could reach. Everyone should be interested in this as some people do not know how to witness, how to say something about our Lord Jesus.

WORSHIP: Mrs. Mary Jane Steele reported that everything is running smoothly. There was no report for January and February.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that the Lenten School began last night with 221 persons in attendance. She invited everyone to attend at least one session to be held on the other four Sundays in March. There are four adult classes. Of the 221, 154 were adults and the rest were youths and children.

YOUNG ADULTS: Mr. Ray Truluck announced the second annual Palm Sunday Dinner after church services April 1.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson announced a mission study for ladies in the Greenville district.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs again invited all United Methodist men for the morning breakfast on the last Monday of this month.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ken Herron stated that he would like to get the attendance up in a few classes. He asked that we give our support and push these classes toward some program of reaching people in Sunday School classes. There are usually about 500, plus with 15 adult classes. The important thing is to get the people here.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: No Report

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs reported that our Senior Girls' Basketball team will be going to Orangeburg in the finals. They will be attempting their fourth state championship. He asked for people to sign up for both the men and women's softball teams. We will try to have two men's teams. A new exercise class will begin on
Thursday, March 18. Also, another class on the soft sculpture dolls will be held. March 24 will be family night for the basketball banquet. All should attend.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr urged all to attend the organ recitals. The Little Primary Choir will perform this Sunday, and he will have the brass section on Palm Sunday and the two services on Easter.

At this point, Mr. Jerry Steele asked Dr. Crenshaw to leave the room for a short while.

Mr. Chauncey Lever was asked to give a special report. Mr. Lever reported that he has a very special and exciting project which is purely voluntary. Mr. Will Willimon met with several members of Buncombe Street and because of Dr. Crenshaw's Chairmanship and leadership to Wofford and his concern for young people, some of us would like to join together and offer the Bryan Crenshaw Scholarship.

A full scholarship at Wofford would be $50,000. One of our members has already offered a $10,000 challenge gift and some have already given pledges and contributions. A letter will go out tomorrow to all the people of our church at no expense to the church. It is a very worthwhile and appropriate recognition to our minister. Everything has been highly positive and it will be a real service to the young people it will serve. Presentation of this scholarship fund will be in May at this last board meeting.

Mr. Jerry Steele expressed his excitement and hoped everyone was equally excited and that the board would give its approval. He then asked for a motion from the board which was approved.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mrs. Jonell Robinson expressed her appreciation for the people at Buncombe Street Methodist Church who are willing to risk being heard in the name of Christ's ministry. In the education ministry of this church, the voices of teachers, students and volunteer leaders are heard in planning and administration. The Lenten School had 221 participants and those who attended should encourage others to attend.

The Family Ministry co-sponsored the Fellowship Night interest workshops and activities for all age levels. They are busy planning and securing leadership for Vacation Church School. Directors are: Betty Gilbert, Elementary; and Marsha Maxwell, Preschool.

The Adult Ministry classes have elected officers and these persons are seeking guidance in doing their jobs well. An analysis of members of the church who are prospects for Church School attendance is being made by Sara and Lu Brummer, Adult Coordinators. A joint personal /C.O.W. goal is being realized. The Brummers are attending a Regional Conference of Adult Ministries at St. Simon's Georgia.

Mrs. Robinson invited everyone to participate in the leadership roles of the educational ministry of the church.

ASSISTANT MINISTER: Mr. Claytor reported that we have taken 19 new members into the church since the first of the year, but have lost 23. Five of the losses were due to death. We have about 12 prospects and hope they will become members.

DR. CRENshaw: Mr. Jerry Steele told Dr. Crenshaw about the Bryan Crenshaw Scholarship and that the board had unanimously approved the scholarship fund. Dr. Crenshaw was deeply touched and said he would never have dreamed of anything such as this. He was very pleased in knowing that down through the years a student will have this scholarship because of the affection we share for one another.
MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
April 19, 1982, at 7:00 p.m.
47 Members Present

NEXT MEETING TO BE MONDAY, MAY 10, 1982

Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order. Mr. Gardner Hendrix gave the opening prayer. Mr. Steele called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle stated that the March report was not as good as the previous one. Revenues for the month were $31,079 and expenditures were $47,006, leaving a deficit of $16,000.

Compared with a year ago, collections are about $9,000 less and even though we are doing very well, the Finance Committee showed concern about this falling off of collections. This is partially due to early contributions at the end of December of the prior year.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. John Terry reported on the seminar which was held on March 25, 26 and 27. Twelve completed this seminar and Mr. Terry presented three members who gave brief reports.

EDUCATION REPORT: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that the Commission on Education is working on increasing Church School attendance. Lou and Sara Brummer are checking all rolls and discussed the list of people who do not belong to any Sunday School Class. During April, they will meet with all Sunday School class presidents and secretaries to discuss ways of motivating attendance. A review of the Lenten School showed good attendance.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Garmon Smith reported that 98 are presently enrolled - 86 is the average attendance. This month we are actually ahead financially and pre-registration for the coming year is now in progress.

MUSIC: Mr. Jerry Steele called on Freeman Orr for his report on Music. He stated that the music was beautiful for the Easter Service. Mr. Orr said the small choir will again be singing on May 2, and they also plan to have instrumentalists. May is also television month. The next Family Night will be a musical program. A three-act drama will be presented on May 11 and 12.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Miss Jonell Robinson gave the report for David Stubbs - Leisure Ministries, as he was away attending a seminar in Alabama. Softball practice is continuing for both men and women. The Fellowship Club will meet on Wednesday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. for election of officers and a sing-along.

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, April 27, and will discuss The Little Prince. Next month, they plan a trip to Atlanta for a Braves ballgame and the Fellowship Club will take a couple of days off for a trip to Calloway Gardens.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson reported that the Lenten School was a very rewarding experience. She expressed special thanks to Mr. Freeman Orr, our youth workers and the youth for the well presented worship service and the music. Mr. & Mrs. Lou Brummer attended the Regional Workshop on Adult Ministries at St. Simon's Island, and it is felt that their attendance will significantly benefit our Adult Ministries. Children's workers are encouraged to participate in a laboratory experience to be held at Northside United Methodist Church on April 25 and 26. Dr. Doris Blazer of Furman University will speak on "The Family as a Peacemaker" at our Family Night on April 28. Special activities have been planned for the children.
UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs announced that the Methodist Men's retreat will be on April 24 and 25 at Camp Asbury Hills. He encouraged everyone to attend.

MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Bill Claytor expressed his delight in getting in touch with our membership. Shut-ins were visited and they are trying to get through a whole list this week. Jean Lupo has volunteered to visit nursing homes, and we are very appreciative of this. Over 400 attended the first service on Easter Sunday and over 800 attended the second service.

DR. CRENSHAW: Dr. Crenshaw encouraged everyone to attend the Methodist Men's Retreat. He was distressed to hear about Mrs. Lever's fall and broken hip. She is one of our most valuable persons, and it is hoped that she will be able to return in the not too distant future.

Dr. Crenshaw expressed appreciation to all who helped on Lenten Services. He would like to see our young people put on a worship service at least quarterly. It gives them experience in going before a group, and it will be an exciting event - something that will bring honor to our Church.

The S. C. Conference will host the Council on Bishops. This will consist of Bishops from all around the world. On Thursday, April 29 the Bishop's wives will visit Greenville. Reservations have already been made for 46 wives. They will see Suncombe Street Church; the Art Museum; our Southernside Community Center and the John Wesley Church, which has been completely refurnished and restored to its original 1905 condition at a total cost of $500,000. A luncheon will be provided for them.

Dr. Crenshaw said the sanctuary was beautiful on Easter Sunday.

Dr. Crenshaw said he was given one of the most wonderful surprises of his life at the last meeting and that he is still stunned by the gracious plan. There will be a special presentation to the college during the month of May, and he hopes to express his personal appreciation to those who participated.

Dr. Crenshaw stated that the exciting and significant events during Lenten season build a significant life. He hopes the momentum built up now will continue through the months. He closed the meeting with prayer.
The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Jerry Steele. Fifty-three members were present. Mr. Bill Workman opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Steele called for commission reports.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle announced that the Finance Committee had voted to send a letter to the family of Miss Lucille Carter, honoring her for her long-time service as a member of the finance committee.

Mr. Ogle distributed copies of the treasurer’s Report for the month of April. He noted that expenses for the month exceeded income in the amount of $4,722. During the first 4 months of this year, 46% of the budget has been collected and 32% of budget spent. Financially, we are doing well.

YOUTH: Mrs. Nancy Smith reported that in honor of family week, father-son/mother-daughter volleyball games were played with 74 people attending the matches. Planning for the summer includes: outings to the Hendricks Lake House, Mountain Lake, Water Slide, and to the Steele lake house.

CHURCH & SOCIETY: Mrs. Elaine Gentry reported that $10,000 was made on the Urban Ministries sale. The Southern Side project continues to flourish. They had made $150 on a car wash which will help feed the Senior Citizens. Ninety to ninety-five children meet in the afternoon. They have formed a Teen Club that will need help from church volunteers with some of their projects.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards reported that a couple from Greenwood had been present on Sunday night to show their slides of work being done in Costa Rica. She said that the Southern Side Community needs materials and asked that board members contact Mrs. Brock at 232-5651 for information about donating. The Lenten Folders offering amounted to $3,968.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Garmon Smith announced that there were 45 present at the new member dinner. The next new member dinner is scheduled for July. Currently, there are 2,064 members on the church roll.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that the committee continues to work on the goals of improving attendance. The adult coordinators had sent out invitations to members who do not attend Sunday School regularly to a special film series being shown at the church school hour. Recruitment of teachers is being planned by Mrs. Becky Edmonds. She expects to have prospective teachers visit the elementary grade classes. Vacation church school is planned for June 7-11. The Seekers class has visited the Outreach Class in Spartanburg and look forward to hosting the Spartanburg class at Buncombe Street on May 23.

UNIVERSAL METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson thanked all the women who were involved in making the Women’s Day for bishop’s wives a success. She reported that the day included a tour of Greenville; a tour of the John Wesley Church; a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Elaine Thompson; and gifts for each of the wives included a Buncombe St. cookbook and a Bicentennial plate. The UMW will host two receptions in June: June 6 will be an appreciation reception for Rev. Bill Claytor and June 20 will be welcome reception for Rev. Bob Howell.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. Lyn Hendricks reported that a new morning exercise class will start Friday. The Fellowship Club will meet May 19. A bus trip to Atlanta Braves game for May 22 is fully subscribed. The Youth Choir of Forrest City, Mississippi will give a concert May 25 at 7:00 p.m. A learn-to-swim class begins June 21 to July 1.
CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Ker Ken Herron reported that the Communion Class has invited the Morgan Wesley Class to visit them.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: Dr. Garmon Smith reported that the school is in the "black" financially with 98% enrollment and 83% attendance. He expressed appreciation for the Lenten Folders contributions.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mr. Chauncey Lever announced that $81,425.25 has been raised for the W. J. Bryan Crenshaw Scholarship Fund - with gifts ranging from $5.00 to $10,000. He thanked the Board members for their unanimous endorsement of the program and for their individual participation. He said that as far as can be determined, this is the first time a minister has been honored by his congregation in this manner. In the early stages of the planning, Mr. Robert T. Thompson offered a challenge gift of $10,000 if the $70,000 was raised. Last Tuesday, a gift from Dr. Crenshaw's brother, Elton Crenshaw, put the campaign over the top. Typical of the many comments of appreciation was "You'll never know how much Dr. Crenshaw has meant to my family and me during our time of crisis." Mr. Lever expressed for the Scholarship Fund Committee appreciation to all who participated in a most worthy way to honor a minister, confidant and friend.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr announced that on May 25 the Jr. Choir would present a musical program, "Singing Bishop". May 30 there will be a recognition service for the Jr. Choir. Over 60 People are involved in the drama presentation, "See How They Run" being presented May 11 and 12.

ASSOCIATED MINISTER: Rev. Claytor announced that new residents of the Greenville area are being visited and invited to Buncombe Street.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw encouraged members to attend the drama presentation and the musical scheduled by the Mississippi youth choir. He announced that the Annual Conference in Spartanburg begins May 30. He expressed appreciation for the work done by the Scholarship committee and to all who participated. He brought the framed engraved parchment that had been presented to him on Sunday by Joab Lessene of Wofford. He said Sunday was a high moment in his ministry.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sara R. Brummer, Acting Secretary
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jerry Steele, the Chairman. Mr. John Redmond led the opening prayer. Mr. Steele asked for approval of the minutes which we approved as written. He also read a letter from Mr. Claytor expressing his gratitude for the Retirement Reception and gift. Mr. Steele called for the Commission reports.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported that we are running 42% on collections for the 5 months of this year. Due to many contributions at year end for tax purposes, we are only about 5% under last year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee discussed redecorating the social hall. The committee met last Wednesday and would like to begin sometime during the summer.

Mr. Tom Able reported on the painting of the church. He said the outside had been a problem for 20 years - not just painting. Johnny Goodman was low bidder. It is planned to do all the outside work first and then the sanctuary and the interior. In the past, it has taken three to four weeks to do the surface painting and then two weeks to paint the outside. At least two weeks are anticipated for the sanctuary. One problem is that it takes two Sundays but this will be worked out.

Mr. Jerry Steele introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bettis as visitors to our Board meeting. He also stated that our new minister had planned to attend but had to cancel as it was his moving day.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Edith Ballenger reported that planning for next year - 1983 - will begin next Monday. She asked that anyone having ideas please give them to a member of the committee or staff so they can be included.

Mr. Steele said the July Board meeting will not be held, but we will have a meeting in August.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Mrs. Elaine Gentry reported that the Washington Street House continues to flourish. They feed about 130 children at noon time. It has been very successful and the city is putting much effort into this area.

Mr. Gardner Hendrix reported on the Annual Conference. He felt it was one of the most orderly and best planned conferences he had attended.

There were several inspirational presentations, including a drama by the Council on Ministries, the ordination sermon by Bishop Clark, the memorial service for deceased ministers and their wives and an excellent historical address by Dr. A. V. Huff. Mr. Hendrix felt it would be very worthwhile to get copies of Dr. Huff's address for reading. He further reported that Miss Robinson gave an excellent talk that was appreciated by the large crowd.

Mr. Harry Thompson felt the conference was well organized and had good leadership, especially Bishop Clark. He felt there were no unpleasant items. He commended Mrs. Hendrix for her contribution.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. John Terry spoke on the Asbury Camp. The Board of Directors of the camp are embarking on a fund raising drive. The conference approved our beginning a fund raising drive for a winterized building similar to a motel where people
Chauncey Lever has been selected by the Finance Committee as leader of the 1983 Every Member Canvas, and all members of the Administrative Board were called upon to help in this assignment. Everyone was reminded of the covered dish dinner following the 11:00 a.m. service on July 4th.

Dr. Crenshaw said Freeman Orr will be bringing the church records up to date this summer.

Bob Howell will be arriving sometime tomorrow morning and we are certainly looking forward to having he and his family with us. His wife, Tricia will be working with our local Department of Social Services. Nan Ivester will have food for the Howell family tomorrow night.

Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lynn Ogle as Mr. Steele was on vacation. Mrs. Edith Ballenger opened with prayer. Mr. Ogle asked for approval of the minutes which were approved as written.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported that collections for the month of July were about usual. We have collected 67% of this year's budget. One concern is that collections on pledges are running 7% behind those of last year. The Finance Committee is making plans for next year and will meet again early next month. Budgets for 1983 will be recommended at the next meeting of the Administrative Board.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee commented on the services of Charles Gentry and Joan Gaulden who have been invaluable in helping with the renovations of our building. Alex Edmonds, of James H. Woodside & Co. (insurance) has also been particularly helpful. The "no depreciation" policy we purchased is very good. The new carpet and a new sound system have been selected.

STAFF-PARISH: Mr. Bennett Hudson reported that the committee is continuing a search for a business manager. One or two persons have been reviewed and we should have someone in that position soon.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Edith Ballenger reported that various commissions and committees are working on programs for next year. Plans and budgets will be submitted by August 14, and a meeting will be held on August 29 to go over all programs.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond reported that the Commission on Education has met and will have all proposals ready for next week. The committee met tonight and adopted a budget - they are ready for next year.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards reported that we will have the opportunity of hearing 25 mission interpreters on January 14-15-16. Dinner is planned on the 14th when these interpreters from all over the world get together.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Garmon Smith reported that we have 84 new members since the first of the year. We have lost 56 members and current membership is 2,063. He announced a telethon for the middle of September.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson reported that 50 women went to Lake Junaluska and had a delightful time. The tour of homes will be in September and the regular program begins in September prior to the next board meeting.

METHODIST MEN: The meeting of men will be the fourth Monday in August.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Lynn Hendricks announced that a meeting will be held tomorrow to finalize a budget. The program should be even better next year. David Stubbs reported that soft ball has been completed - this included children from 14 to adults. A full soft ball team is planned for fall.

The tennis tournament is planned for August - ladies and small boys are invited. The last event will be the golf tournament on August 28. Thirty-two golfers may play.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Mr. Ken Herron reminded everyone that Sunday, August 29, is promotion Day.
CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Dr. Smith reported that we have had pre-enrollment of 83. We had 78 this time last year. We had the lowest enrollment for August since the beginning of school because of the chicken pox epidemic in school.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr will have a class on introduction to the keyboard for 8 or 9 people. He invited participants. Plans are being made for the Advent Season.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson stated that we should applaud all people in Christian Education and for the preparation they have been making for next year. The Communion Class has so many members they had to move to the third floor of the Education building. Nursery volunteers have been increased to help with the care of the babies. The SACK program had good participation. August 29 will be observed as Christian Education Sunday. Third graders will receive Bibles. Promotion Sunday will be observed. The Teacher's workshop will be held on September 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES: Mr. Bill Claytor expressed his happiness in being able to continue working with Buncombe Street.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Mr. Bob Howell stated that he was trying to get his feet wet and see what is going on here. He looks forward to a long and happy relationship with the Church.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw stated that we are very glad to have Bob Howell on board - he is a very significant member of our staff. Dr. Crenshaw welcomed Sara Lever and said we were particularly glad to see her again.

Our budget will be considered before the next meeting - not building budgets but building programs. Dr. Crenshaw asked that we invite new people in the neighborhoods or people at work to visit our Church.

He reported on the fire in our church. The theory is arson as it is evident in what happened and confirmed by statements around the community. The person or persons who broke into the church took eggs and meat, etc., then built a fire on the stage to cook the food. A warrant is out for a specific suspect - one that made contact with the church several days prior to the fire. The suspect has serious mental problems.

Dr. Crenshaw reported that all committees, boards, members of the congregation and others had been completely supportive and helpful in working toward restoration of the church following the fire. Special gratitude is expressed to Charles Gentry and Joan Gaulden, who have volunteered professional expertise and great amounts of time. Tom Curlee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has practically given full time to the church. Junius Garrison and members of the Property Committee have worked constantly and Jerry Steele and Alex Edmonds have been particularly helpful.

REPORT ON PROGRESS: Decisions have been made regarding the carpet and sound system for the sanctuary. The basic planning for the redoing of the social hall has been completed by the Committee on the Renovation of Fellowship Hall. Under the guidance of Mr. Gentry and Mrs. Gaulden work will be completed as soon as possible. The cleaning of the organ cannot be done until painting is complete in the sanctuary.

When we move back into the sanctuary, we would like that to be a great day of celebration and a special day of thanksgiving.

On motion of Mr. Richard Rountree, Mr. Bob Downs offered a prayer for Ansley Bruce's family. Mr. Bruce just passed away. Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.
Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order and, Mr. Gardner Hendrix opened with prayer. Mr. Steele asked for corrections or deletions to the minutes of the last meeting and there being none, the minutes were approved as written.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle reported that revenues for the current month were $32,057 and expenses were $47,234. This, of course, was expenses over revenues of $15,000. We have collected 72.6% of our budget and have spent almost exactly two-thirds. Collections on pledges are about 6% behind, which is good considering the economy.

Mr. Ogle asked Tommy Thomason, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, to give a full and detailed analysis of the proposed budget for next year. He said the Finance Committee had worked very diligently and this budget is strictly a tentative one. He expressed appreciation to Bruce Buchanan who will head our drive and asked everyone's cooperation.

Our budget for 1982 was $592,206. The tentative budget for 1983 is $639,849. The increase has been adopted and would have been less but for the conference request went from $124,315 to $142,020 in 1983.

A copy of the proposed 1983 budget was passed to everyone so they might compare and note the increases. Mr. Bruce Buchanan, Chairman of the Campaign Committee, the Sub-Committee and the Finance Committee have met and feel this is a very fair and attainable budget, and they are ready to begin the campaign to raise funds. Mr. Thomason stated that we must face facts because we will have to pay more to the conferences but, by the same token, the conferences help in many fields. We need to have an understanding that if the money is not raised, some adjustments in the conference budget will have to be made.

Mr. Tommy Thomason recommended that we adopt this tentative budget for 1983 of $639,749. The motion was seconded and approved.

Much discussion was held on the Benovolence, Conference and District Askings. Mr. Thomason reported that nothing was cut from the local budget requests.

All the District Superintendent's salaries have been fairly small as compared to others. The District Superintendent is making less than some of the churches he is supervising. His salary is approximately $30,000 and he has approximately 60 charges in his district.

The Annual Conference adopted the budgets made up of lay members of local churches. From this church, we had 2 ministers and 6 lay delegates to the conference so we were well represented in the budget meetings.

Mr. Thomason also stated that the goal for our building fund would be the same as last year - $75,000. The motion that this be approved was made, seconded and approved.

Mr. Jerry Steele reported on our progress in the sanctuary. The painting and carpeting is now complete. The Fellowship Hall will be ready in a few weeks. The ceiling lights are installed and the kitchen and children's dining room are completed.

STAFF-PARISH: Mr. Bennett Hudson had been searching for a Business Manager and announced that the slot has been filled. Mr. Wendell H. Thomas joined our church staff effective September 1. Mr. Thomas was introduced and expressed his appreciation and pleasure in being with us.
COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Sis Ballenger reported that their budget requirements had been discussed at the committee meeting on Sunday afternoon, August 30. The parking problem was discussed and a recommendation has been prepared for the Board. Mr. Lynn Ogle has a copy.

Mr. Jerry Steele agreed with the existence of this problem and called for discussion from the Board. The Board recommended that it be investigated according to the letter and turned over to the finance committee to decide if it is feasible for the Board of Trustees to implement.

YOUTH: Janie Creech stated that 50 teens were in attendance for MYF and a covered dish supper is planned for this Sunday. A beach retreat is planned for October 8-9 and a retreat to Wofford for this week-end.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards reported much enthusiasm for the Missionary event in January. She asked that we welcome the 25 missionaries who will be here the morning of the 16th.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Garmon Smith announced the new member dinner on September 22. The Telethon will be September 20 and 21. We have taken in 95 new members and lost 63 - current membership is 2,067.

COORDINATORS-UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson announced a fall tour of homes on September 21. On October 5, the United Methodist Women will have their very first night meeting so the working women can be present. It will be a supper meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a movie called "Lila" will be presented.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs announced the usual 4th Monday Breakfast for the men. An interesting talk is planned by the District Scout Executive. We are trying to start a Scout troop.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Dr. Smith reported that 93 children are enrolled in the church school. The staff has been reduced and it is hoped it can remain this way in order to have a balanced budget.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs reported that volleyball will begin this week. They have a 9-team league. A new program will begin for dancing for 4-5-6 year old children. The Fellowship Club will meet on Wednesday and Stan Olenick will be the speaker.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The teachers have met for training and we have an excellent teaching team. The new curriculum has been discussed and it is very exciting. An attendance goal has been set and everyone is invited. A singles program will also be starting with many significant events planned.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES: Mr. Bill Claytor reported that we know of 76 people who are shut-ins and still finding new ones. He is attempting to see them on a regular basis. There are 28 in nursing homes.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr expressed his wish to continue interest in music for everyone. He passed out booklets. Appropriate music is planned for Sunday when we return to the Sanctuary.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Mr. Bob Howell announced the new member dinner on the 22nd. A Bible Study for young adults begins this month. The Inquirer's Class has an enrollment of 9. This is particularly for people who are not of the Methodist faith.
SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw asked for nominations from the Administrative Board. Approximately 200 people have been nominated.

The every member canvas this year is certainly a challenge - especially in our economic condition; however, most of us do what we must. He hopes that all will do well and give Bruce Buchanan full effort. He also reminded everyone of Epworth Children’s Day on Sunday.

Dr. Crenshaw expressed his delight with the progress on the Sanctuary. It is so beautiful and we all have the greatest heartfelt thanks to Joan Gauldin and Charles Gentry for their time and efforts.

Sunday will be historic when we move back into the Sanctuary. Parts of the church have been here for 110 years and we came so close to losing it. Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order and Sis Ballenger opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

FINANCE: Lynn Ogle, Chm., reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the COM proposal made to the Administrative Board concerning additional parking. The committee had concluded that it was possible to implement additional parking for church members during the week. Details will be worked out by a sub-committee consisting of Jerry Steele, Sis Ballenger and Dick Roundtree.

Mr. Ogle presented details of the budget through September 1982. He expressed concern that collections on current pledges are slightly down. In September, 1981, 79% of the budget had been collected. In September, 1982, only 73% has been collected. Bill Workman asked if this fact had been communicated to the congregation. After discussion, Dr. Crenshaw and Jerry Steele said articles would be included in the church bulletin and in "What's Happening".

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee reported that the Board had decided to name the newly renovated Fellowship Hall Sisk Hall.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Sis Ballenger expressed appreciation to the Administrative Board for authorizing the Finance Committee to study the parking situation and to the Finance Committee for finding the plan feasible and for implementing it. The COM will consider increased programming a major priority.

MISSIONS: Mrs. Edith Edwards announced a mission festival on January 15 and 16. A banquet will be held at Buncombe Street on January 14, 1982. Anyone able to attend should conduct Edith Edwards.

EDUCATION: Mrs. Susan Redmond announced that the commission is working on church school attendance and recruitment. The Brummers, Adult Coordinators, are trying to contact church members who are not involved in the church school. A new class is being formed for newly-married couples. The Lenten School, under the direction of Mrs. Sally McCloud, is now being planned. Suggestions for topics and speakers were requested. Mrs. Redmond reported that Mother's Day Out, directed by Mrs. Vaughan Landers and Mrs. Martiel Roundtree, assistant, is operating with a full program. This program is offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-2:00 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance.

LAY LEADER: Mr. Gardner Hendrix encouraged attendance at the Greenville District Lay Rally on October 14 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Ida Hudson reported that $2,600 had been made on the Fall Tour of Homes. The UMW held its first nightly meeting in October, which was well-attended.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Claytor announced that the meeting would be held on the 4th Monday morning. The program will feature medical missions in Africa.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: Mrs. Sara Cooley reported that 92 children were enrolled in school. The first PTA meeting was held on the first Tuesday evening in October with Dr. Jack Chandler as speaker.
LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs reported that 4 volleyball teams have entered the church league. Eighty-four people attended the World's Fair on October 10. Mrs. Tricia Howell has started a ceramics class which was well-attended. The Fellowship Club will meet October 20 with Carroll Campbell as speaker. Other classes beginning in October are water color with Webb Garrison, Auto Repair, organized by Bill Henley, and the Basketball Clinic on October 20. The Halloween Carnival will be held Wednesday, October 27. The Boy Scout Troop is increasing in size and there is a possibility that an Explorer's Troop will be organized.

MUSIC: Freeman Orr announced that all choirs are back in operation. Anyone interested in singing is invited to join. The Junior Choir has begun work on a Cantata for December and the Youth Choir, the largest it has been in many years, is also working on a musical. The Christmas portion of the Messiah will be presented Dec. 5. Mr. Orr is interested in forming a Men's Choral Group and requested volunteers.

CIRCUIT RIDER CAMPAIGN: Mr. Bruce Buchanan reported that the pledge campaign for 1983 is on target. He emphasized that a successful program depends on everyone's participation and involvement and requested Administrative Board Members to participate as much as possible. Everyone was urged to attend the dinners planned for Thursday, November 4, and Sunday, November 7. Trent Ninestein, John Redmond and Bruce Buchanan are working on a video tape which will be presented.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Mr. Bob Howell reported that we have had a net gain of 39 members in 1982 with a total of 2074 now on the roll. Over 200 families had been contacted during the recent telethon. He is leading a Bible Study for young adults on Wednesday.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw commented on the continuing work in the Fellowship Hall and outside walls of the church. Many favorable comments concerning the remodeled sanctuary have been received from both members and the TV audience. The sound system in the sanctuary is to be completed soon. A memorial has been received to fund the system for the hard-of-hearing.

Dr. Crenshaw asked board members to consider the many stewardship opportunities presented by the Circuit Rider Campaign and requested that members provide the example for the rest of the church. He expressed gratitude to members for their efforts in making the work of the Kingdom possible. Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hendricks
MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

NOVEMBER 8, 1982
51 MEMBERS PRESENT

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1982 -- CHARGE CONFERENCE FOLLOWING

Mr. John Redmond opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. Jerry Steele called on Mr. Bill Workman who announced plans for the funeral of Mayor Jesse Helms. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as mailed. Mr. Bruce Buchanan introduced the Circuit Rider film. Mr. Bruce Buchanan introduced the Circuit Rider film. He explained that the purpose of the film is to change the approach to the Circuit Rider Campaign. Dr. Crenshaw expressed appreciation to all those who shared in the production of the film; especially to John Redmond, Trenton Ninestein and Fred Gant, producer at WFBC.

FINANCE: Mr. Lynn Ogle distributed the Treasurer's Report for October. Expenses for the current month exceeded income by $521. Year-to-date income exceeds expenses by $16,492. Eighty three and one-third (83-1/3%) of pledges have been paid to date compared to 85% last year at this time.

TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Curlee announced that a group of trustees and members of the property committee would be meeting to make the final inspection of the outside painting that has been completed.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Sis Ballenger reminded members of the Council meeting on Monday and asked that they submit a brief summary of accomplishments for the year.

YOUTH: James Creech reported the youth activities that are planned:
December 5 - a Spaghetti Supper, proceeds for their Christmas charities.
December 12 - youth will be in charge of the 9 o'clock worship service.
December 19 - youth to go carolling to homebound members.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Mrs. Lib Heard Dow reported that the Southside Community project is going well. Meals are being served 5 days per week to the elderly and a soup kitchen is being operated for the indigent. Prince of Peace Catholic Church has joined the project and taken responsibility for meals on Friday. She asked for continued donations to the Food Basket located in the church school lobby and reminded members of the need for Christmas gifts for the mentally ill. Ingles register tapes are being collected in jars.

MISSIONS: Mr. Rudy Shives reported that the committee is studying the best use of the interest money for use with missionaries.

EVANGELISM: Dr. Garmon Smith reported that 126 new church members have been received since January 1. There are now 2085 members at Buncombe Street. The goal of 150 new members by years end now seems possible. New member dinner is scheduled for November 22.

WORSHIP: Mrs. Mary Jane Steele reported services as follows:
9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day
Advent Services on Wednesday for 4 weeks beginning November 28 at 12:30 p.m.
December 12 - Special Christmas program at 5:00 p.m.
December 15 - Candlelight Service
December 24 - Christmas Eve Communion Services at 7:00 and 11:15 p.m.

EDUCATION: Mrs. John Redmond reported the Lenten School program plans are all complete. Mrs. Sally McLeod is the director. The new Young Married Class is going well with Mr. Jerry Steele as teacher. Already they have 15 people who have attended.
UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Dock Dounws reported the Men's Breakfast meeting for the 4th Monday. May 13 and 14 are the dates for the Methodist Retreat at the Methodist Camp. The theme for the service is "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: Mrs. Sara Cooley reported that the same number of children are now enrolled as last month.

Mr. Bill Henley announced that the Seekers Class is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on December 11. Proceeds will go for Meals on Wheels and Greenville United Ministries.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs announced that basketball practice has started. The year they have two girls teams of the same age.

November 12 and 16 - a new session of exercises will begin.

November 17 - Fellowship Outing is planned.

November 23 - Group Discussion members meet

Coming next - March through May - Horseback riding lessons.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr praised the Primary Choir for their performance on Sunday morning November 7. He announced that December 5 is the date for the presentation of the Messiah by the choir and special music for December 24 Communion Service. He reported that the youth choir now has 30 enrolled.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Rev. Bill Claytor reported on visiting the shut-ins, participating in Bible study group and opportunities to fill pulpits were needed.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw announced the Rev. Bob Howell is attending a convocation at Duke University and that Jonell Robinson is at a SE Jurisdictional Conference for Christian Educators in Florida.

He announced a group of members had met to plan for the Circuit Rider Program under the direction of Mr. Bruce Buchanan. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of Lou Brummer, Trent Ninestein, John Redmond and Lynn Ogle, Jerry Steele and Lewis Hazelwood.

He expressed slight concern regarding the finances. He said we are not in a dangerous position but that it is important that we begin the new year with all obligations paid. We need to collect $100,000 through November and December. Reference to the need will be made in the bulletin and "What's Happening". Next month's meeting is the final meeting of the year and will be combined with the Charge Conference.


He announced plans for honoring Janet Bennett who has served the church for more than 20 years. A gift will be presented to her at the conclusion of the Sunday service and she will be a special guest at the Family Night Supper.

In the next two weeks we will have the report of the Circuit Rider program and at the January meeting we will be able to move into the true budget determination for the year. As members of the Administrative Board, we need to set example and remember the church in daily prayer.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m. with prayer by Dr. Crenshaw.

Sara R. Brummer, Acting Secretary
Mr. Jerry Steele called the meeting to order and Mr. Gardner Hendrix opened with prayer. Mr. Steele asked for corrections or deletions to the minutes of the November meeting. There was one correction in the last sentence of the first paragraph - Mr. Fred Gent should read Mr. Fred Gant. The minutes were approved with this change. Mr. Steele expressed appreciation to the Board for their help during the past year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lynn Ogle gave a report on the Circuit Rider. We have received 878 pledges to the operating budget in the amount of $569,741, which is 89.1% of the total 1983 budget. $75,006 has been pledged on the Family Activity Building. The goal was $75,000.

Mr. Tommy Thomason indicated that we owe $107,000 on the Family Activity Building and he feels that we might be able to pay off the building by the end of 1983.

Mr. Ogle stated that the 1983 budget will be completed by the next meeting. He feels that we might have to reduce the Benevolence, Conference and District. He recommended to the Finance Committee that we approve $133,741, rather than the $142,390 which would be our apportionment. This would be a 7.5% increase over a year ago where they have asked us for 14.6%. It is believed that the Conference needs to do some belt tightening since these items have continued upward since 1980. Mr. Ogle recommends that if we are able to pay the amount in full, that we do so but if not, we pay the amount as above stated. The motion to do this was made and approved.

Mr. Tommy Thomason, Chm. of the Budget Committee, believes this money will be available in the overall budget. Mr. Bill Orders asked if this budget would again be reviewed by the Finance Committee and Mr. Ogle answered that we would review it again, but it would take Board action to pass on the recommendations.

In addition, it was recommended that the Staff Parish and Personnel proposed budget of $276,981 (a 6% increase over the prior year) be approved for 1983. The motion to do this was made and approved.

Mr. Ogle reported that our expenditures for the month of November were $6,988 in excess of receipts. However, we have revenues of $7,208 more than expenditures to date in 1982. Through the month of November we have received 82.2% of the total budget compared with 92% at the same date last year. To pay in full the projected budget for 1982, we would need to collect approximately $60,000 in December, and it is believed that most of this will be collected. We have received $110,000 related to the insurance from fire damage, and this has been used to pay expenses of repair.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Ida Hudson reported that the total of $20,000 has been raised by the United Methodist Women over the past four years for refurbishing Sisk Hall. She further reported that this year's $10,000 pledge to world missions has been paid in full; that $4,000 has been given through the budget to community agencies; and an additional $3,5000 from surplus funds has been donated to special needs within the Greenville area.

BUINCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

At this time the meeting was turned over to the Reverend DeArmond Canaday, District Superintendent, who presided at the Charge Conference.

Mr. Canaday reported on the general state of the Church, including recent appointments made, including four new pastors coming into the Greenville District, particu-
larly here at Buncombe Street. He expressed his gratitude for the way ministry has developed during the last five-and-a-half years in the Greenville District, particularly here at Buncombe Street. He expressed appreciation for the lay leadership of Buncombe Street and to the Senior Minister and stated that he was very pleased with Robert Howell coming to Buncombe Street as Associate Minister. Mr. Canaday further stated that Buncombe Street provides leadership not only for the Greenville District, but also the South Carolina Annual Conference.

Mr. Canaday commented on the prior action on the Administrative Board dealing with Conference benevolences, and stated that he felt Buncombe Street was handling this in a responsible way. He called attention to the continuing increases in Conference benevolences, especially in the Pension Program, and stated that the Annual Conference would have to take a hard look at its increasing expenditure.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw made the report of the Senior Minister. He stated that this year would probably be remembered as the year of the fire, but expressed gratitude that the damage was no more severe and appreciation to all of those who have helped in the restoration. He further commented on the spiritual life of the church, stating that the spirit of the people was excellent and that the church was experiencing growth in all areas of its ministry. It is expected that the new member goal of 150 would be reached this year, a great many new programs had been begun, the church had raised more money during 1982 than any local church in the history of the South Carolina Annual Conference, and that our missions and outreach program was constantly expanding. He further expressed appreciation to the lay leadership of the church, with special gratitude being expressed to those leaders and members of the Board who would rotate off this year.

He expressed appreciation to the Reverend DeArmond Canaday for his leadership as District Superintendent during the past five-and-a-half years. Mr. Canaday will return to the pastorate in June.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mrs. Edith Ballenger made the report for the Council on Ministries and stated that a great deal had been accomplished during this past year with an outstanding and expanding program. She read the reports from the various committees.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF LEADERS FOR 1983: Mr. Canaday called on Dr. Crenshaw for the presentation of the report of the nominating Committee (see attached copy). Those nominated were elected with the following additions:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Mr. Louis Brummer, Mrs. Sally McLeod, Mr. Lewis Hazelwood.

ADDED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: - Robert Downs

DIACONAL MINISTERS: The following were approved as Diaconal Ministers: Miss Jonell Robinson, Mrs. Sara Cooley, Mr. Freeman Orr.

LAY SPEAKERS: Approved as lay speakers were Mr. B. O. Thomason, Jr.; Mr. John Terry, Mrs. Ann Bettis; Dr. Garmon Smith.

The work of the Charge Conference, having been concluded, the meeting was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Canaday.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie King
59 Members Present

Mr. John Redmond, our new Chairman, called the meeting to order and Mr. Trent Nine-stein offered the opening prayer. Mr. Redmond reminded everyone to please make reservations for the dinner.

Mr. Redmond announced that this was the first meeting of the new board and the last meeting of the old board. All new members were recognized as well as the old members going off the board. Mr. Redmond plans a few changes for our Administrative Board meetings. He called for the committee reports.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Mrs. Lib Heard Dow spoke of the financial support needed by the Southern Side Community House. She reported that Mrs. Brock asked the City Council for funds on this project and requested us to speak with the City Council to assist them in making a decision to help these local people.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. John Terry announced that a new Covenant Group will begin on February 7. He invited all to join. They will be talking with individuals on a one-to one basis in an effort to get more people involved.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs gave his report on the activities of the church.

EVANGELISM: Bob Howell, our Associate Minister, discussed his new class on Contemporary Theologians beginning on Tuesday night and invited everyone to join this class.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lewis Haselwood expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the staff and feels everything is going well. Our December report shows that we have taken in $17,102 more than expenditures and we ended with a good year.

Because all pledge cards had not been received, the final budget was not adopted until tonight. A total of 897 pledges have been received, totaling $583,997, which represents 26 more pledges than in 1982. The original budget of $639,749 has been amended to $631,100. The attached sheet shows the revenue sources for the General Fund. The budget of $631,100 was proposed and unanimously adopted by the board.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS: Dr. Crenshaw expressed gratitude for four windfall gifts received by the church totaling $30,500 and stated that the church must not become dependent for budget purposes upon windfall gifts. Of these gifts $13,000 has been included in the operating budget, and he recommended that the other $17,500 be set aside for special projects. Suggested as possibilities are an in-house telephone system and a computer.

Mr. John Redmond spoke of the upcoming year. He will not call on every commission or staff member for each meeting. He plans to ask specific committees or staff members for a monthly in-depth report on activities for that group or organization.

In 1984, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Buncombe Street and our 200th year of Methodism. A group will be implementing ideas, etc. for celebrations all next year.

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Questions were raised about the request for additional parking. It was reported that 27 spaces in the Richardson Street lot have been cleared for staff and church parking immediately adjacent to the church. These additional spaces will be vacated by staff for big events when additional parking is needed.

Mr. Tommy Thomason moved to give authority to the Property Committee to study an in-house telephone system, and to give them power to act with expenditure up to $13,000. The motion carried. Mr. Thomason also moved that the Finance Committee study the possibility of a computer system and report back to the Administrative Board. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomason further reported that the debt on the Family Activities Building had been reduced to $92,000 as of January 1, 1983.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw passed sign-up sheets to the Administrative Board so that any member could indicate his desire to serve on the commissions. He further reported on the Mission Saturation Event on this coming weekend and commented on the increasing attendance at church School and worship services.

Dr. Crenshaw informed the Board that Mrs. Clelia Hendrix and Mrs. Edith Ballenger had been among the 15 nominated by the District as suitable delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He reported the present membership at 2,095, the highest membership in many years. The all-time high reported to Annual Conference was 1,183 in 1954.

Dr. Crenshaw closed in prayer asking for a deepening of our spiritual life, making it possible for all our people to grow closer to the love of Christ Jesus.
67 Members Present

Mr. Dick Roundtree opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. John Redmond asked that everyone stand and sing Dr. Pete Hollis' favorite song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" since it was Valentine's Day.

Mr. Redmond asked for corrections or additions to the minutes for the last meeting. One number required correction and Dr. Crenshaw will make the change on the official minutes. The minutes were approved as written with this one correction.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lewis Hazelwood reports that we are in good shape—a little better than the same time in 1982. Mr. Hazelwood gave an extensive report on the proposal of acquiring a computer of our own. Some 8 years ago, Howard Suitt offered us his computer, and we have used it in many financial campaigns on a limited basis and for other aspects of the church's work. He stated that we are now prepared to review information that has been gathered and ask for approval from the Finance Committee.

After describing the capabilities of the computer and how it could benefit the church and church school, it has been decided that Computer Dimensions of Florence could supply us with the computer most suited for our needs—a Data Point Computer. Approximately 20 churches across the state use this system.

Two terminals would cost about $15,600 and the software would be approximately $4,500. The vendor will train our people on using the equipment. Plans are for two members of the Finance Committee and the church staff to train for five days here at the church. A machine maintenance fee will be due each month and it is estimated that the computer could be put into use in May.

The Following proposal was submitted and approved:

The Committee on Finance recommends the Administrative Board authorize the Select Sub-Committee on Computerization of the Committee on Finance to contract on behalf of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church for the purchase of that computer equipment, software, training services and supplies comprehended by the attached schedule "Highlights of Computer Proposal" dated February 14, 1983 and to contract for such related user licenses and maintenance agreements as may be appropriate; and to authorize payment therefore out of available sources identified as "Undesignated Specials," Tithes, and "Property Sale Proceeds," when and if authorized by the Board of Trustees.

"Highlights of the Computer Proposal" are attached and made a part of these minutes.
Mr. Fred McDonald offered the Administrative Board a way to make money rather than spending. Over the years, friends or members have presented property to the Board of Trustees, and he felt we should try to sell these properties. It is the general opinion that these properties have not sold due to the economy. We have property on Stone Avenue and on Augusta Street. The Board, during the last two years, has had the property appraised by people both inside and outside the church. Mr. McDonald moved that we accept a bid of $12,500 for the Augusta Street property and the motion was unanimously accepted.

A debt of gratitude was extended to Tom Curlee for all the time he spent, above and beyond the call of duty, in the aftermath of the fire.

Mr. Alex Edwards announced that we will have a new pictorial directory in the spring. He felt this was needed since we would be celebrating our 150th year during next year. Photos will be taken beginning on April 5 - continuing for 3 weeks. Everyone will need to plan to have photos taken.

Mr. Redmond stated at the last meeting that we would have a special report each month from one of the committees to let us know a little more about what that particular committee really does. This month, Susan Redmond presented a special report on the Commission on Education. Her report is attached and made part of these minutes.

Sally McLean reported on the Lanton School which will be presented on the four Sunday nights in March. The Adult courses will be (1) Portraits of Christ in the Gospels by Dr. Charles D. Barrett, Professor of Religion at H﹑fford College (2) Growing Up to God: How Parents and Children Can Help One Another by Dr. Doris Blazier, Ph. D in Elementary/Early Childhood Education at Furman University (3) Essential Theology for Grown-Ups - Faith, Hope, Love and Forgiveness by Rev. James Ellis Griffeth, Chaplain, Greenville Hospital System (4) Conflicts for the Christian by William D. Horkman, III, Director of Industrial Relations at Daniel International.

Mr. Redmond called on Dr. Crenshaw for his report.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw reminded everyone that worship services would begin this Wednesday at 12:30 and continuing on Wednesday during Lenten season with Light Luncheons served afterwards. Dr. Bill Horne is to be the first speaker. Dr. Crenshaw concluded the meeting with prayer.

Attachments - 2
USES:
* Membership Demographics
* Prospect/Visitation Tracking
* Church School Attendance/Rolls
* Contribution Accounting
* Financial Bookkeeping
* Payroll

EQUIPMENT:
* Manufacturer - Datapoint
* Vendor - Computer Dimensions (Florence, S.C.)
* Configuration:
  ** Two (2) Video Display Terminals
  ** Two (2) Printers
  ** One (1) Megabyte Hard Disc
  ** One (1) Megabyte Diskette
  ** 64K Bytes of Main Memory

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* Recurring costs expected to be nominal.

IMPLEMENTATION:
* Equipment can be available within eight weeks of order date.
* Training by vendor is scheduled to be accomplished in two segments totaling five (5) days to be attended by two (2) church staff members and two (2) church members.
* Ministerial applications to be operational within four (4) months after installation of equipment.
* Financial applications to be operational by January 1, 1984.
One of 7 basic work areas at Duncome Street Commission on Education has 31 members has 5 responsibilities

1. Church School management
2. Christian education for all ages
3. Curriculum Resources - select
4. Develop/support church education
5. Training - provide

We are responsible for the total education program.

Major Thrust that hits most members - Sunday morning.
- 16 adult classes
- We provide teacher training
- We order curriculum

C O E Organization

- 6 coordinators divide work load by age levels.
- Each oversees Church School activities on Sunday morning.

C O E in general

1. Teacher Training
2. Lenten School
3. Church School Directory - for adult classes
4. Inform Church member of educational opportunities available
5. Recruitment
6. Budget
7. Child Development School

FUTURE PLANS

1. Survey
2. Attendance
3. Bi-centennial Celebration
4. Map of church adequate signs
5. Letter to Properties suggestion building improvements

Susan Radmics, Chairperson
The meeting was opened with prayer. Mr. Redmond asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as written.

Mr. Lewis Hazelwood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that we spent a little more than we took in for the month of February. There was nothing more of particular interest to report.

Mr. Ken Herron of the Education Committee gave a summary of the Lenten School and invited all board members to attend.

Mr. Alex Edmonds announced a major project which is getting everyone to pre-register for photos for the pictoral directory. Approximately 260 families have already pre-registered and he would like to have 400 families pre-registered.

Mr. Tom Curlee reported on the fine reception in the Sisk Hall. Renovations are planned for the two toilets on each side of the stage and estimates are being obtained.

COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM: Mr. Eddie Habers gave a full report by naming the four committees which make up the Evangelism Commission and explaining extensively the responsibilities of each committee. He stated that evangelism is a combination of many people going forth as new disciples of all the people. This came through Christ's final command.

First would be winning the un-churched - identifying by radio and television. Next would be membership recruitment - identifying each visitor and checking for valid candidates and then lay visitation. Membership assimilation consists of the Inquirers classes and the new member dinner. Lastly, the membership development contacts old members who have dropped out and are not active - identifying them, and seeking to make them active.

Mrs. Sara Cooley reported on two exciting happenings. They now have full enrollment and would like to have full enrollment for the fall by the end of this month. Notification has been received that out state license has been approved for two more years. Many of the parents have been out of work or had their working hours cut and they asked Sara to thank the board for the help and understanding we have given during these hard times.

Mr. David Stubbs reported that the basketball season is winding down. The senior girls are to play in Columbia for the championship.

Mr. Freeman Orr, Choir Director, reported that the Youth Choir is working on another musical. On Palm Sunday, they will have brass instruments and during Holy Week the Chancel Choir will feature Easter Anthems and be accompanied by brass instruments as well as the organ.
PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw announced that the 9:00 a.m. service on Palm Sunday would be conducted entirely by the young people and held in the Memorial Chapel.

Also, he said the Sisk Hall was a very beautiful facility and invited Board members down to see it after the meeting if they had not seen it.

Dr. Crenshaw understands the installation of the new telephone system will begin tomorrow.

He encouraged everyone to participate in the remaining Lenten school and also to have their pictures made. He feels the pictorial brochure is a most valuable tool. Every person having a picture made will receive one free 8X10.

George Duffey, Jr. has been approved as our new District Superintendent.

Dr. Crenshaw said that evangelism is the heart, core and main purpose of the church and is made up for the following: 1) Pure evangelism 2) Membership recruitment 3) Membership assimilation 4) Membership retention 5) Discipling 6) Seeking enablement and enrichment of life.

Dr. Crenshaw closed with prayer.
Mr. Eddie Nabers opened the meeting with prayer. Mr. John Redmond asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as written.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Mr. Redmond asked for the report on the Commission to be presented first as our guest had to attend another meeting. This month's report featured the Christian Social Concerns. Mrs. Lib Dow serves as Chairperson of this Commission. She quoted a verse from Mark - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" - which sums up the purpose and intent of all Commission on Social Concerns. They are charged with identifying local needs and with involving the church congregation in local social action projects. Also, it is their responsibility to make the church aware of legislation concerning social issues at the local, state and national level.

The Commission currently has 18 members who represent several areas of service and with diverse interest. They work with United Church Women, United Ministries, the Southern Side Block Partnership and, the Board of Southern Side Community House.

Some of the continuing projects are the Food Pantry and the Annual Benefit Sale for United Ministries, Pendleton Place, Alston Wilkes Society and the Woman's Shelter, Operation Santa Claus and the Greenville Association for the Retarded. Recently added was "The Stork's Nest" which provides clothing and supplies to underprivileged mothers and their new babies.

The Community House on West Washington Street and the neighborhood contacts through the experiences of the Southernside Block Partnership are a special interest. This began in 1978, with members of the Commission meeting with members of the Southernside Community. This group co-sponsored "Clean-Up Days," two basketball teams and "Happy Days" - a summer day camp held here at our church for several years.

The Commission on Christian Social Concerns invites recommendations and support from all the church groups. It is our responsibility to recognize a need and channel that need into affirmative action.

Mrs. Dow then introduced Mrs. Lila Mae Brock as a wonderful and dedicated person who has been working at the Southerside Home with the underprivileged.

Mrs. Brock thanked us for having her and explained how Southernside Community House began. They are feeding about 40 senior citizens and 60 street people—these people come in, clean up and listen to ministers. These people have accepted Christ. She shared some of the experiences since this house has been in operation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Redmond then asked for the Finance Committee report. Mr. Louis Hazelwood referred everyone to the Finance Report he had handed out. There were no changes. This report is attached and made a part of these minutes.
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. John Terry presented the report and asked everyone to register for pictures for the Pictorial Directory.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Bob Downs reminded everyone of the breakfast on the fourth Monday. He also spoke on the Spring Retreat scheduled for May 13-14 for all men at Camp Asbury Hills.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: This committee will plan the 150th anniversary of the church. Mrs. Nancy Eskew will be Chairperson on this group and they plan to begin work right away. We will also be celebrating the 200th birthday of Methodism in America.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Jonell Robinson reported that our Lenten School was excellent and the largest ever.

MEMBERSHIP: Mr. Bob Howell stated that on January 1, 1983, we had 2,095 members. Since January 1, we have received 49 new members, lost 12 to other churches and had 9 deaths. Our membership total to date is 2,123.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs announced that volleyball and softball teams are now being formed. He also invited all interested parties to join the church-wide trip to Floridia at the end of May.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr announced a special presentation by the Junior Choir and the Christ Church Junior Choir on April 27. The Youth presented a musical in February and plan to do so again at a 9:00 a.m. service.

MISSIONS: It was reported that a total of $5,109 was collected from 265 Lenten folders.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw said he felt there were so many significant things about the Lenten Season. The Easter services were extremely significant and everyone who participated did an excellent job - he is grateful for this season.

He encouraged every member of the Administrative Board to have their pictures taken for the directory. The organ is now being cleaned and this will be the final aspect of the fire. The air conditioning towers are under construction and will be ready before the season.

Before we meet again, we will have celebrated Christian Family Day and Mother's Day. Dr. Crenshaw also spoke of the significance of the Epworth Children's Home. This past year we were the only church to exceed $12,000.

Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.
THE NEXT MEETING JUNE 13, 1983

BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

MAY 9, 1983

33 Members Present - 4 Excused Absences

Mr. John Redmond called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Bob Howell to open in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Mr. W. R. Shives gave this month's report from the Commission on Missions. He stated that our first full time missionary was adopted in 1926 at a cost of $1,500. The Easter offering was $704 and Mr. Walter Griffin underwrote the project to make up the difference.

Today our mission budget is $21,600. A total of $5,285 was realized from the 287 Lenten folders returned.

The projects supported are the Southarside Community, Child Development School, Mentally Retarded Association, Meals on Wheels, Camp Spearhead and United Ministries Emergency Relief. This year we also adopted international Nursing Service Association which we feel is a very good project. In Haiti, we have two nurses to train 80 people.

Mr. Shives then introduced Mr. Warren C. Wofford and his wife, Jeanette, who serve as United Methodist missionaries in Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil where he is Coordinator of Youth Materials.

Mr. Wofford stated that he had been in the mission field since 1958 and we have given support since 1962. He feels that missions are an endangered species as the churches feel that each country should have their own responsibilities. His present job as Coordinator of Youth Materials involves not only the production of materials, but preparation of suggestions for teachers and superintendents of Sunday Schools. He is also pastor of a local church.

Mr. John Redmond thanked Mr. Wofford for sharing his experiences with us and then asked for reports from the committees.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Mr. Tom Curlee thanked Tom Able and Campbell Tile for the work done in the Kindergarten Department.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Mr. Gardner Hendrix called attention to the District Laymen's Retreat at the Methodist Camp on Friday and Saturday. The Methodist Men's Breakfast is scheduled for May 23, and Bill Workman will be the speaker.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION: Mrs. Redmond announced that they will be finishing up the classes on the Hurried Child next Wednesday. Plans are to resume this type program in the fall.
The Mother's Day Out program has picked up quite a bit - they have 27 children and a waiting list for the summer program.

They are working hard on attendance in Sunday Schools. A chart of attendance for all classes each Sunday is posted on the glass partition in back of the sanctuary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lewis Hazelwood had nothing to report other than the Treasurer's Report for April which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr complimented the Little Choir for their excellent performance this Sunday. The organ cleaning has almost been completed. The Youth Choir will perform at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning service.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs stated that softball season had already begun with three men's teams and one women's team. A class on auto repair will begin on May 17. Star Lane Bowling Alley will begin organizing church teams in the near future. Mr. Stubbs also reminded everyone of the trip to Disneyworld and Epcot in Florida from May 30 to June 4.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson reported that Dr. Blazer's course has been excellent - people from other churches attended as well. Dr. Elkins' lecture also had good response. This was connected with the course on the "Hurried Child."

Eighteen children attended confirmation class. They had excellent teachers for these young people who will be confirmed on May 22 - the birthday of our church.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw thanked the Board for the lovely wedding gift to his son and daughter-in-law. He expressed his thanks to the Woffords for being with us.

He stated that the Bryan Crenshaw Scholarship at Wofford will begin this fall. The final amount of the gifts was $83,000. This was given one year ago on the 23rd.

Dr. Crenshaw will be undertaking a new venture beginning in two weeks. He will be writing an article for the evening paper, Greenville Piedmont, which will give a voice to people who could not otherwise be reached. He asked for ideas, suggestions and criticism.

The Annual Conference will be in session from May 29 - June 2. The computer is now here and will be installed within the next few days and the staff will begin to receive training. Also, the new telephone system is now in.

Dr. Crenshaw told of his recent trip to Washington with Bob Thompson to participate in the National Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.
42 Members Present

In the absence of John Redmond, Chm., Lynn Hendricks called the meeting to order. Richard Rountree led the group in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Copies of the May 1983 financial statement were distributed and reviewed.

STEWARDSHIP: John Terry, Chm., encouraged church members to have pictures made on the last scheduled picture day, June 27, 1983, from 3 to 9 p.m. New directories should be available in mid-September.

EVANGELIUM: Eddie Nabers, Chm., reported that church membership now totals 2155. Dr. Crenshaw announced that in the near future names of members with no known addresses will be published in an effort to locate these members. Following this effort, the names will be dropped in order to keep church rolls accurate. Efforts are also being made to encourage non-resident members to become active members in the communities in which they live.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORTS: Harry Thompson reported on some of the business aspects of the S.C. Annual Conference. Although the goal of the budget increase of not more than 5% was not realized, a budget of 10.7 million dollars was adapted, an increase of 8.12%. New methods of apportioning Conference items were adapted. Approval was given for the purchase of a 42-acre retreat center near Charleston. Also permission granted to establish a third Methodist Home in the Pee Dee area.

Positions were taken on several issues, including supporting "Peace with Justice" as a missional priority; called for a mutually verifiable bilateral freeze on testing and production of nuclear weapons; opposed tuition tax credits for private schools; went on record to prohibit the ordination, admission into Conference membership or appointment of self-avowed practicing homosexuals; supported a 5% surtax on beer and wine to be used in the treatment and prevention of drug abuse; opposed parapublic gambling, favored a 10-day waiting period of purchase of hand guns.

Sis Ballenger reported on the election process of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Clelia Hendrix was elected as one of the 11 General Conference delegates.
Jack Cureton reported on general impressions of the longer-than-usual Conference. Eighteen ministers were received into full membership in the S.C. Conference. He recommended a lecture given by Wright Spears to be printed in the Advocate.

Discussion was held regarding the July Administrative Board meeting. A motion was made and passed that the meeting be dispensed with.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: David Stubbs reported that 30 children were enrolled in the "Learn to Swim" program. Other activities scheduled include a children'sentine clinic, skating, rafting, a Stenciling Class, youth trips to Carowinds and Junaluska. PACK and SACK programs have scheduled various activities for young children.

EDUCATION: Jonell Robinson reported that a very successful Vacation Church School was in progress. Appreciation was expressed to the 44 workers and leaders.

Directing the school this year were Martha Judd, Director; Bobbie Pritchard, Pre-School; Natalie Gibson, Elementary; Helen Sheppard, Resources; and co-ordinators, Bobbie Prichard and Sally Henley.

After a 2-month's period of study, the Confirmation Class, with approximately 20 members, was welcomed into the fellowship of the church on May 22, 1983. Helen Porter co-ordinated the excellent teaching teams for this group.

A breakfast was held for High School graduates and their parents on May 29, 1983. Bob Howell was the speaker.

Under the direction of Ray and Shirley Truluck, the College Class has been revitalized. Jim Waddell is the teacher for this group.

A church-wide picnic is planned for Sunday, July 3, in the PAB. Bill Workman will be the speaker for this patriotic celebration.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Annual Conference delegates for their excellent work.

He announced that the new District Superintendent, George Duffie, Jr., will arrive in Greenville on June 15. He has been invited to speak at Buncombe Street soon.

Dr. Crenshaw congratulated David and Rhonda Stubbs on their beautiful daughter.

He reported on some of the plans being made for our anniversary celebration in 1984. A committee, headed by Nancy Eskew, is in the process of program planning. All suggestions and ideas are welcomed. Among the activities anticipated are 2 major preaching missions, various musical
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presentations, drama, a Homecoming Celebration, the updating of the Buncombe Street Story and the dedication of the FAB. As the church plans for this special Jubilee, Dr. Crenshaw emphasized that the activities and plans should fit into the basic purposes and goals of the church, goals which seek to share the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord, goals which seek to deepen the spiritual life of church members, goals which seek to bring people into the fellowship of the church. All activities and programs should help us grow together as the people of God.

Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.

Anne Hendricks, Acting Secretary
42 Members Present

In the absence of John Redmond, Chair., Lynn Hendricks called the meeting to order. Fred Bettis led the group in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

FINANCE REPORT: Copies of the July, 1983, financial statement were distributed. Several questions were asked of the Finance Chair., Lewis Hazelwood. Mr. Hazelwood responded that the two travel items listed under expenses involved travel allowances for church staff, and also actual travel expenses. The Finance Committee is pleased that contributions to church budget are equal to or ahead of contributions in past years.

LAY LEADER: Gardner Hendrix, Lay Leader, reported that the S. C. United Methodist Convocation will be held at Lake Junaluska August 12, 13 and 14. Also on August 14, at 8:00 p.m., the Junaluska Singers will present their annual Christmas program.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Mr. Hendricks reminded members of the Council on Ministries program-planning session for 1984 to be held August 28 at 4 p.m.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: Sara Cooley announced the school's opening on August 22, 1983. There are 9 openings at this date.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: David Stubb reported on the excellent season enjoyed by the church's softball teams in the summer program. The men's #1 team was Runner-Up in the Division tournament, receiving the 1st men's trophy since 1971. The ladies team won the division and tournament championships, receiving Buncombe Street's first ladies softball trophy. 50 attended Softball Day on August 6. The Fall Softball Season begins August 9.

Plans for youth include: Youth - Atlanta trip for Braves game and 6 Flags, August 12, 13. Preschool - PACK picnic in Pickens county, August 10. SACK - Charlotte trip, August 17.

Fall planning includes a volleyball league, special courses in Parenting, Computers and TV production.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: In the absence of Jonell Robinson, Bob Howell announced a series of mini-courses to be offered in the fall. These classes, entitled "Life As A Journey," will include:

"When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Kushner - John Miller

"Being A Woman In The '30's" - Clelia Hendrix

"Time Management" - Dr. Carolyn Briscoe, "Parenting" - Details will be announced later.

A new class - open to all age groups - will be offered during the Church School hour beginning in the fall. This will be an issues-oriented class, discussing Christian perspectives on life.

COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM: Bob Howell announced that a Lay-visitation program had been implemented with over 40 couples involved. Volunteers are divided into 4 teams, with each team visiting non-church members one week each month. Church membership stands at 2160.

PASTOR'S REPORT - Dr. Crenshaw announced that he had been invited to conduct a seminar for ministers and lay leaders in the Greensboro district on Program Planning, Time Management, and Membership Recruitment. He has also been invited to preach for Dr. Ernest Fitzgerald in Greensboro. He hopes to do this in late September.

In commenting on church program, Dr. Crenshaw commended the extensive church program during the summer. Attendance has varied, but the average is ahead of preceding years. He emphasized that the fall is one of the most important periods of the church year. Emphasis will be placed on (1) Program planning (2) Budget-Financial campaign (3) Membership recruitment. He encouraged Administrative Board members to accept the responsibility of suggesting, evaluating, and instigating program which supports the goal of the church.

Dr. Crenshaw dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Anne Hendricks, Acting Secretary
The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Redmond. Mr. Moffett Kendrick led the group in prayer. Minutes of the August meeting were approved as mailed.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson, director, stated that the series of fall mini-courses, "Life Is a Journey" had gotten off to a good start with Dr. John Miller's course "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" and "Psalms" by Mr. William R. Claytor, Jr. "Time Management" by Dr. Carolyn Briscoe will begin September 14, "Education Adjustment: A Family Affair" by Mrs. Margie Gust on October 9, and "Being a Woman in the '90's by Cloelia Hendrix (Mrs. R. Gardner) on September 29.

Miss Robinson presented Mr. & Mrs. James Maddell (Sue & Jim), Youth Co-ordinators, and Mr. Karl Kelly, UNYP Co-ordinator.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: Mr. Robert Howell, Jr., associate minister, announced that the membership stands at 2168. He said Telephone Visitation Program would begin the next week to contact people who had not attended church lately and to follow-up on new members.

FINANCE: Miss Dorothy Moore distributed copies of the financial statement for August, 1983. Finance chairman Lewis Haselwood, Jr., commented that finances were satisfactory condition and that a proposed 1984 budget of $710,000 is 11% of this year's budget--will be presented at the October board meeting. He asked that suggestions be given the Finance Committee.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs, director, announced a class on football terminology for ladies, volleyball season's beginning on September 15, open house for Boy Scout Troop Nine on September 15, the Fellowship Club meeting on September 21, and the Book Discussion Club meeting on September 27. He asked for support for the five and six year-old's soccer team which plays at the YICA on Saturday mornings.

MUSIC: Mr. Freeman Orr, director, reported on the rehearsal of the choirs and announced plans for a Madrigal dinner, set in the home of Charles Wesley, on December 11 and the presentation of Verdi's "Gloria" in worship services on December 4.

SENIOR MINISTER'S REPORT: Dr. Crenshaw commented on the significant increase in membership which he would always want to see improved and announced that Thursday, September 15, is the deadline for the October "What's Happening." Epsworth Children's Home Sunday is September 18. Dr. Crenshaw reminded the board of the worthiness of this institution. Leyton's Day will be September 27 with Dr. Gerda McCaughan, a very fine psychologist of our congregation, speaking at both services. Over 500 women are expected for the state meeting of the United Methodist Women at Buncombe Street on October 7 and 8.

Dr. Crenshaw stated that while the $710,000 budget to be submitted to the board in October is a lot of money that he has confidence that the Buncombe Street congregation, the first in South Carolina Methodism to fund budgets over $300,000, over $400,000, and over $600,000, will be willing to expand the work of the Kingdom in significant measure. He says that the people at Buncombe Street have an unusual willingness to share those means with which God has blessed them.

Dr. Crenshaw closed the meeting with prayer.

Choice McKin, Acting Secretary
51 people present

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Redmond. Mr. Redmond expressed the feeling of sorrow of the board members in the loss through death of Mr. Pely W. Dawkins, treasurer, and Mr. Thomas O. Curlee, Jr., Chairman of the Property Committee, since the last board meeting.

It was moved that the board ask Dr. Bryan Crenshaw to send appropriate expressions of sympathy to the Curlee and Dawkins families from the board. Mr. John Terry asked that the motion be amended to read resolutions. The amendment being accepted, Mr. Terry seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by a standing vote.

FINANCE REPORTS: Finance Chairman Lewis Haselwood, Jr., distributed copies of the treasurer's report for September and commented that collections were on target, compared to those of previous years. (Report attached to official minutes.)

Mr. Haselwood presented a proposed tentative budget and a statement of projected revenue sources for 1984. The proposed general budget totals $710,004; the Capital Fund is $75,000. (Attached)

In response to a question concerning the 21.5% increase in the item for Benevolence the 54.3% increase in the item for Membership and Evangelism. Dr. Crenshaw explained the method of computing Conference Benevolence which is based on expenditures by the church, and pointed out that in the Evangelism Budget that we would be on TV three months next year.

Mr. B. O. Thomason, Jr., a Trustee, commented on the need to establish a capital fund. Mr. Thomason explained that after paying off the debt on the PAB we would need to build a fund for emergency needs, renovations, and property acquirement. The effective debt on the PAB is now about $40,000.

It was moved, seconded and passed to tentatively adopt budgets as proposed by the Finance Committee. (Final adoption of a budget always occurs after the Every Member Canvas.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. Richard Few, president of United Methodist Women, told of a successful state conference of UMW at Buncombe Street on October 7 and 8.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Mr. R. W. Downs announced that the Rev. James Hunter, would speak at the prayer breakfast on the fourth Monday.
EVERY MEMBER CANVAS: Mr. Trenholm Ninestein reported plans for the Every Member Canvas "Buncombe Street making the difference for 150 years" will be the theme.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mrs. John Redmond, chairman of the Commission on Education, commented on the successful "Life Is a Journey" courses.

CAMP ASBURY HILLS: Mr. John Terry reported that the first phase of the campaign to raise funding for the Conference Retreat Center at Camp Asbury Hills has begun. The goal is to raise $1,2000,000 for the Retreat Center and later $2,000,000 for endowment for the camp.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM: The Rev. Robert J. Howell, Jr., reported the successful completion of the telephone visitation program, contacting of 286 people by telephone.

COMMISSION ON MISSIONS: For the Commission on Missions, Dr. Crenshaw presented the Rev. Marion Way, Missionary to Brazil, who congratulated the congregation on its financial contribution to foreign mission work and suggested that the church might want to think about per capita giving.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Miss Jonell Robinson expressed appreciation to the teachers and participants of "Life Is a Journey" courses and to Dr. Will Willimon who spoke at the September Family/Fellowship Night.

DIRECTOR OF LEISURE MINISTRIES: David Stubbs spoke of the Lunchtime Shape-Up Class, the Fellowship Club's tour to the mountains and regular meetings, and announced that the Halloween Carnival will be held on October 26. He reported that the volleyball teams are doing well and that our basketball teams were beginning to practice. He and Mr. Orr announced a trip for the Youth Choir.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Mr. Orr announced Sunday organ recitals and stated that the Christmas Madrigal Dinners will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw encouraged support for the Asbury Hills project and for the work that John Terry is doing as Chairman. He commented on the United Methodist Women's Conference and the excellent hospitality extended by our local unit and the contributions of the staff.

He further reminded the group that members of our church and their families are covered under the Blood Assurance Program and requested donors. The Nominating Committee is at work and suggestions would be welcomed. He further commented that the budget is the largest in the history of the South Carolina Annual Conference and requested the Board undergird their effort with their prayers and contributions.

After expressing appreciation for the contributions made by Mr. Dawkins and Mr. Curlee, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction.

Choice McCoin, Acting Secretary
Next meeting: December 12, 1983

Charge Conference

53 People present

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Redmond. Mr. Dick Rountree opened with prayer.

Finance: Mr. Lewis Haselwood, Chm., distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for October, 1983 and commented that receipts and expenditures are on target, compared to previous years.

Appointments: Dick Rountree reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the 1983 Conference appointments. In January 1983, the total had been reduced approximately $7,800.00, pending the church's financial condition. After assessing the current budget, the Finance Committee had approved the recommendation that all conference appointments be paid at the end of the year, if funds are available. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that this recommendation be approved.

Every Member Canvas: Mr. Bruce Buchanan, Chm., reported that packets had been distributed throughout the neighborhoods, with reports to come in during the next week.

Education: Miss Jonell Robinson reported that plans are being made to continue the Life Study Series during the Winter and Spring quarters. The theme for the Lenten School 1984 will center around Methodism. Special Church School activities and plans are being made for all age levels for Christmas Sunday. Family Night on November 16 will feature a Christmas Workshop. Helen Shepherd, Librarian has been ill and volunteers have been helping to get resource material out.

Jubilee Steering Committee: Mr. Jerry Steele reported that a limited number of copies of The Buncombe Street Story by Dr. A. H. Moseley will be on sale at Family Night, November 16, for the original price of $5.00. Dr. Moseley will autograph copies at this time. Opportunities will be made to express interest in and support of a second volume detailing church history from 1965 to the present day.

Evangelism: Mr. Eddie Habers, Chm., announced that a New Member Dinner will be held Tuesday, November 29. Church membership now stands at 2167.

Rev. Robert J. Howell announced that a preaching mission is planned for March 26, 27 and 28. Dr. Ernest Fitzgerald, will be the speaker.

Christian Social Concerns: Mrs. Lib Dow, Chm., reported that the Blood Assurance Program had gotten off to a good start, Saturday, November 12. Additional blood donor days will be scheduled in the future. Members giving blood at Morgan Manor may designate their contribution to Buncombe Street.
COMMISSION ON MISSIONS: Dr. Crenshaw introduced Dr. & Mrs. Charles Stokes, missionaries in Korea. Dr. & Mrs. Stokes spoke of their work in education in Korea. Both expressed gratitude to Buncombe Street for its support and prayers throughout the years.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: Mrs. Sara Cooley, Director, reported that a Parents Meeting will be held, Monday, November 21, at 7:30p.m. Dr. Doris Blazer from Furman University will be the speaker.

LEISURE MINISTRIES: Mr. David Stubbs announced that 75 were expected for the Fellowship Club, Wednesday, November 16. Monty DuPuy will speak. The Fellowship Club has planned a Christmas party at Epworth Children's Home on December 10. The Book Discussion group will discuss Hemingway's The Old Man Of The Sea, on November 22.

The Basketball season will begin December 2 & 3 with 12 teams in action.

COMMISSION ON WORSHIP: Mr. Freeman Orr announced that tickets are on sale for the Madrigal Dinners, December 10 & 11. Seats must be reserved in advance. Special Christmas music will be presented during the 11:00a.m. service on December 4. A special Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at 9:00a.m., November 24. Wednesday Advent services will begin November 30.

SENIOR MINISTER: Dr. Crenshaw expressed appreciation to Dr. & Mrs. Stokes for their many years of Christian service.

He encouraged participation in the many exciting plans being made for the year of the Jubilee. Some of the special events scheduled are an opening ceremony on the 2nd Sunday in January, a preaching mission in March with Dr. Ernest Fitzgerald, a Homecoming in June with Dr. Bryce Herbert as speaker, and a formal dedication of the FAB in November with Bishop Clark.

He emphasized support of several important activities currently under way: The Nomination process for 1984 and The Every Member Canvass. The Charge Conference will be held December 12.

In closing, he reiterated Dr. Stokes point concerning the importance of the laity in Christian evangelism. He emphasized that as believers of the Good News of Christ, we must also share this Good News with others.
Meeting of the Administrative Board was called to order by John Redmond. Dr. A. M. Moseley led in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting, published and mailed to members, were approved as published.

Lewis Haselwood: Finance Committee

Called on Bruce Buchanan for a report on the Every Member Canvas Campaign. He reported that we are $30,000 short of the goal, but have pledged $630,000 which is more than Buncombe Street has ever pledged before. Final budget will be presented at meeting of January 9, 1984.

Mr. Haselwood recommended the adoption of a motion to fully accept the salaried items and Conference Benevolences; and to accept other items in that category on a tentative basis, to be dealt with proportionately as we are successful in reaching our goal. Adopted.

Bennett Hudson: Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Mr. Hudson noted that Jonell Robinson is moving to N.C. Mr. Hudson moved that a statement complimenting her and her work be placed in the official record. Adopted.

Miss Robinson spoke briefly of her feelings on leaving Buncombe Street.

Mr. Hudson announced that Sunday, December 18, following the morning worship service the Commission on Education will host a reception in Miss Robinson's honor.

John Terry: Stewardship Committee

(Mr. Terry indicated that he would place a copy of his report with secretary)

Bill Henley: Seekers Class

Mr. Henley reported that about $830 was taken in at the eighth annual pancake breakfast. Proceeds go to Meals on Wheels and Pendleton Place Annex for Girls.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Stubbs reported that there are thirteen basketball teams at Buncombe Street. The Youth will go on a caroling trip on December 18.

John Redmond expressed sympathy to David in the loss of his father.

Freeman Orr reported:

9:00a.m.- Sunday, December 18 in the chapel, The Junior Choir is presenting a Musical Fantasy about the Christmas Story.
5:00p.m.- Candlelight Service with Choirs participating.
December 24, Christmas Eve, communion services will be held at 5:00p.m. and 11:15p.m. with a thirty minute recital of Christmas music preceding each service.
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John Redmond expressed appreciation to those members of the Board who are completing their four years' service on the Board.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Mr. Redmond welcomed Dr. George Duffie, Jr., District Superintendent, to the charge conference. Before convening the charge conference, Dr. Duffie asked that the group spend a few minutes telling him some of the things that he does not know about Buncombe Street, and also bringing out some of the needs and hopes for the future of the church.

Dr. Duffie, in speaking of his goals for his six year tenure as District Superintendent, indicated that there are churches in crisis in this district. Thirty-four of eighty-seven churches show membership decline of 50% to 60%. Greenville District shows the potential for more new churches than any other district, with five new churches needed.

Margaret Gallman was elected secretary of the Charge Conference.

Betty Meyers: Council on Ministries (see report on file)

Dr. Crenshaw:
Goals and objectives for 1984 (see attached report)

These goals were adopted and placed in the record of the Charge Conference. The January issue of "What's Happening" will report these goals to the congregation.

Dr. Crenshaw presented the report of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Under section V- Bruce Buchanan was nominated to serve a 1984-1985 term on the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Ray Truluck, Bob Downs and John Terry were nominated for the class of 1986 on Committee for Nominations and Personnel.

Dr. Crenshaw moved that the report of the committee on Nominations and Personnel be adopted as a whole as amended. Adopted as a whole as amended.

Bennett Hudson: Finance Committee

Mr. Hudson made these recommendations:
1. Ministerial support for New Year
2. Staff be reviewed on date of employment.
3. Salaries same in 1984 as they are in 1983.

Adopted.

Fred McDonald: Report of Trustees
(copy on file)

Adopted.
Dr. Crenshaw reported on the certification of Lay Speakers:

Mr. B. O. Thomason
Dr. Garmon Smith
Mr. John Terry
Mrs. Ann Harding Bettis
Mr. Luther Marchant

Dr. Crenshaw announced that there have been 158 additions to the membership of the church since January 1, 1983, with 85 deletions to date. He requested permission of the charge conference to drop the names of sixteen members, who after diligent search, cannot be located. Permission was given to drop fifteen names from the active roll, bringing total deletions to 100 for the year. Current membership - 2153.

Dr. Crenshaw reported 40 baptisms—14 adults and 26 children—for the year.

It was recommended that Lay Speakers be recertified for another year and that Mrs. Cooley, Mr. Orr, and Miss Jonell Robinson continue as diaconal ministers. Recommendation adopted.

Dr. Crenshaw presented Dr. Duffie with a Buncombe Street Sesquicentennial sweat shirt.
NEXT MEETING: February 13, 1984

82 Present

John Redmond called the meeting to order. Ken Herron led in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

John Redmond welcomed new members who are serving on the Administrative Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lewis Haselwood, Finance:

Reported that during December more money was taken in than was paid out. Submitted and offered for adoption the proposed 1984 budget as the operating budget. After some discussion the proposed budget was adopted as the final budget for 1984.

Ray Roberts of the Finance Committee moved that the Administrative Board pass an appropriate resolution recognizing and thanking Bruce Buchanan and all others on his committee for their valuable work in conducting the every member canvass campaign. Adopted.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Sally Henley, Education:

Reported that plans are now being made for the Lenten School.

Eddie Nabers, Membership and Evangelism:

Reported that total membership of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church for 1983 was 2150. He told of plans to bring outstanding Methodist ministers to Buncombe Street during the sesquicentennial year. He announced that Dr. Fitzgerald of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., will be at Buncombe Street March 26-28, 1984, for services.

Lib Dow, Social Concerns:

Made an appeal for blankets, spreads and top coats to be used by Southernside, United Ministries and Meals on Wheels in assisting the needy during cold weather. These items should be brought to the Fidelis classroom and will go directly to agencies who distribute them to people in need.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship:

Reported that his commission is planning new projects to be undertaken in 1984.
STAFF REPORTS:

Freeman Orr, Music:

Announced that:

On January 11, 1984, the Junior Choir would repeat the Christmas Musical Fantasy, "ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS, AND FIREFLIES".

On January 29, 1984, the Youth Choir would present a musical, "WALK IN LOVE".

The Buncombe Street drama group is now at work on a three-act play.

David Stubbs, Leisure Ministries:

Announced a ski trip planned for Thursday, and open house to be held by the Boy Scout troop, Thursday evening. There are twenty boys in the troop, four of whom will soon meet the Eagle Scout requirements.

Exercise programs begin next week with classes each morning and evening and during the lunch hour.

Fellowship Club meets next week. New Leisure Ministry brochure mailed today. Sesquicentennial bumper stickers are being sold by members of youth choir (2.00 each) to make money for choir trip.

John Redmond thanked Dr. Crenshaw for the impressive worship services held on Sunday, January 8, 1984.

Dr. Crenshaw recognized those who helped prepare for the services on January 8 and all those who assisted in preparing programs and special events that centered around Christmas.

Dr. Crenshaw announced that the church received 172 new members in 1983, 151 in 1982, 151 in 1981. He expressed the hope that in the next six months Buncombe Street would have its largest membership. Staff goal for new members to be received this year: a minimum of 150, not counting confirmation class. He suggested that we tithe our membership for next year. This would mean 215 new members for 1984.

He indicated that Buncombe Street, in adopting a funded, achievable $700,000 budget has set an example for other churches to follow. He recommended giving realistically, supporting the work of the kingdom in the same style that we live.

He reported that with the monies from Sisk Fund, United Methodist Women, Sunday School classes, and other funds, that in excess of $60,000 (beyond budget figures) was spent in direct assistance to the poor in 1983; that the church is sensitive to needs of those less fortunate and he would like for the church to expand this mission and outreach.

Dr. Crenshaw predicted that the sesquicentennial year will be one of the great years in the history of the church. He asked that we seek, most of all, God's will for each of us, to draw closer to God, to become more sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to seek a closer walk with Christ; that we give more in service and love.

The meeting was dismissed by Dr. Crenshaw.
Next Meeting: March 12, 1984
52 present

The meeting was called to order by John Redmond. Betty Meyers led in prayer. Minutes of last meeting were approved as published.

Mr. Redmond distributed forms to be completed by Board members, indicating specific work areas in which they would like to become involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lewis Haselwood, Finance:

Presented and placed on file the January report of the finance committee. He reported that the records are now on computer. B. O. Thomason expressed thanks to Mr. Haselwood and Bob Downs for their many hours of work in preparing financial records of the church for the computer.

B. O. Thomason, Board of Trustees: Mr. Thomason said this committee will work with the finance committee and keep the Administrative Board informed on all monies that the Trustees administer. Last month 125 needy people were assisted using monies from the Sisk Fund.

The church has at present total uncommitted legacies in the sum of $33,000, with interest of over $8,000, bringing the total to over $41,000.

Church has blanket insurance coverage of $4,295,800; $300,000 pastoral liability policy; workman's Compensation, general liability insurance, etc., in the amount of $1,000,000; insurance on the mace house in the amount of $62,500.

The church has received an offer from Claudio Scarano and Levana Scarano-Hazzoli to purchase for $1,000 a strip (3½ feet deep, 81 3/4 feet wide) on the rear of church owned property on Stone Avenue. Trustees voted to convey said strip of land to the purchasers.

In this connection, Dr. Crenshaw said that ordinarily a charge conference would have to approve the sale of church property. The District Superintendent suggested that the Administrative Board approve this sale, give the property committee authority to sell, and at the same time announce a charge conference for next month for the purpose of approving the sale of any properties in this parcel. He suggested that the sale be voted on tonight and affirmed at stated charge conference next month. A motion was made and carried to affirm the trustees in their action and notify the congregation that a charge conference will be held on March 12, 1984.

Bob Downs, United Methodist Men:

Announced a breakfast for the men of the church to be held on Friday, March 9, 1984, at 7:30 A.M.
COMMISSION REPORTS:

W. R. Shives, Missions:

Reported that the Strawns, missionaries to Korea, lacked financial support of $2,000. Since there is as yet no replacement for the Stokeses on the mission field it was voted that the Strawns be given an additional $2,000 from our church.

Eddie Nabers, Evangelism:

Reminded Board of the preaching mission on March 26, 27, 28, 1984 at which time Dr. Ernest Fitzgerald, West Market Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., will preach.

Mary Hardaway, Worship:

Stated that she is pleased with the work committees are doing.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship:

Announced that a prayer vigil prior to preaching mission will be organized for March 24. First session of John Wesley Experiment will be on Tuesday after Easter.

Bob Howell, Education:

Announced that Lenten School will be March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1984, with these courses being taught:

Dr. A. V. Huff: The Story of Methodism in America
Dr. Robert McKeown: Methodist Beliefs
Rev. Robert Stillwell: Book of Romans
Dr. John M. Bullard: Music of Methodism

Confirmation classes will begin soon—confirmation service on May 20, 1984. Church received 23 new members since January 1, lost 8 (4 by death). Total membership: 2165.

STAFF REPORTS:

Sara Cooley, Child Development:

The school is now registering for 1984-85 session.

David Stubbs, Leisure:

Fellowship Club meeting Wednesday. Basketball tournament has begun. Buncombe Street will host an invitational for midget boys. Soccer season will begin soon. Book discussion group will meet on March 5.
Freeman Orr, Music:

Junior Choir working on new musical "Sam" (story of good Samaritan), which will be done in conjunction with Christ Church Junior Choir. Youth choir is preparing "Celebrate Life" and will do portion dealing with Christ's death. Primary choir rehearsals begin next Sunday, 6:00-7:15p.m. with Mrs. Steele directing.

Dr. Crenshaw announced that Lent begins March 7, 1984, and that during Lent, in addition to activities already announced, mid-day services would be held on Wednesdays.

This week Dr. Crenshaw will attend Consultation on Larger Churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and on Tuesday will speak on the Episcopacy to ministers of 150 of the largest churches in the jurisdiction.

Dr. Crenshaw pronounced the benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

March 12, 1984

NEXT MEETING: April 9, 1984

51 Present

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hendricks, Vice-Chairperson of the Administrative Board. The Rev. William Claytor gave the invocation. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published and mailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Downs, Finance: Presented and placed on file the finance report for the month of February and the two months ending February 29, 1984.

Reporting for the Methodist Men, Mr. Downs noted that 40 people were present at the men's breakfast held on March 9. The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on April 6, 1984, at 7:00 a.m., when the group will receive its charter from the conference.

CHARGE CONFERENCE:

Mr. Hendricks recognized Dr. Crenshaw who, in accordance with the action of the board at its last meeting and in compliance with the discipline of the church, convened a charge conference for the purpose of formally approving the sale of a strip of land (3½ feet deep, 81 3/4 feet wide) on the rear of church owned property on Stone Avenue, for the sum of $1,000.00. The Conference voted to approve this action. The charge conference was adjourned.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: Called attention to the Preaching Mission on March 26-28, and the prayer vigil that his committee is organizing in support of the mission. The vigil is for Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. until midnight. On Tuesday, April 24, the first meeting of the John Wesley Great Experiment group will be held.

W. R. Shives, Missions: Referring to the action of the Board at its last meeting providing additional support for the Strawns out of money formerly set aside for the Stokeses, Mr. Shives said that the Strawns actually need $2110.00. In addition to their need, the Woffords of Brazil lack $840.00 and the Johannabers of Russia lack $4314.00. His committee decided that the money formerly reserved for the Stokeses be allocated as follows:

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TOTAL $6200.00
Bob Houell, Membership & Evangelism: Commented on the success of the Lenten School of Religion and noted that the attendance had remained almost the same for the first two sessions. He emphasized the Preaching Mission at which time Dr. Fitzgerald will preach. Preparation is being made for the Confirmation Class and the meeting of the parents of the 22 children in the class is planned for March 22. For the period of February 12 - March 12, 16 new members were received into the church, bringing the total membership to 2179. This number is five members short of the highest membership Buncombe Street has ever had.

STAFF REPORTS:

Sara Cooley, Child Development: Reported a good response to banners announcing registration for 1984-85 school year.

David Stubbs, Leisure: Reported on the basketball season and the Area Basketball Tournament. He said that the S. C. United Methodist Basketball Tournament, to be hosted by Buncombe Street March 16-17, is the largest gathering of Methodist youth in South Carolina. The basketball banquet is scheduled for March 21. Fellowship Club will elect officers at March 21 meeting. Seventeen people going to Snowshoe, W. Virginia, on ski trip March 22. Volleyball starts March 20, and softball in the near future. The Hidget Tournament sponsored by Buncombe Street was successful, with five churches participating.

Freeman Orr, Music: Announced that the Chancel Choir will present a cantata on Maundy Thursday, and that on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday brass instruments will be used in the service. The Junior Choir will present a musical at family night on May 9.

Dr. Crenshaw: Stated that Dr. Fitzgerald will meet with the United Methodist Women Tuesday, March 27. He noted that while Buncombe Street indirectly supports many missionaries, the church gives direct support to missionaries in the Caribbean, South America, Japan and Moscow. He commended Sally Henley and the coordinators for the superb job they are doing while the church is without a Director of Christian Education.

During Lent Tommy Thomason will present his interpretation of the trail of Christ.

Church School average attendance has increased 19.5 for the eleven Sundays of this year. Worship service average attendance has increased 125 for the year.

Dr. Crenshaw reported on the meeting of the Consultation of Larger Churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction which he attended in February. He was elected to serve as chairman of this group for the year 1984-85.

Dr. Crenshaw said that this is a time of personal examination, of seeking the will of God for our lives, of remembering the old, old story, and seeking to bring our lives into harmony with God. He then pronounced the benediction.
NEXT MEETING: May 14, 1984

55 Present

John Redmond called the meeting to order and asked Randy Bishop to lead in prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bob Downs, Finance: Presented and placed on file the treasurer's report for the month of March and the three months ending March 31, 1984.

Mr. Downs announced the retreat for United Methodist Men to be held at the Methodist Camp on April 27 and 28.

Lib Dow, Social Concerns: Reported that at the United Ministries Benefit Sale Buncombe Street made over $400 at its booth for children's clothing. The total for the entire sale was over $6800. She noted that April 30 will be Blood Donor Day and that to date there are 33 volunteers from the church.

Sally Henley, Education: Said that the Lenten School was successful and evaluation forms were completed by 95 persons, with 15-16 suggestions for topics to be considered for next year's school. Confirmation classes are in progress with 21 children involved.

Eddie Nabers, Membership and Evangelism: Commented on the meaningful Breaching Mission led by Dr. Fitzgerald and said that another preaching mission would be held later this year. He said that the Lay Visitors are planning to have a dinner meeting and invited interested persons to attend their meetings.

W. R. Shives, Missions: Reported that his committee voted to give $200 for disaster relief in the areas affected by recent tornadoes. The Rev. Will Rogers and the Rev. Paul Rogers are leaving the St. Vincent mission field. No replacement has been announced.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: Emphasized and outlined the commitment (for 31 days) of the John Wesley Great Experiment and urged board members to attend the first meeting on April 24.

Eoline Few, United Methodist Women: Announced the "Presidential Parade" and dinner at 6:30p.m. on May 1.

Charles Curtis, United Methodist Men: Announced the men's breakfast for May 4, 1984, 7:00a.m. One of the plans of the Methodist Men is to visit shut-in men of the church.
B. O. Thomason, Board of Trustees: Trustees voted at last meeting to allocate $1500 to help people in the areas of the state devastated by tornadoes. An appraisal of church property will be completed in the near future, and can be brought up to date annually. The church received a legacy from the estate of Bessie Heath Holland who died in 1982, and many other memorial contributions. The Drake property will be placed on the market at an early date and the funds from the sale of this house will be used as a maintenance and improvement fund for the FAB.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Stubbs, Leisure: Announced that the softball season will begin at the end of April with four men's teams and one lady's team. He noted that Buncombe Street is the only church in the eight-year history of the state basketball tournament to win two state championships in the same year. The champions were the Junior Boys No.1 and the Junior Girls. He introduced Jennifer Waddell, one of the outstanding members of the girl's team.

Freeman Orr, Music: On Palm Sunday the youth will distribute palm crosses at the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. services and the Primary Choir will sing at the 11:00a.m. service. Brass instruments will be used in the second service. During Holy Week, Mr. Sammeth will speak at the Wednesday noon service and on Maundy Thursday at 7:30p.m. the adult choir will present a Lenten cantata and communion will be observed. Easter Day the adult choir will sing at both services and brass instruments will also be used. Family night, May 9, the Junior Choir will sing a musical, "The Story of the Good Samaritan".

Sara Cooley, Child Development: Piedmont Skills is using Buncombe Street School to train six handicapped adults by providing janitorial services for the school, making it possible for some of the participants to earn money for the first time. The school is also working with the Piedmont Council for Prevention of Child Abuse by providing "Crisis Nursery Care" for children of families with potential for child abuse or neglect. Only three vacancies remain in the school for September.

Bob Howell: Attendance at Confirmation Classes 100% for two weeks straight. The class will visit Lake Junaluska in May. Confirmation service on May 20.

Dr. Crenshaw: Noted that the United Methodist Men's organization is now chartered. Mr. Claytor will speak at the Mid-Week Lenten Service this week. When Mr. Sammeth speaks at that service during Holy Week he will be observing his 88th birthday. Called attention to the fact that with $460 from special gifts the total given by the church to tornado relief amounted to $2160. Buncombe Street will be joining with other churches at Central Baptist Church for a three-hour Good Friday services between noon and 3:00p.m. At Family Night on April 25 a group from Columbia College will present a drama on the place that women have occupied in the United Methodist Church. The bicentennial meeting of General Conference is scheduled for May 1 in Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Clelia Hendrix will be a delegate from Buncombe Street.

Dr. Crenshaw urged board members to take time during these last days of Lent to read the stories of the last days in the life of Christ so that the old, old story will become new again in our hearts. Dr. Crenshaw gave the benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
May 14, 1984

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 1984

55 Present

John Redmond called the meeting to order. Mike Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Mr. Redmond recognized Dr. Crenshaw who convened a Charge Conference for the purpose of dealing with the sale of two parcels of property owned by the church. Mr. B. O. Thomason, chairman of the Board of Trustees, requested that the Charge Conference approve the sale of the Drake house on West Pritchard Avenue to a client of Mrs. Joanne McCutcheon for $65,000. Proceeds of the sale will be placed in a trust fund to be used for upkeep and programs related to the Family Activities Building. The sale was approved by the Administrative Board. Mr. Thomason also moved that the Board of Trustees be given authority to sell the Stone Avenue lot (when a suitable purchaser is found) without calling a Charge Conference for that purpose, to expedite the signing of a contract or closing of a sale. This motion was carried. There being no further business the Conference was adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Downs, Finance: Presented and placed on record the statement of income and expenses for the four months ending April 30, 1984.

Mr. Downs gave information on a financial program being undertaken by the Methodist Camp, and moved that Mr. John Terry be invited to attend a Board meeting to tell the group more about the project. The motion was carried.

Luther Marchant: Methodist Men: About 40 men have been attending the men's breakfasts, and much progress is being made with their projects. Next meeting to be held on June 1, 1984, at 7:00 a.m.

Bob Hovell, Membership & Evangelism: As of this afternoon total membership of the church is 2179. If the goal of 2186 is reached that will be the largest enrollment the church has ever had. A new member dinner will be held on May 22, 1984. This committee is in the process of producing a brochure telling about the church's program, activities, etc., to be used by lay visitors in their work. Letters are being sent to non-resident members inviting them to the homecoming on June 17, 1984.

Mr. B. O. Thomason, Board of Trustees: Expects to present appraisal of church property at next meeting of Administrative Board.

T. A. Able, Jr. Property: Filed and placed on record a letter from the Property Committee stating that the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has completed and inspection of all church facilities and that no friable asbestos materials were found on the premises.
Freenan Orr, Music: At the 9:00 a.m. service on May 27 the Junior Choir will repeat the musical. "SAH". During summer months various Sunday School classes will form the choir at the 9:00 a.m. services. Mr. Orr will have an elementary class (or refresher course) in how to read music for interested people of all ages. Classes will be held on Wednesday, beginning June 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Dr. Crenshaw, Leisure: Softball season has begun with four men's teams and one women's team. Fellowship Club will meet on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. with Nola Spain and Ruth Norris as speakers. Spring Golf Day at Chanticleer next Saturday still have spaces left. David Stubbs is looking for enough bowlers to form four teams so that the church can have its own league. Bowling starts June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Crenshaw: Announced that Mrs. Clelia Hendrix will share some of her experiences at General Conference (May 1-10) with the congregation by writing an article for "What's Happening". The search is on for a new Director of Christian Education. Interviews have been arranged for two men and one woman, all highly recommended. David Stubbs will take over some of the responsibilities of the DCE until a new director arrives.

Annual Conference will be held in Spartanburg on May 30-June 2. Homecoming at Buncombe Street will be on June 17 with Dr. Bryce Herbert preaching and dinner on the grounds. Invitations are going out to former pastors, staff members, and Directors of Christian Education.

Attendance at worship services has been good recently, with about 590 present in the services last Sunday. There are 330 non-resident members of the church. Letters are being sent to these members urging them to become active in and transfer their memberships to churches in the areas in which they live.

The twenty-one members of the Confirmation Class will be received into the church on Sunday. With the addition of this class, provided there are no losses before Sunday, the all time high membership (2200) will be reached. Dr. Crenshaw expressed appreciation to the individuals who worked with the members of the class in preparing them for church membership, and suggested that this is a good time for all church members to examine the vows they took and renew their commitment to the church. He closed the meeting with prayer.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 11, 1984

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 1984

48 present

The meeting was called to order by John Redmond who called on Eddie Nabers to lead in the opening prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lewis Haselwood, Finance: Presented and placed on record statement of income and expenses for the five months ended May 31, 1984, and these additional schedules: Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance arising from cash transactions (5/31/84); Schedule of change in designated accounts for five months ended May 31, 1984; Summary of designated accounts (5/31/84), and analysis of revenues and expenses (5 months).

Mr. Redmond recognized Mr. John Terry, a member of the Board of Asbury Hills, the South Carolina Methodist Camp located at Cleveland, S. C. Mr. Terry showed slides of the activities at Camp Asbury and told of the efforts to raise funds over the next three years to build additional facilities, noting that to date the amount raised is $177,000.

Mr. Bob Downs moved that Mr. Redmond appoint a special committee from Buncombe Street to look into ways that the Church might best assist the camp in the fund raising endeavor. The motion was carried.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Sally Henley, Education: Noted that Vacation Bible School is in session this week. Announced that the coordinators are now preparing their schedule for next year and need to know if there are programs that should be added or deleted.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: The committee is making plans for a social affair to be held at Alston Wilkes.

Mr. Redmond called on delegates to Annual Conference to share their impressions with the board. Reporting were: Mrs. Black, Mrs. Marchant, Mr. Bettis and Mr. Redmond.

STAFF REPORTS:

Freeman Orr, Music: June 17 is Homecoming Day with music at both worship services by Adult choir and brass instrumentalists. This Wednesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Mr. Orr will begin the music reading (keyboard) class for interested persons of all ages. Members of the youth choir are just back from a five day trip to New Orleans.

Bob Howell: Thanked all persons who had a part in his ordination service on Friday evening. Buncombe Street membership to date is 2,198, but there is an ongoing effort to eliminate double entries on the church roll.

Dr. Crenshaw: Noted that three years ago an intensive effort was made to get the church roll in good order and that efforts have been made through
THE YEARS TO KEEP THE ROLL CURRENT AND ELIMINATE DISCREPANCIES.
Expressed his pleasure at being at Buncombe Street for another year and
asked that we undergird with prayer the churches that will have new
ministers and the ministers who will come to those churches.

Dr. Crenshaw called attention to Homecoming Day when Dr. Bryce Herbert will
preach at both worship services. Before the next board meeting (August)
Jurisdictional Conference is to be held at which time six bishops will be
elected in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The church may soon be in a
position to decide on the hiring of a Director of Christian Education. Mr.
Claytor will be recuperating for several weeks and Dr. Crenshaw asked that
the board assist in any possible way to carry on the work while he is out
and while staff members take vacations. He called on board members to
follow God's leading and seek to ever render greater service to this church
and to serve more faithfully the kingdom of God. He then pronounced the
benediction.
NEXT MEETING: September 10, 1984

49 present

John Redmond called the meeting to order and asked John Mauldin to lead in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting (June 11, 1984) were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ray Roberts, Finance: Presented the treasurer's report for the period ending July 31 and noted that for the month of July revenue was in excess of expenditures. He reported that the finance committee has approved the purchase of an additional van for the church, to improve the service and programs of the church.

Sally Henley, Education: Announced that the "Art of Teaching" workshop will be held on September 30. Plans for Life Enrichment classes will be announced in September issue of "What's Happening".

Mary Hardaway, Worship: Announced that the After-Church coffees will be resumed on September 2 following the 11:00 A.M. worship service. New brass candlesticks have been placed in the chapel and prayer room, replacing those that were stolen recently.

Gardner Hendrix, Lay Leader: Reported on the South Carolina Laity Conference which met at Junaluska last Saturday and Sunday. Twelve members of Buncombe Street attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Sarah Cooley, Child Development: Between 80-85 children were in attendance at the school during the summer. Kindergarten children will return to school on August 20 due to schedule of public schools, but classes will not begin until August 23. The school has full enrollment and applications are now being placed on a waiting list. Mrs. Cooley thanked the property committee for the painting that was done in the children's building, the Commission on Missions for giving money to purchase some equipment for use in the 5-year readiness group, and David Stubbs for his help in showing weekly movies for the children and transporting them to the YMCA for swimming classes.

Freeman Orr, Music: Thanked the Sunday School classes for singing at the 9:00 A.M. worship services during the summer months. Junior choir summer session started this morning with twelve children participating in the activities-music, games, refreshments. Planning of the fall music program is under way.

David Stubbs, Leisure: Reported that Softball season is over and that two men's teams made it to the finals in their respective divisions. Announced that the Fellowship Club will meet August 15 with Mike McCall of the Greenville Braves as guest, and that the club will travel to Flat Rock next week for the matinee at Flat Rock Playhouse. SACK completing sixth summer. Awards banquet for Boy Scouts will be held on August 16. Second family movie night on August 24 - "101 Dalmatians". Youth will have Lock In on August 24. Golf Day Saturday, August 25, at Furman University Golf Course.
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Fall events: Bowling, soccer, book discussions, water color group, and organization of Cub Scout Pack.

Bob Howell, Membership: Since January 1, 1984, 114 people have joined Buncombe Street. In that same period the church lost 19 members by death, 20 by transfer, 15 by withdrawal, and 5 by joining other denominations. Net gain since January is 55 members, making a total as of today of 2192 members.

Dr Crenshaw: Noted that commissions and committees of the church are now in the process of planning programs and budgets for 1985, and that at the next board meeting those concerns will be discussed.

Dr Crenshaw called attention to the election of six new bishops at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in July.

Mr. Bauknight will lead the every member commitment program which gets under way in the near future.

Buncombe Street members placed on boards of the annual conference were:

Celia Hendrix, Chairman of Conference Council on Ministries, John Terry, Chairman of Board of Trustees of Asbury Hills, and Sara Fischbach, Conference Board of Pensions.

On October 7, 7:00 P.M., Columbia College Glee Club will be presented in concert at Buncombe Street. Dr. Lewis Jones will be speaker on Layman's Day, October 14.

Dr. Crenshaw noted that past efforts to hire a DCE has been unsuccessful and that the search is still on. Response to the recent advertisement for the position has been good and a DCE will be employed as soon as a suitable person is found.

In commenting on church membership, Dr. Crenshaw reminded the board that a survey of newcomers usually indicates that more people join this church as a result of invitations extended by members rather than through the efforts of the ministers. He urged board members to bring people to church— he would like for the membership to reach 2,300. In closing, Dr. Crenshaw asked that the board, as did Paul, press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 1984

56 present

John Redmond, chairman of the Administrative Board, called the meeting to order and asked Gardner Hendrix to lead in the opening prayer. Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gardner Hendrix, Lay Leader! Announced that Faith Sunday will be observed on October 14, 1984. Dr. Lewis Johnson, professor of History at Wofford College, will be the speaker at both services.

Bob Downs, Treasurer! Presented and placed on record the treasurer's report for the eight months ended August 31, 1984. He noted that $20,000 more was spent than was actually received during August, but that August is usually a "dry" month, and that $11,000 was spent by the property committee for non-recurring items -- carpet, etc.

Lewis Haselwood, Finance! Presented the proposed budget for 1985. Mr. Haselwood and representatives of various committees explained briefly how committees arrive at figures to be included in the proposed budget. Mr. Haselwood, speaking for the committee on finance, then recommended the adoption of the proposed 1985 budget. Mr. Redmond called for discussion, after which the Board voted in favor of adopting the proposed budget for 1985, totaling $765,379.

Mr. Haselwood also brought a recommendation from the finance committee that $75,000 be included in the budget as a capital fund goal. The Board voted in favor of setting $75,000 as the capital fund goal for Buncombe Street Church.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Bally Henley, Education! Announced the first Life Enrichment class on September 23, and the Art Of Teaching Workshop on September 30. Teachers in the workshop will be Emma Harris, Sara Lomax, June Wilson and Gary Summey. Mrs. Henley reported that Mary Hanna Larsen of Lexington will begin serving Buncombe Street as Director of Christian Education on October 1.

W. R. Shives, Missions! Announced that Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Murray of St. George have recently been commissioned as missionaries to the Solomon Islands, and that Buncombe Street has $3200 available for their support if needed.

B. O. Thomason, Trustees! Called attention to storm windows and new carpeting recently installed at the church. Said the dedication of the Family Activities Building is set for November 18. Bishop Clark will be here for the occasion. The Trustees authorized the purchase of a cover for the floor of the FAB, using about $1800 from the Drake fund for that purpose. Mr. Thomason reported that about $3000 per month goes to assist needy people and the work of the United Ministries; said funds being taken from the Sisk Fund.
Mr. Redmond announced that tonight, at a dinner marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Greenville chapter of the American Organist Guild, Freeman Orr would receive special recognition as a Past Dean of the Greenville chapter.

Bob Howell, Membership: Reported that since January 1, 1984, 125 people have joined the church, and with a loss of 70 people, there has been a net gain of 55 people to date. Membership as of today is 2192.

David Stubbs, Leisure! Youth Council returned from a planning retreat this weekend. Mr. Stubbs noted the increased interest among the youth of the study of the Bible. Many of their programs will include Bible study.

Heritage Night (Family Night) will be held, September 26. After dinner there will be four offerings that will concentrate on Methodism and this church. They are:

- The Biblical Foundations of the Methodist Church
- Early Methodist Hymns According to the Wesley Tradition
- The History of Buncombe Street
- The Future of Buncombe Street

Dr. Crenshaw! Thanked the board for its consideration of the budget and assured board members that all records are available to interested persons with the exception of records of individual contributions. He commended the board for adopting a courageous budget and said that Mr. Bauknight and his every member commitment committee will emphasize the tithing concept or the giving of a percentage of one's income. Dr. Crenshaw commented on the unlimited potential of Buncombe Street and feels that the church will exceed its high goal. He emphasized the necessity of encouraging prospects who visit Buncombe Street to join the church. Attendance is above what it was at this time last year, both in Sunday School and worship services.

Dr. Crenshaw suggested that we take not lightly the serious things that we do, remember that we have no call greater than service of God's Kingdom, and that we seek to interpret His will and His way in our lives. He then pronounced the benediction.
NEXT MEETING: November 12, 1984

51 PRESENT

JOHN REDMOND, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. HE ASKED THE REVEREND W. R. CLAYTOR, JR. TO LEAD IN PRAYER. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED.

MR. REDMOND CALLED ATTENTION TO THE PAINTING THAT IS TO BE DONE IN THE FAB IN PREPARATION FOR THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION ON NOVEMBER 18. HE INTRODUCED MARY HANNA LARSEN, NEW DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, AND WELCOMED HER TO BUNCOMBE STREET CHURCH. MRS. LARSEN COMMENDED THE LAY PEOPLE FOR CARRYING ON THE WORK SO EFFECTIVELY WHILE THE CHURCH WAS WITHOUT A DCE, AND SAID THAT SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE OF BUNCOMBE STREET.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOB DOHNS, TREASURER: DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1984, AND NOTED THAT FOR THE YEAR TO DATE THE CHURCH'S INCOME HAS EXCEEDED EXPENSES BY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

SALLY HENLEY, EDUCATION: EXPRESSED HER PLEASURE AT MEETING WITH MRS. LARSEN THIS WEEK AND HAVING MRS. LARSEN TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT BUNCOMBE STREET. REMINDED THE GROUP OF THE CLASSES REMAINING IN THE LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES:

- October 14 - INSURANCE (ALEX EDMONDS)
- October 21 - WILLS (JACK MITCHELL AND BOB ARIAIL)
- October 28 - FUNERAL PLANNING (BILL GAFFNEY)

REPORTED THAT OVER 50 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP HELD ON LAST SUNDAY.

W. R. SHIVES, MISSIONS: ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MR. & MRS. OLIVER MURRAY, RECENTLY APPOINTED MISSIONARIES TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, TO BE AT BUNCOMBE STREET FOR BOTH SERVICES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21. THEY WILL SPEAK IN THE CHAPEL DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR.

LUTHER MARCHANT, STEWARDSHIP: WITH DR. CRENSHAW'S HELP, THE COMMITTEE HAS ARRANGED FOR THE RENOWNED BIBLE SCHOLAR, DR. WILLIAM MALLARD OF EMBRY UNIVERSITY, TO BE AT BUNCOMBE STREET ON MAY 26 AND 27, 1985. TOMORROW NIGHT AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH A LAY SPEAKERS INSTITUTE WILL BEGIN. CLASSES WILL MEET ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS FOR THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AND THOSE PERSONS COMPLETING THE PROGRAM WILL BE CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS.

GARDNER HENDRIX, LAY LEADER: ANNOUNCED THAT ON OCTOBER 14 LAY DAY SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED. DR. LEWIS JONES, CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT WOFFORD COLLEGE, WILL SPEAK ON THE HISTORY OF METHODISM IN SOUTH CAROLINA AT BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES.
Mr. Redmond reported that the Committee on Nominations is presently at work and needs suggestions for persons who would serve in places of leadership in the church in 1985.

STAFF REPORTS:

Freeman Orr, Music: Announced that on Sunday, October 14, at 3:30 P.M. Mr. Beverly A. Ward will present an organ recital in the Buncombe Street sanctuary. Mr. Ward is a graduate of Furman University, the Eastman School of Music, and the College of Church Musicians at the National Cathedral.

The youth choir sang for the first time this fall at the 9:00 a.m. service last Sunday. Youth and junior choirs are working on music for Advent. Men’s choir will sing at 9:00 a.m. service, October 14.

David Studds, Leisure: Noted that the first half of the volley ball season has been completed. Called attention to new trophy case built by Mr. Pillsbury which is now in place. Announced that basketball practice will start soon after the completion of basketball clinics. The clinic schedule:

- Monday, October 15—Midget players (ages 10-12)
- Wednesday, October 17—Jr. & Sr. players (ages 12-19)
- Monday, October 22—Mite night (ages 6-9)

The Fellowship Club will visit Junior League Showcase House on October 17, and will travel to the mountains for a day on October 24. Halloween will be observed with a carnival at the church on Family Night, October 31.

Bob Howell, Membership: Noted that church membership now stands at 2203. Announced the organization of a new church school class for persons recently divorced. The class will meet for the first time Sunday, October 14. During the months of November and December a youth confirmation program will be conducted for youth (ages 14 years through high school) who have not joined the church. The class will be received into church membership on the Sunday prior to Christmas.

Dr. Crenshaw: Called attention to some of the important events ahead in the church year:

- October 14—Laiety Sunday, with Dr. Lewis Jones preaching.
- October 21—Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Murray, missionaries, will speak. Dr. Crenshaw told of the work the Murrays will do in the Solomon Islands and of the many needs they have before going to the field. Buncombe St. will provide $3000 to help get the needed equipment and supplies.

November 18—Bishop Clark will be present for dedication of FAB

Loyalty Sunday will be observed a week after the Circuit Rider Program begins. Dr. Crenshaw emphasized that programs are built and money is sought to carry out the plans. If goals are not reached, programs are adopted, with on deficit financing. He suggested that in the three months left in 1984 that Buncombe St. endeavor to round off its membership to 2222. He pointed out the many opportunities for growth, challenge and service, but noted that none is greater that our personal relationship with Christ as Savior and Lord and our involvement in his kingdom and church. Benediction.
NEXT MEETING: December 10, 1984

46 Present

The meeting of the Administrative Board was called to order by John Redmond, chairman. The Rev. Bob Howell led in prayer. Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published.

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E. O. Thomason, Trustees: Called attention to the new floor covering and new speaking system recently installed in the FAB. These improvements were purchased with money from the Drake Fund. Mr. Thomason reminded the board that Bishop Clark will be in our church Sunday for both worship services and the dedication of the FAB after the 11:00 A.M. service. The mortgage covering the FAB property will be burned during the dedication service.

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NEXT MEETING: February 11, 1985

57 present

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hendricks, new chairman of the Administrative Board. Dick Rountree pronounced the invocation. Mr. Hendricks welcomed those in attendance and asked that Members sustain high attendance during the year. He welcomed seventeen new members to the Board. Mr. Hendricks asked that members in attendance who are not assigned work areas see him. Mr. Howell, Dr. Crenshaw, or Dr. Smith for assignments. Minutes for the December, 1984, meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Downs, Treasurer: Presented statement of income and expenses for the year and noted that unexpected monies amounted to $33,423. He noted that the van recently purchased by the church had arrived.

Lewis Haselwood, Finance: Thanked all those who assisted in the fund raising campaign. Mr. Haselwood noted that the budget for 1985 for Buncombe St. is the largest in the history of South Carolina Methodism. He brought a motion from the Finance Committee that the Board adopt as its 1985 budget the operating budget in the amount of $765,379 that was tentatively approved by the Administrative Board in December 1984. Budget adopted. Mr. Haselwood also brought a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the capital fund budget in the amount of $59,530 be adopted. Capital fund budget adopted.

Dr. Crenshaw, Committee on Nominations: Noted several changes in the slate of officers for 1985 and moved that the Board approve the slate as amended. Approved or proposed members of the Council on Leisure Ministries and the Child Development Board and moved the election of these committees. Committees elected.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: Noted that the commission has passed the half-way mark of a six-year Bible study plan and invited all interested persons to attend classes taught each week by Mr. Claytor.

Sally Henley, Education: Said that attendance at the life enrichment classes, using Keith Miller's "New Wine" film series, has been good. There are four more classes, with the next one on January 27.

Mary Hadaway, Worship: Said that all of the committees concerned with worship have grown as the church has grown.

W. R. Shives, Missions: Noted that he had correspondence recently from the Murays who are leaving this week for their field of service, and from the Johannesbars. He has sent the Johannesbars materials to be used in their work in Moscow.

Craig Lemasters, Evangelism: Said that in 1985 lay visitation will be very important and that results are best when lay persons contact visitors within twenty-four hours of their visit to the church.

B. D. Thomason, Board of Trustees: Reported that during 1984 the church was able to help almost 1,000 people who needed rent, power, fuel, etc., with a total outlay of $37,000. Buncombe St. has the reputation of being a place that one may come to get help. During the coming months the trustees will be reviewing insurance and property needs of the church.
Beverley Willey, Church School Superintendent: Comment on the outstanding outreach of the Church School with the Southern Side community. Average attendance in Church School for 1984 was 538. So far this year average attendance is 630.

Staff Reports:

David Stubbs, Leisure: Described the new van and thanked Finance Committee for its consideration in purchasing the vehicle. Noted that new glass backboards have arrived and thanked those who helped purchase them. Fellowship Club will go to Highlands in the new van in about two weeks. Noted that exercise equipment is now available to those who like to work out. Dr. Gerda McCahan is to speak at the Fellowship Club on Wednesday.

Sara Cooley, Child Development: School is preparing for inspection by Department of Social Services for the purpose of renewing license. License should be received by the end of February.

Freeman Orr, Music: Junior choir is working on a new musical, "It's Cool in the Furnace II", to be presented before Easter. At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on January 27 the Columbia College choir will sing. After the service there will be a covered dish luncheon in FAB for the congregation when the choir will sing secular musical selections.

Mary Larsen, DCE: Said that she is excited about the Life Enrichment series, and that plans are being made for the Lenten School in March. Plans are being made to form councils to support the work of the Education Committee.

Bob Howell, Membership: Commended the committee for the work done and noted that lay visitation teams are coming into place. He expressed his appreciation for Craig Lemasters' energy and enthusiasm.

Mr. Hendricks introduced Dr. George Duffie, District Superintendent. Dr. Duffie shared with the Board his personal goals for Greenville District. He expressed concern over the plight of some of the churches in textile communities and spoke of the need to help these churches revitalize or discontinue. Thirty-four of the seventy-seven Methodist churches in the district experienced a decline in membership in 1970-80, with six to eight churches in textile communities in serious crises. In contrast, he told of the booming situation on the east side of town where new churches are needed.

Dr. Crenshaw thanked Dr. Duffie for challenging Buncombe St. to be a part of his plans for the District. Dr. Crenshaw asked that Buncombe St. carry its share of the 10% increase in membership sought for the quadrennium, which would level off Buncombe Street's membership at about 2500. He announced that Bob Howell will go to the hospital this week for surgery and will need the help of the church members in carrying on his work while he recuperates. Noted that in addition to the direct (one on one) support mentioned by Mr. Thomason the church gives funds to various agencies in Greenville that assist the needy, and has also given funds to five ministers who serve in poor areas so that they can reach people that our church cannot reach.

Dr. Crenshaw announced that Methodist Men will meet on February 1 when John Redmond will speak on "Buncombe Street in the Year 2001". Dr. Crenshaw indicated that church extension is among the dreams for Buncombe St. and voiced his hope that in the future people wishing to give memorials, etc., to the church may have a choice as to where and how their gifts will be used. He told of several sizeable gifts received by the church in the last three weeks. Benediction.
NEXT MEETING: MARCH 11, 1985

56 PRESENT

JOHN REDMOND PRESIDED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF
THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD. BOB HOWELL LED IN PRAYER. MINUTES OF THE LAST
BOARD MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOB DOWNS, TREASURER: PRESENTED THE TOTAL FINANCE REPORT FOR THE MONTH
ENDED JANUARY 31, 1985, AND SAID THAT THIS YEAR 19.5% OF REVENUES
HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND HAVE BEEN SPENT AT THE RATE OF 6.66%. CHILD
DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL OPERATED DURING JANUARY WITH A SMALL OVERAGE. MR. DOWNS
NOTED THAT COMPLETE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CHURCH ARE OPEN FOR INSPECTION
TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS OF FINANCIAL REPORT. TOTAL PLEDGES
RECEIVED ON 1985 OPERATING BUDGET AMOUNT TO $701,677.

B. D. THOMASON, TRUSTEES: TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE INSURANCE
PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH AND FEEL THAT COVERAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,345,800 IS
ADequate AT THIS TIME. LIABILITY COVERAGE HAS BEEN INCREASED TO COVER NEW
VAN.

COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

W. R. SHIVES, MISSIONS: ANNOUNCED THAT THE LENTEN EASTER OFFERING PROGRAM
WILL Go out Friday and will include a letter from Dr. Crenshaw and the
BOOKLET, THE SANCTUARY, by MAXINE DUNNAM.

LUTHER MARCHANT, STEWARDSHIP: NOTED THAT THE BIBLE BOOK MARKS ARE STILL
AVAILABLE AND URGED BOARD MEMBERS TO REFER TO THE SCRIPTURES ON THE MARKERS
WHEN READING THE BIBLE.

MARY HARDAWAY, WORSHIP: FIRST AFTER-CHURCH COFFEE OF THE YEAR WAS HELD
FEBRUARY 10 WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE. MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, WITH SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:30 WITH LUNCH
SERVED BEFORE AND AFTER EACH SERVICE. CHAPEL COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED ON
MARCH 3; AND ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, ANOTHER AFTER-CHURCH COFFEE WILL BE HELD.
MRS. HARDAWAY CALLED ATTENTION OF THE BOARD TO THE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AT
WORSHIP SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 10.

B. D. THOMASON COMMENDED MRS. HARDAWAY FOR THE WORK DONE IN PREPARING FOR
THE COFFEES AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING THESE
EVENTS AND MEET NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS.

ANNE BETTIS, SOCIAL CONCERNS: REPORTED THAT RESPONSE TO BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM
HAD BEEN GOOD. IN NOVEMBER 29 PINTS WERE DONATED AND ON THE LAST DONATION
DATE 38 PINTS WERE GIVEN. NEXT DAY TO GIVE BLOOD WILL BE IN APRIL.
SOUTHERNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUES TO DO OUTSTANDING JOB ESPECIALLY
DURING COLD WEATHER. UNITED MINISTERS' DEMAND FOR FOOD HAS INCREASED DURING
COLD WEATHER; WITH FOOD BEING GIVEN TO ABOUT FORTY FAMILIES PER DAY. A SALE
TO BENEFIT UNITED MINISTRIES IS SET FOR MARCH 22-23 AT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM. WFBC WILL CO-SPONSOR THE EVENT. WORKERS ARE NEEDED AND BAKED GOODS AND CRAFTS ARE NEEDED FOR SALE.

JOHN REDMOND ANNOUNCED THAT BISHOP CLARK WILL COME TO BUNCOMBE STREET ON MARCH 14, 1985, TO REPORT ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO ETHIOPIA TO STUDY FAMINE RELIEF. THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO LAYMEN AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERS OF CHURCHES IN GREENVILLE, ANDERSON, SPARTANEUG, AND GREENWOOD DISTRICTS. A NEWS CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 P.M. WITH THE REPORT BY BISHOP CLARK TO THE CHURCHES SET FOR 7:00-7:30 P.M. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING.

STAFF REPORTS:

FREEMAN ORR, MUSIC: REPORTED ON THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES BY COLUMBIA COLLEGE SINGERS ON JANUARY 27, AND CALLED ATTENTION TO MIDWEEK SERVICES BEGINNING ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20. CHOIR ARE WORKING ON VARIOUS MUSICALS. ADULT CHOIR IS PREPARING A LENTEN CANTATA, AND ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE SENIOR ADULTS ARE REHEARSING A MUSICAL WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR ADULTS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

DAVID STUBBS, LEISURE: ANNOUNCED A TRIP TO ATLANTA ON FEBRUARY 12 TO SEE THE CHINA EXHIBIT AT HYDE MUSEUM. HOT SPOT COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 16. BASKET BALL SEASON IS OVER- BUNCOMBE STREET HAD FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS. SOCCER PRACTICE BEGINS MARCH 5, 1985. TRIP TO SNOWSHOE, W. VA., IS BEING PLANNED FOR MARCH.

MARY LARSEN, DCE: CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGAN LAST SUNDAY WITH TWENTY PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. LENTEN SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR FIRST FOUR SUNDAYS IN MARCH WHEN DR. JAMES KELLER, DR. JOHN MILLER AND MR. VIC GREEN WILL CONDUCT CLASSES.

BOB HOWELL, MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM: LAY VISITATION PROGRAM IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. NEW MEMBER DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19, 1985. MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 1, 1985 WAS 2212. SINCE THAT DATE FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH (NINE FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS AND SIX FROM OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES). TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF TODAY 2216.

MR. REDMOND ANNOUNCED THAT DR. CRENSHAW WILL ATTEND THE CONSULTATION ON LARGER CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION ON FEBRUARY 12-15 AT EFWORTH BY THE SEA, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, WHERE HE SERVES AS CHAIRMAN FOR THIS YEAR. DR. CRENSHAW NOTED THAT OF THE 330 MINISTERS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION WHO SERVE CONGREGATIONS OF 1200 MEMBERS OR MORE, 150 ARE REGISTERED FOR THE CONFERENCE.

DR. CRENSHAW CALLS ATTENTION TO THE ADDITIONAL HELP GIVEN BY OUR CHURCH TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNITED MINISTRIES, SOUTHERNSIDE COMMUNITY (TO ASSIST WITH GIRL SCOUTS), GOSPEL MISSION (TO MINISTER TO TRANSIENTS) AND TO EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME, NOTING THAT NON-BUDGETED MONIES FOR SUCH HELP AMOUNTED TO OVER $122,000 IN 1984. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES WOULD BE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR BETWEEN BUNCOMBE STREET CHURCH AND JOHN WESLEY CHURCH. DR. CRENSHAW LED THE GROUP IN SINGING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO MR. CLAYTOR WHO CELEBRATES HIS 69TH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 12. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS AND TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE LABORING TO MAKE THIS A GREAT CHURCH. HE SUGGESTED THAT BOARD MEMBERS DO AS PAUL DID WHEN HE SAID: "I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS." Benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 11, 1985
7:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 8, 1985

60 PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the board. Lewis Haselwood opened the meeting with an invocation. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes of the last meeting were moved to the record by Mr. Hendricks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bob Downs, Treasurer: Presented the financial report for the month of February. For the year to date, the church is doing about the same as last year on a percentage basis. The $105,000 that was received in prepaid pledges will gradually decline as the year progresses. Mr. Downs called attention to the $6600 received as memorials and legacies by the church, and reminded the board that complete financial details are always available to any member of the board or church at any time.

B. O. Thomason, Trustees: Called attention to the new signs in front of the church. The trustees plan to install lights on the signs to make them more visible at night. Mr. Thomason noted that Miss Carolyn Banner left $4000 to the church to be used as scholarship money. The money will be invested for about two years and then from the interest trustees expect to award a scholarship of about $500 per year without invading the corpus.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mary Hardaway, Worship: Lenten services have been well attended and will continue through April 3. The reception after the service yesterday was well attended. The committee is looking forward to Bishop Clark’s visit on Thursday evening. A reception following the service will be held in Sisk Hall.

Anne Bettis, Social Concerns: The sale sponsored by United Ministries and WFBC on March 22-23 will have 90 churches occupying booths. The committee is still receiving items for sale.

Bishop Clark’s Visit: John Redmond, who heads the committee making plans for Bishop Clark’s visit here, noted that Bishop Clark is president of United Methodist Committee on Relief. It is his responsibility to oversee the money that comes from annual conferences of United Methodist Churches. He traveled to Ethiopia to view the hunger problem there and to see how funds are being distributed. People from Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, and Greenwood districts have been invited to attend the Thursday evening service. There will be radio and TV coverage. A part of the program will be a question and answer period.
STAFF REPORTS:

SARA COOLEY, CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL: The staff is registering children for the next school year. Seventy-six of the ninety-nine available places have been filled.

FREEMAN ORR, MUSIC: Youth will make palm crosses for distribution at both services on Palm Sunday. Communion service will be held on Maundy Thursday, the choir will sing a cantata, and a service of darkness will close the program. On Easter Sunday at both services the choir will sing and brass instrumentalists will assist.

DAVID STUBBS, LEISURE: State Methodist basketball tournament takes place this coming weekend. Buncombe Street junior and senior girls won the area championships and these teams will try to claim state championships. Soccer games start this weekend. Next week a group of children from foster homes under the direction of the Department of Social Services, will use the recreation facilities at Buncombe Street. Dr. Kenny Dueose will speak at the Fellowship Club meeting next week. Basketball banquet is scheduled for March 27. Softball starts April 14.

MARY LARSEN, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Life Enrichment series went well and the Lenten School has been successful. Youth Council met yesterday and the youth involved contributed valuable suggestions on curriculum, etc.

BOB HOWELL, MEMBERSHIP & EVANGELISM: Reported that his committee is planning a spiritual life development retreat for the fall of 1986 with possibly 60-80 places available.

DR. CRENSHAW: Called attention to the many things taking place in the church program with special emphasis on Bishop Clark’s visit here and the Lenten services held in cooperation with John Wesley Methodist Church and other churches in that charge. He expressed sorrow at the loss of ten of Buncombe Street’s members during January and February, and rejoiced at the birth of four babies born during the past nine days. Dr. Crenshaw announced that Mrs. Claytor’s father passed away yesterday—services will be held Tuesday.

A letter from Mr. & Mrs. Murray, missionaries to the Solomon Islands, was read to the group by Dr. Crenshaw. They are in need of a means of transportation and a couple to assist them in the work.

Dr. Crenshaw announced that a financial secretary will soon join the church staff and an effort is being made to find an additional minister to assist with the ministries of the church. He also noted that John Redmond was recently elected chairman of the Conference Committee on Nominations. He expressed appreciation for the legacy which Miss Banner left the church to be used as scholarship money and noted that he will meet soon with the dean from Wofford College to select the next few Crenshaw scholars. During Lent he urged board members to read the accounts of Jesus’ last days on earth as found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Benediction
Lynn Hendricks called the meeting to order. Gardner Hendrix led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published and committed to the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Levis Haselwood, Finance: Presented statement of income and expenses for month ended March 31, 1985. During the month of March collection of pledges continued well in excess of past years, both in total dollars and in relationship to targeted percentages. Expenses have been running lower than the 25% which would be the anticipated rate for the first quarter of the year. All committees, commissions and departments are within their budgets for the year to date. $440,831 remains to be collected on 1984 and 1985 pledges. Since January 1, 1985, the church has received new operating budget pledges amounting to $21,744 and has cancelled 1984 and 1985 pledges of $808. All unpaid 1983 balances were written off at the beginning of 1985.

John Redmond, reporting on Bishop Clark's visit to Buncombe Street, noted that about 300 people from Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson and Greenwood Districts attended. Newspaper and television coverage was excellent. The objectives of the occasion were met and surpassed.

Mr. Haselwood announced that Wanda Roddy has joined the staff at Buncombe Street as bookkeeper and financial secretary.

B. O. Thomason, Board of Trustees: Reported that Joe Hawkins has signed a contract to purchase the lot on Stone Avenue which is owned by Buncombe Street. The contract amount is $20,000 with $1,000 paid down and $19,000 to be paid on or before July 10, 1985. Mr. Thomason recommended that the contract be accepted, and that in order to comply with the church discipline a Charge conference be held on April 21 after the 11:00 A.M. service for the purpose of officially ratifying the contract. The board authorized the trustees to proceed with the sale, subject to approval of the Charge Conference.

Mr. Thomason also reported that the Board of Trustees has been notified by the executors of the J. Kelly Sisk will that distribution of assets of the estate will take place in the near future. Buncombe Street will be the recipient of assets amounting to over $1,000,000. As a part of the Charge Conference which will be held on April 21 the Board of Trustees wishes the Conference to approve acceptance of these assets and authorize the Trustees to use them in the manner that the Sisk Fund of approximately $450,000 has been used in the past.
WHEREAS, it appears imminent that the distribution of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church's part of the Estate will be available to said church within the very near future,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Charge Conference of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church on April 21, 1985, as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the Trustees of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church are hereby authorized to accept with gratitude the legacy and distribution of same from the Co-executors of the Estate of the late J. Kelly Sisk and make the appropriate responses of thanks to members of his family for these generous gifts.

2. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church is further empowered to administer the receiving of this legacy and gifts including the conversion and sale of any stock and the immediate investment of any funds received from said sale or cash which may come from the Estate. That any such monies received from the Sisk Estate shall be placed in a separate fund with the income from this legacy and gifts to be used for missions, outreach, and charitable purposes as shall be determined by the Charge Conference, Administrative Board, the Board of Trustees, and such other official structures of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church as may exist or be created by the Charge Conference.

3. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees as soon as possible shall develop for presentation for approval by the Administrative Board of the Charge Conference such church policies and/or legal structures or recommendations as would be appropriate for the administering of this legacy and other legacies, trust funds and gifts for the Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. This would include policies of investment, expenditure, accountability, reporting, and such other actions as may be necessary for the adequate handling of such gifts, legacies or funds.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Mr. Thomason moved that the resolution be adopted.

Dr. Duffie recognized Mr. Lewis Haselwood who moved to amend Sections 2 and 3 of the resolution presented by Mr. Thomason. After some discussion of Mr. Haselwood's proposed amendments, the Charge Conference voted to perfect the document by sections.

The Preamble and Section 1 of the resolution were accepted as presented by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2 of the resolution was accepted, with the following addition:

That such separate fund remain intact and that no distributions be made therefrom, from either income or principal, until those matters set forth in Paragraph #3 hereinafter are accomplished.

Section 3 was accepted as presented in the original resolution.

Mr. Thomason moved the adoption of the resolution as amended above. The motion was carried.

Dr. Duffie pronounced the benediction.
Lynn Hendricks, chairman, called the meeting to order. Lynn Ogle gave the invocation. Board members were given copies of the minutes of the April meeting, which were approved and moved to the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Downs, Treasurer: Presented statement of income and expenses for month ending April 30, 1985, and called attention to the excess of expenditures over income for the month. Pledges recorded were slightly less than April, 1984--April 1985 had four Sundays as compared with five Sundays a year ago.

B. O. Thomason, Jr., Trustees: Reported that after the meeting of the Charge Conference on April 21, 1985, the Trustees met for the purpose of assembling the assets from the distribution of the Sisk Legacy. Prior to their meeting the Trustees received a request from Mrs. Sisk asking that the Trustees, when making plans for the church's use of the stock, support the plan for the recapitalization of Multimedia. The Trustees felt that the church should honor her request and a decision has been made to support the plan. Trustees expect the transfer of assets from the Sisk Estate to be completed by June 1, 1985. At the next meeting of the Trustees a special committee will be appointed to work on a plan for the use of the assets.

COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

Mary Hardaway, Worship: Reported that the altar and flower committee held a workshop on April 23. Following the 11:00 A. M. worship service on May 26, when Dr. William Mallard will speak, a reception will be held in Sisk Hall.

Ann Bettis, Social Concerns: Announced that Blood Donor Day is Thursday, July 18. Reminded the board that her committee saves Ingle's tapes which bring a 1% profit on the total amount saved. The committee anticipates the Crop Walk to be held in the fall.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: Reported that Dr. Mallard will speak at both services on May 26 and will teach a series of Bible lessons during the Sunday School hour and on Sunday and Monday evenings. He will meet with Methodist Men and United Methodist Women on Monday.
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STAFF REPORTS:

Sara Cooley, Child Development: Reported that openings remain in the four and five year kindergarten for the fall session.

David Stubbbs, Leisure: Thirty-eight persons participated on Golf Day last Saturday. At the Fellowship Club meeting on Wednesday an adult choral group will present "Saints Alive". Book Discussion group will meet on May 28. Eight and nine year olds will begin baseball practice next week. Children from Southernside community will come to Buncombe Street this summer for recreation, study, crafts, and refreshments. Youth and college students of Buncombe Street will lead these activities.

Freeman Orr, Music: "Saints Alive" musical will be presented at Fellowship Club on Wednesday. On May 19 at the 9:00 A. M. service the Junior Choir will present "It's Cool in the Furnace II".

Mary Larsen, Education: Child, adult and young adult councils have been formed. Youth are going to Camp St. Christopher on May 24-26 and to Epworth-by-the-Sea on July 7-12. SACK and PACK groups for younger children are planned for the summer. A youth leadership team is being trained to reach out in recreation and spiritual ministries to children of Southernside Community. Six young people have signed up for leadership team. Vacation Church School will be held August 4-8.

Bob Hovell, Membership: As of this date the church has received 72 new members this year and lost 30 members (16 by death). Membership to date: 2254. A new member dinner is scheduled on May 29. Everyone who has joined the church recently has been assigned a Fellowship Friend. Mr. Hovell will leave Buncombe Street on June 19 to minister to another church.

Dr. Crenshaw: Emphasized the opportunities available when Dr. Mallard comes to Buncombe Street. Reminded delegates to Annual Conference (June 2-6) of the meeting at St. Matthew United Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon. Reports from delegates will be heard at next Administrative Board meeting. In closing, Dr. Crenshaw reminded board members that we are people of God called for His purpose, seeking to be His servants and His stewards. Meeting adjourned.
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
June 10, 1985

Next meeting: August 12, 1985

Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the administrative board, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Clelia Hendrix pronounced the invocation. The minutes of the May 13, 1985, meeting were approved as mailed and moved to the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

John Redmond, Finance: Presented the statement of income and expenses for the month ended May 31, 1985, noting that again expenses exceeded income, but that the situation is not unusual for this time of the year. Church members will be reminded to bring pledges up to date.

Mr. Hendricks called on the following delegates to report on Annual Conference: Mr. Ray Truluck, Mr. Fred Bettis, Mr. John Redmond, and Mr. Gardner Hendrix. Mrs. Clelia Hendrix spoke as a representative of the Conference Council on Ministries.

B. O. Thomason, Jr., Trustees: At the meeting of the Charge Conference on April 21, 1985, the Conference instructed the trustees to develop a plan for using the funds received from the Sisk Estate in the outreach program of Buncombe Street. The trustees, in an effort to follow those instructions, have appointed a committee to assist in this endeavor. Members of the committee are Mrs. Clelia Hendrix, Mrs. Sisk, Mr. Jerry Steele and Mr. Richard Few. The committee will openly solicit from the congregation suggestions for a program which will benefit the church in its outreach ministry. Those persons offering suggestions should write letters to the committee so that committee members will have the suggestions in hand when developing a plan, which plan should be ready for implementation by September.

Mr. Thomason reported that the sale of the property on Stone Avenue would be consummated before the next board meeting, and that funds from the sale would go into the capital account for the maintenance and improvement of the FAB, along with monies in the Drake Fund.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

R. P. Crumpler, Health and Welfare: Reminded the board of Blood Donor day on July 18 and emphasized the benefits derived by those giving and receiving blood.

Mr. Hendricks announced that the Social Concerns committee is meeting tonight with leaders of the Southernside Community.
Craig Lemasters, Membership and Evangelism: Since January 1, 1985, the church has received 78 new members, has lost 18 members by death, 18 by transfer of letter, and two to other denominations. Net membership as of June 10, 1985, is 2252.

His committee plans to have a family film night in September or October, and to have a telethon to contact members who have not been in church in recent months. He expressed the loss his committee feels as Mr. Howell goes to his new appointment, and thanked Mr. Howell for his leadership in starting programs for layman visitation, fellowship friends, and new member dinners.

Sally Henley, Education: Announced that coordinators are planning the programs for next year and welcome any suggestions from church members. Beginning July 14 and going through the end of August the committee plans to have a film series during the Sunday School hour with the focus of the films on the family. Bible School is scheduled August 4-8. Almost 100 parents and children viewed the Father's Day film which was shown yesterday.

Mr. B. O. Thomason, Jr., moved that the following resolution be placed in the minutes of the administrative board meeting:

"WHEREAS, Robert J. Howell has been the Associate Minister of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church for the past three years; and

"WHEREAS, Robert J. Howell has displayed wonderful qualities of Christian leadership and has truly been a servant of God; and

"WHEREAS, Robert J. Howell has given tremendously of himself to the care and keeping of all the members of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church and provided its members with a new spirit of evangelism in the work of Jesus Christ; and

"WHEREAS, Robert J. Howell has now been assigned to Trinity Methodist Church at Blythewood and will be leaving Buncombe Street United Methodist Church as its Associate Minister,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Administrative Board of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church that it does hereby commend Robert J. Howell for his untiring and devoted ministry at Buncombe Street United Methodist Church during the past three (3) years and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Buncombe Street United Methodist Church does hereby congratulate Robert J. Howell on his new assignment and wish him continued success in the work of our Lord."

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the administrative board.
Sara Cooley, Child Development: Reported that although the school has a waiting list for very young children, there is space available this summer in the kindergarten.

David Stubbs, Leisure: Announced the formation of a Cub Scout Pack last week with a membership of ten boys. The first family movie night will be on June 12. Fellowship Club will travel to Biltmore House on Thursday. Swimming classes for children 3 years and above will begin on June 11 at the YWCA. Southernside children will come to Buncombe Street as planned for various activities. Sack and Pack programs will continue this summer. Youth choir will leave June 18 on the trip they have planned and worked for all year.

Freeman Orr, Music: In addition to singing at Sunday worship services, during the choir year just ended the choirs have presented seven larger musical works (cantatas and musicals)--adult choir, two; youth choir, two; junior choir, two; senior choir, one. The same number will be presented by the choirs next year, with the senior choir giving an additional one. The senior choir will repeat "Saints Alive" in the early fall.

Mr. Hendricks commended Mr. Howell for the work he has done while at Buncombe St. and noted that the church has received into its membership over 500 new members during his time here.

Mr. Howell, in his response, asked for the prayers of the church as he and his family go to a new field of service and expressed gratitude for the opportunity of sharing in the lives of the people and the ministry of Buncombe Street.

Dr. Crenshaw: Expressed his appreciation to Mr. Howell for his faithfulness to duty and his contribution to the work of Buncombe Street. He assured Mr. Howell that Buncombe Street would follow his work with interest and would welcome him back to the church on any occasion.

Dr. Crenshaw challenged board members to give themselves in the ministry of the church, subject only to the call of God and the Holy Spirit, and to be responsive, obedient and faithful. Meeting adjourned.
The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the administrative board. Dick Rountree gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting (June 10, 1985) were approved as published and moved to the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lewis Haselwood, Finance: Presented the statement of income and expenses for the month of July and the seven months ended July 31, 1985. He called attention to the $668,434 collected for the calendar year and said that the excess of income over expenses is about 12%. The Council on Ministries will meet on August 25 to begin work on programs and budget for next year.

Fred Bettis, Evangelism: As of January 1, church membership stood at 2212. Since January 1, 90 persons have joined the church. With a loss of 53 members, this leaves a net gain of 37. Church membership as of August 12: 2249. Mr. Bettis announced the following events that are upcoming: After church coffee, September 8; telethon, September 17-18; Spiritual Life Enrichment program, with Bishop William R. Cannon, September 29-30.

Anne Bettis, Social Concerns: Reported that her committee met with leaders of Southernside Community Center in June and were made aware of many of the needs in that community. Thirty-four pints of blood were received in July in the Blood Donor's program.

Mary Hardway, Worship: The worship committee met on August 8 to complete plans for worship experiences for the remainder of the year, and to complete the budget for 1986. Among events for this fall are: Family night supper, August 28; worship services televised four Sundays in September; family night on September 25 with music provided by one of the choirs; World Wide Communion, October 6th.

T. A. Able, Properties: Reported that the fire alarm system for the church has been installed.

B. O. Thomason, Trustees: Noted that the installation of the fire alarm system should help solve some of the problems that may arise as the Child Development School meets new state fire regulations. The trustees are working with the State Fire Marshal on behalf of the school.

Mr. Thomason reported that the church has received funds from the Sisk legacy in the amount of $16,000, and that the guidelines committee expects to have a report to present to the administrative board in early fall.
STAFF REPORTS:

Sara Cooley, Child Development School: Total summer enrollment was about half of that during the school year. Some of the children returned today but full enrollment for the fall session is expected two weeks from today. The only vacancies remaining are in the five-year kindergarten.

Lynn Hendricks, Leisure: Women's No. 1 team-League Tournament Champions. A family movie night Tuesday, the film "Robin Hood" will be shown. The Boy Scouts will have an Eagle Dinner for Timothy M. Poole, the church's twenty-third Eagle Scout, next Tuesday. There will be a church recreation workshop, sponsored by Buncombe Street, North Greenville College, and S. C. Association of Health, Physical Ed, Recreation and Dance, on September 6-7 at North Greenville College.

Freeman Orr, Music: Eighteen children and several counselors attended the first session of the junior choir summer workshop. The group began work on a cantata to be presented during Advent. Junior and youth choir rehearsals will begin on August 25. At the September 25 family night the senior adult choir will repeat the musical, "Saints Alive". On December 13, 14, 15 a Madrigal Dinner will be presented by the music department.

Mary Larsen, Christian Education: Average attendance at Bible School was 119-120. A teacher training event is being planned for September. The education committee proposed and passed its budget for 1986 at tonight's meeting.

Wayne Horne: Thanked the board for the reception given for him and his family and for the welcome they have received at Buncombe Street. He affirmed Mr. Bettis' report on the status of church membership, and noted that the confirmation class is included in the 90 persons who have joined the church.

Dr. Crenshaw: Announced that the church is seeking a person to fill the office of business manager. Noted that of the new members received into the church, 33 have come from other Methodist churches and 28 from other denominations. Twenty-three members have transferred to other Methodist churches and six members have transferred to other denominations. The church has lost 23 members by death since January 1. Thirty-three babies have been born into the church family since the first of the year. Dr. Crenshaw further noted that promotion day is the last Sunday in August, that the Council on Ministries will meet soon to make plans for the church year, the finance committee will be pulling together the budgets, the every member canvas group will be making plans for the underwriting of the church budget, and the nominating committee will begin its work in the next few weeks. The full program of youth ministries will be in full swing with the opening of school. In speaking of Bishop Cannon, Dr. Crenshaw said that he is former dean of the School of Theology at Emory University, and is a noted writer, having completed four volumes on the Gospels which were published by Upper Room. He has written extensively in other fields and is Methodists' Chief liaison with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Crenshaw pronounced the benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
September 9, 1985

45 Present

Next Meeting: October 14, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Lynn Hendricks, Chairman of the Administrative Board. Garmon Smith gave the invocation. The minutes of the last meeting (August 12, 1985) were approved.

Lewis Haselwood: Finance: Presented the tentative budget for 1986 to be approved by the Administrative Board. The proposed operating budget for 1986 is $851,932, plus $75,000 for the Capital Fund. The motion to approve the tentative budget was made by Lewis Haselwood and was seconded by Garmon Smith. The Administrative Board pledged their support in raising the funds to meet the budget.

Luther Marchant, Stewardship: The Fall Commitment Program will be lead by Wayne Horne. The importance of this program and its far-reaching effects were stressed by Mr. Marchant.

Craig Lemasters, Evangelism: The following events are scheduled for September: September 17-18, telethon and September 29-30, Spiritual Life Enrichment with Bishop William R. Cannon.

Ann Bettis, Social Concerns: Bess Cooke visited the commission meeting and discussed the transportation for treatment of cancer patients. A Blood Assurance Day is planned for September 19. A CROPWALK for hunger is also planned. Dr. James E. Hunter will speak to a joint commission meeting of Social Concerns and Missions in his recent trip to Eastern Europe.

Sally Henley, Education: A workshop will be held Sunday, September 15 for the new teachers in the church school.

Beverley Willey, Church School: The attendance has increased significantly since Sunday, September 1.

Tommy Thomason, Trustees: The Sisk family authorized the church to sell Multi-media stock (23,700 shares) for $1,404,000. The money was invested in a ninety day treasury bill for $300,00 per day interest. Mrs. Sisk thanked the Trustees for their diligence and cooperation with the Sisk family in the completion of this sale. Clelia Hendrix is Chairman of the Sisk Legacy Guidelines Committee. Her committee has been hard at work in this area. The Trustees are investigating properties around the church for future use.
STAFF REPORTS:

Sara Cooley, Child Development School: Announced that after two weeks into the school year, the program has the maximum number of children.

Freeman Orr, Music: The youth and children's choirs are underway. The attendance has been good but more children would be welcomed on September 25. The musical "Saints Alive" will be presented at family night. The madrigal dinners will be December 13, 14 and 15.

David Stubbs, Leisure Ministries: Volunteers accumulated 2,500 man hours this year. Larry Crane was named volunteer of the year. BSUMC had two winners on the men's softball league at the YMCA. A church recreation workshop was presented at North Greenville College, September 6 and 7. This event was sponsored by BSUMC.

Wayne Horne: Announced the addition of the new members for the month of August. The Inquirer's Class began September 8th.

Dr. Crenshaw: Thanked the Board of Trustees for their diligence in working with the Sisk endowment. David Stubbs was commended for his 131 programs at the church this year. Dr. Crenshaw also had strong praise for the educational program at BSUMC for the year. The administrative board was reminded that the nominating committee is meeting and their thoughts and suggestions would be appreciated at this time. The board was also asked to accept the challenge of the new budget presented by the Finance Committee.

Dr. Crenshaw pronounced the benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
October 14, 1985

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 1985
61 present

Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the Administrative Board, called the meeting to order. Gardner Hendrix gave the invocation. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published and assigned to the record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bob Downs, Treasurer: Presented the statement of income and expenses for the month of September and the nine months ended September 30, 1985. He noted that we are through 75% of our budget year and have received 72% of budget income and disbursed 70.77% of budget expenses. September, with five Sundays, brought an excess of income over expenses in the operating fund. Over $6000 was received for Epworth Children's Home. The Child Development School has a deficit for the year to date which will probably be eliminated by the end of the year.

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Mary Hardaway, Worship: Reported that the after church receptions had been well attended and services September 29-October 2 when Bishop Cannon preached were also well attended. On October 6 World Wide Communion was observed with 509 persons partaking of communion. On October 8 Mrs. Thompson, chairman of the Wedding Committee, conducted a wedding workshop for persons interested in directing weddings. On October 20 and November 10 receptions will be held after the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

W. R. Shives, Missions: Had received a letter from the Murrays in the Solomon Islands. Their greatest need at this time is cash. An invitation has been extended to the Johannabers, our missionaries in Moscow, to speak in both worship services one Sunday during the Spring of 1986. They will be on leave in the U.S.

Craig Lemasters, Membership and Evangelism: Reported that a New Member's Dinner will be held on November 13.

Anne Bettis, Social Concerns: The Social Concerns Committee met with the Stewardship and Missions Committees to hear Dr. James E. Hunter's report on his recent trip to Eastern European countries. CROP WALK, October 20, is an effort to raise money to combat hunger in the world. Blood Donor Day is scheduled for the third week in January and her committee is considering asking another church to join Buncombe Street in this effort.

Beverly Willey, Church School: Reported that there were over 600 persons in attendance at Church School on Sunday.
Lewis Haselwood, Finance: Sunday, November 3, is Loyalty Sunday when pledges will be presented in the worship services and the 1986 Loyalty Campaign concluded. The Circuit Rider program will not be utilized this year but focus on giving will be through Church School classes. Sixty-four percent of pledges come from Church School class members. The proposed budget for 1986 is $852,000 for the operating budget and $75,000 for the capital fund.

STAFF REPORTS

Sara Cooley, Child Development: The school continues to have a good year. On Child Safe Day 96 children were fingerprinted, had their pictures made, and received identification cards.

William R. Claytor, Pastoral Care: Those involved in pastoral care work to help people in a personal and social way. The church can count 200 people at any given time who need pastoral care, and there are sixteen nursing and retirement homes served by the staff.

Freeman Orr, Music: The younger choirs sang at the 9:00 A.M. service yesterday with many children participating. In November tickets will go on sale for the Madrigal dinners to be given on December 13, 14, and 15.

David Stubbs, Leisure: The church has six volley ball teams this season with five in the church league and one in the "Y" league. Annual Halloween Carnival is scheduled for October 31. On November 4 a dinner will be given for the four and five year olds participating in the indoor soccer program. On November 5 Yuletide craft classes begin. Youth will be participating in the CROP WALK for the first time next Sunday.

Wayne Horne, Membership: Since last board meeting twenty new members have been received into the church, making a total of 120 new members (including confirmation class) during the year. The church has lost 65 members. Total membership 2267.

Dr. Crenshaw: Thanked Sally Henley and others for carrying on the work of the Education Department while Mary Larsen has been ill. In calling attention to the visiting, counseling, etc., that the staff does, Dr. Crenshaw noted that the church is at the place where additional ministerial support is needed. The Staff Parish Committee has examined the needs of the church and the possibility of having additional ministerial help. The Nominating Committee continues to work on the preparation of a slate of officers for 1986.

Reporting for B. O. Thomason and the Trustees, Dr. Crenshaw said that the assets the church received from the Sisk Estate have been turned into liquid assets amounting to $2,003,000, which is an increase of about $300,000 over the appraised value.

Mrs. Clelia Hendrix reported that the Guidelines Committee is on schedule with its work, and hopes to have the guidelines ready to bring before the Board of Trustees at its next meeting, before the Administrative Board in November, and to the Charge Conference in December.

Dr. Crenshaw reported that the Board of Trustees had suggested that the Finance Committee continue to investigate the possibility of purchasing property near the church to be used for parking.

Benediction.
Next meeting: December 9, 1985

Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the Administrative Board, called the meeting to order. John Redmond pronounced the invocation. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

Mr. Hendricks introduced Mrs. Betty Jackson who is now serving as dietitian for the church. He emphasized the importance of making reservations for supper, noting that 47 reservations were made and 60 people came for supper. Mr. Hendricks requested that Board members assist the Committee on Nominations by suggesting names of persons to be considered for places on committees, commissions, etc.

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Bob Downs, Treasurer: In presenting the report of income and expenses for the month ended October 31, 1985, Mr. Downs noted that the church is still operating in the black for the year. However, for the month of October there was an excess of expenses over income in the operating fund. Normally the months of November and December bring in substantial contributions and it is expected that the church will end the year operating in the black. The Child Development School had a deficit during the summer, but with an adjustment in the fees that are charged it is likely that the school will no longer show a deficit.

Lewis Haselwood, Finance: In reporting on the Every Member Canvas drive, Mr. Haselwood stated that on Loyalty Sunday pledges amounted to $566,000. As of today the total pledged is $645,000 for the operating budget, leaving the budget underfunded by $200,000.

B. O. Thomason, Trustees: Reported that the trustees are looking into the possibility of purchasing a tract of land consisting of 1.18 acres (51,400 square feet) owned by Furman University and situated across the street from the church. An appraisal of the property was made and based on that appraisal an offer has been made for the purchase of the property.

Mr. Thomason reported that a previous contract for the sale of church owned property located on Stone Avenue was never consummated, with the purchaser forfeiting the earnest money. The church has received another offer on the same property in the amount of $17,000. Mr. Thomason moved that the Administrative Board approve the sale of the property at that price, and that proper notice be given for a meeting of the Charge Conference in December to approve the Board’s action. His motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Thomason stated that funds received from the sale of the Sisk Multimedia stock amount to $1,401,560. In addition to that, the church received a final payoff on a second mortgage which amounted to $574,000.

Mrs. Clelia Hendrix, chairperson of the Sisk Legacy Committee, thanked members of the committee who worked with her to bring the document to the Administrative Board tonight. She said that the committee is indebted to Mr. David Merline for the legal counsel and assistance that he provided.
In presenting the document prepared by the committee, copies of which were mailed to Administrative Board members prior to this meeting, Mrs. Hendrix asked that the following changes be made:

1. On Page 2, third line of Paragraph (4), delete the words "from time to time".

2. On Page 2, insert this sentence immediately preceding the last sentence of Paragraph (4): "Any net income not so paid or applied in any year shall be accumulated in a separate income account to be used to carry out the purposes of this foundation in later years; provided, however, that the trustees shall have the authority at any time to add any portion or all of the accumulated income account to principal."

3. On Page 5, in Paragraph (9), on sixth line from bottom of the page, change Paragraph (9) to (10).

4. On Page 8, in last paragraph of Paragraph (10), insert the word "Street" between "Buncombe" and "United".

5. On Page 9, in Paragraph (12), first line, following the words, "The Trustees", insert "officers, council members, and committee members."

The floor was opened for discussion. During the discussion period it was suggested that the word "funds" in the last line of Paragraph (12) be changed to "income". This change was made.

There being no further discussion, Mrs. Hendrix moved that the Administrative Board approve and adopt the document as amended above. Mr. Thomason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hendricks recognized Miss Choice McCoin who announced that Madrigal Dinners will be presented on December 13, 14 and 15. Ticket sales were good this past Sunday.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mary Larsen, Education: November 20 is Christmas Crafts family night. The Life Enrichment series was well attended. Plans for Lenten School for 1986 are complete.

David Stubbs, Leisure: Expressed appreciation to those who participated in and helped make volleyball season a success.

Freeman Orr, Music: On December 8 the younger choirs will present a program in the Chapel at 9:00 A.M. service. Annual candlelight service will be held at 5:00 P.M. on December 22.

Wayne Horne, Membership: Reported that eight new members have been received into the church since the last Board meeting, and that six names have been removed. Forty persons have signed up to attend the new member dinner on Wednesday, November 12.
Mr. Hendricks thanked the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Hendrix, and those who served with her, for the work they did in preparing guidelines for the Sisk Legacy.

Dr. Crenshaw: Reminded board members who have not made their 1986 pledges to do so tonight. He announced that one month from tonight a Charge Conference will be held, and that the Committee on Nominations is still seeking suggestions for members to serve on commissions and committees of the church.

Dr. Crenshaw commented that the adoption of the document pertaining to the Sisk Legacy is significant in that through the years many needy individuals, institutions and churches can be assisted, and countless other needs can be met. It is his hope that others will be challenged by the spirit that prompted Mr. Sisk's generosity to give of their resources to the church.

Benediction.
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES
December 3, 1985
7:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: January 13, 1986
59 present

Mr. Lynn Hendricks, chairman of the Administrative Board, called the meeting to order. Mr. Ray Truluck pronounced the invocation. Minutes of the November 11, 1985, meeting were approved as published and committed to the record.

Mr. Bob Downs, Treasurer, presented the statement of income and expenses for the month of November and the eleven months ended November 30, 1985. He noted that ordinarily the church would receive 91.7% of annual income and expend a similar amount for expenses during that period. Actually the church received 36.9% of expected income and spent 85.9% of expenses. However, last December the church received over $75,000 on pledges for 1984. Assuming that there will be a similar surge in December, 1985, it appears that the year will end with a small surplus in the operating fund. The Finance Committee is aware that the Committee on Leisure Ministries exceeded its budget due to a very active program. However, the excess was authorized and the total budget will not be violated.

CHARGE CONFERENCE:

Mr. Hendricks recognized Mr. George Duffie, District Superintendent, who declared the Charge Conference to be in session. The calling of the roll was dispensed with and a written record of attendance was taken. Mr. Duffie inquired if proper notice of the Charge Conference was given. Dr. Cranshaw reported that notice was given by public announcement and by publication in the bulletin.

Mr. Duffie recognized Mr. B. C. Thomason, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who filed the annual report of the Trustees. Mr. Thomason presented to the Charge Conference a resolution requesting authorization for the sale of the Stone Avenue property to Mr. Claudio Scarano for $17,000, said sale to be closed on or before December 31, 1985. On behalf of the Board of Trustees he moved the adoption of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of 1.13 acres situated at the southeastern corner of Buncombe and Academy Streets for $290,000, with financing up to $240,000, was next presented by Mr. Thomason on behalf of the Trustees. Said sale would be closed on or before January 31, 1986. Mr. Thomason moved the adoption of the resolution. During the discussion of the proposal it was noted that the Finance Committee has approved $10,000 as a binder on the contract. The resolution was adopted.

Another resolution from the Board of Trustees requested that the Charge Conference confirm and ratify the proposals related to the Sisk Foundation. After a reading of the resolution Mr. Thomason moved that it be adopted. After some discussion and several changes in the wording of the document, the resolution was adopted.
Dr. Crenshaw presented the report prepared by the Nominating Committee, copies of which were mailed to board members prior to this meeting. These additional nominations were received:

**Board of Trustees for Advisory Committee, The Sisk Foundation:**

- 1986: Mrs. Kelly Sisk
- 1987: Mr. Harry Thompson
- 1988: Mr. Jerry Steele, chairman

**Administrative Council on Investments, The Sisk Foundation:**

- 1986: Mr. William Henley
- 1987: Mr. Clarence Bauknight
- 1988: Mr. H. H. Kellett, Jr., chairman

**Committee on Nominations and Personnel:**

- 1988: Mrs. Sally Henley, Mr. Mike Smith, Mr. Ray Hard

Mr. Jerry Steele was nominated as a member of the Finance Committee and will serve as chairman of the Every Member Canvas Committee for 1986.

The position of Coordinator of Nursery Division was established and will be filled.

Dr. Cranshaw moved the election of the officers nominated, and the slate of officers was approved as perfected.

Mr. Douglas Wheale moved that a resolution be placed in the minutes thanking Mrs. Clelia Hendrix and Mr. B. O. Thomason for their work in preparing the document pertaining to the Sisk Legacy. His suggestion received unanimous support.

Mr. Lewis Haselwood of the Finance Committee reported that the committee has duly considered Charge Conference apportionments and jurisdictional requests, and asked the Charge Conference to authorize payment of these apportionments for 1986 in the amount of $188,264. The request was approved by the Charge Conference.

Mr. William H. Orders, Chairman of the Staff-Parish Committee, reported that the committee recommends support of staff persons here under appointment in the amount of $78,315 (including cash salary, tax deferred salary, social security, travel, etc.) for 1986. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. Orders further stated that since ministers may exempt a certain amount of their salaries from their gross income for parsonage utilities, maintenance, etc., it would be appropriate for the Administrative Board to pass the following resolution:

"The Administrative Board of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, hereby designates that up to 15% of the ministers' salaries for the year 1986 shall be designated as allocated for parsonage utilities and maintenance, not including maid service and such expenses as are paid by the church."
The resolution was approved by the Administrative Board.

Dr. Garmon Smith filed the report of the Council on Ministries. Reports from the diaconal ministers were received and placed in the records.

Mr. Robert Boggs, a candidate for the ordained ministry, was introduced. The Charge Conference voted to support him as a continuing candidate for the ordained ministry.

Dr. Duffie recognized Dr. Crenshaw who announced that the following persons would continue to serve the church as Lay Speakers: Mr. B. C. Thompson, Dr. Garmon Smith, Mr. John Terry, Mrs. Anne Bettis, and Mr. Luther Marchant.

There being no further business Dr. Duffie dismissed the Charge Conference.

Dr. Crenshaw reported that Buncombe Street has the largest membership in its history with 2277 members as of today. He listed the following goals which will receive special attention in the church in 1936:

1. Revitalizing the program of evangelism.
2. Completing details and initiating the function of the Sisk Legacy.
3. Developing the young single adult group in the church.
4. Seeking a cross-racial appointment to the ministerial staff of the church.

He asked the Board to be much in prayer that these goals will be reached.

Benediction.