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# **Antioch Methodist Church**

**1979**

# Carrie Bell Calhoun

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANTIOCH METHODIST CHURCH

The deeds of Antioch Methodist Church Cemetery show that two acres of land was deeded to the Methodist conference, May 2, 1883, by James T. Todd forever and ever as a public burying ground. The first Antioch Church was built soon after on the two acre plat.

So far as I know his first wife was the first one to be buried there.

The Epitaph on her Monument reads:

Remember Friends as you pass by  
As you are now, so once was I  
As I am Now You soon will be  
Prepare to die and follow Me.

I don't know who the first pastors were.

In 1892 my Grandfather, The Rev. D. A. Calhoun was sent to the Conway Circuit which at that time consisted of five churches, namely Antioch, Brown Swamp, Cool Springs, Durant, and Poplar. He lived in the Parsonage on the corner of Laurel Street and Seventh Avenue, which is still there. It has been renovated some two or three times and now belongs to Brown Swamp and Poplar.

My Grandfather stayed on the Conway Circuit four years and was then sent to the Waccamaw Circuit at Murrells Inlet. The Post office at that time was Laurel.

I joined Antioch Church sixty nine years ago this fall. In 1920 the members decided to build a new Church, some wanted to move it to another location, finally in 1921 a decision was made and J. A. Calhoun, Sr. and A. B. Calhoun his younger brother, then living in Augusta, Georgia deeded one acre of land where Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church now stands. The deed was filed October 25, 1921.

In 1955 it was decided that we needed a new church or some expensive renovation, that is when the decision was made to bring Antioch back home.

A. M. Calhoun gave one acre of land and the church which now stands here was soon built.

The present Antioch Church was paid for in full and was dedicated June 10, 1956. The Rev. A. F. Regan preached the Dedication Sermon.

