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## Bethel United Methodist Church

1163 Beidler Forest Rd  
Dorchester, SC 29437

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(Compiled by the Rev. Thornton B. Smith and revised April 1984; edited for the church directory)

The present church continues to be a Christ-centered body of believers. It offers an environment of love, support and understanding to the community. It is our sincere hope that you will find here a warm and loving fellowship of people seeking to know Christ and to make known God's presence through Him. All are welcome to share in the worship of God. Our present pastor is Pastor Paul Lawton.

## A HISTORY OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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To the present many remain faithful to Christ and devoted to His church. Bethel will continue to be a vital part of the religious life of the community, and will make a contribution toward the world-wide mission of Christ's kingdom on earth.

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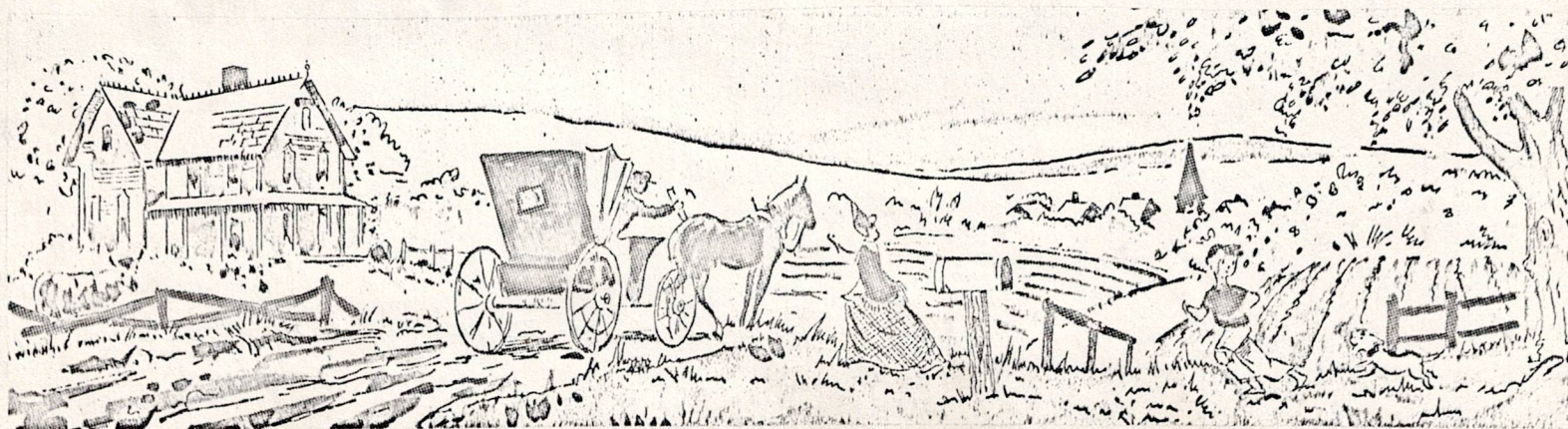
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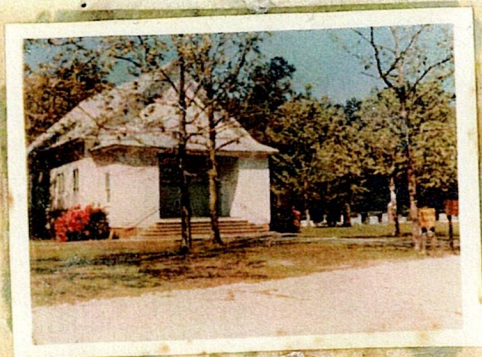
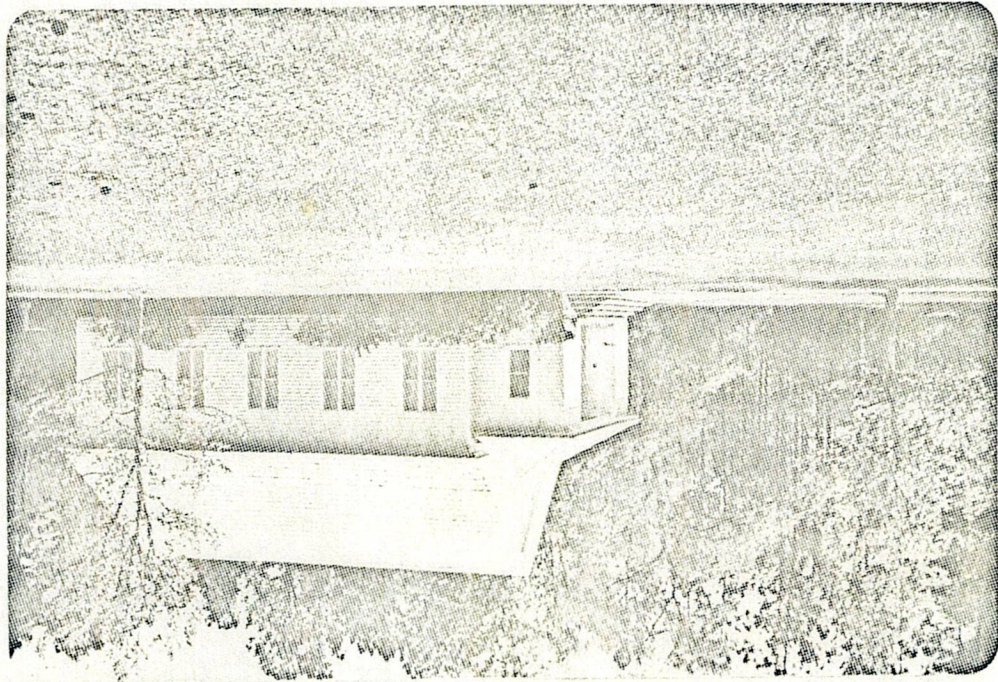
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Bethel

Anniversary

April 29, 1984

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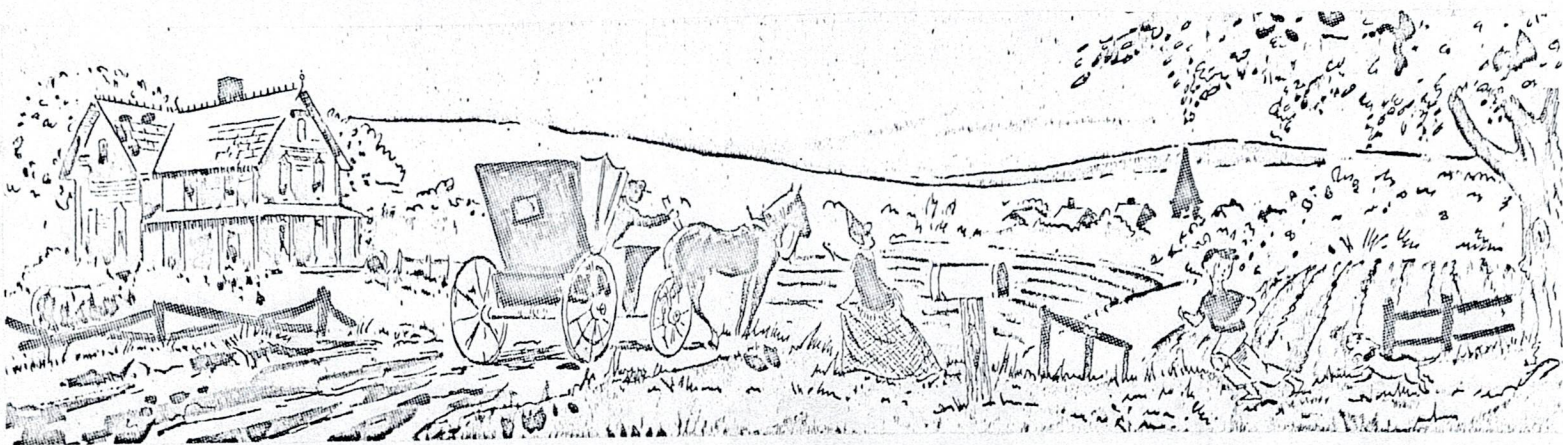
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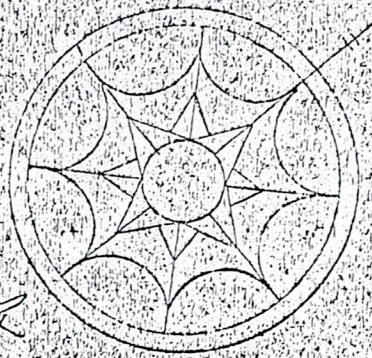
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place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal church

10 Chains 1/2 Inch



South Carolina

Pursuant to the request of Mr. John Brownlee one of the trustees of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church in Colleton District I have resurveyed the lot on which the said church formerly stood containing six acres. Bounding on all sides by lands belonging to said John Brownlee and hath such form and marks as the above plat represents resurveyed the 23<sup>d</sup> day of February 1827

John Brownlee J<sup>r</sup>

W. Strobel J<sup>r</sup> S. C.

John Strobel J<sup>r</sup>  
Deputy Surveyor

us to set our hands and seals this 29<sup>th</sup> day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the fifth

year of the independence of the united States

of America

John Brownlee J<sup>r</sup>  
Levin A. Brownlee J<sup>r</sup>

PREACHERS SINCE 1876

1876 - 1880 George H. Pooser  
 1880 - 1881 S. D. Vaughan  
           John W. Neely  
 1881 - 1883 William H. Lawton  
 1883 - 1884 James T. Kilgo  
 1884 - 1887 John B. Platt  
 1887 - 1888 John A. Mood  
 1888 - 1890 Hugh Whitaker  
 1890 - 1892 James Carson Yongue  
 1892 - 1893 James Herbert Thacker  
 1893 - 1897 William Augustus Massebeau  
 1897 - 1900 Eli Murkerson McKissick  
 1900 - 1903 Samuel D. Vaughan  
 1903 - 1906 William Thomas Bedenbaugh  
 1906 - 1907 William Henry Murray  
 1907 - 1909 Percy Inabnit  
 1909 - 1911 A. S. Lesley  
 1911 - 1912 T. J. White  
 1912 - 1915 R. C. Boulware  
 1915 - 1916 J. L. Mullinnix  
 1916 - 1921 W. T. Patrick  
 1921 - 1925 W. E. Sanders  
 1925 - 1929 Edward B. Johnson  
 1929 - 1933 Samuel Davis Newell  
 1933 - 1937 William H. Mitchum  
 1937 - 1939 Arthur Marion Jones  
 1939 - 1940 J. E. Cook  
 1940 - 1942 Thornton B. Smith  
 1942 - 1947 Victor R. Hickman  
 1947 - 1949 Glenn Edward Parrott  
 1949 - 1951 John A. Chandler  
 1951 - 1954 William A. Horne  
 1954 - 1957 Robert C. O'Donnell  
 1957 - 1961 Charles Herbert Boulware  
 1961 - 1963 Hobor Foldor Bouknight  
 1963 - 1964 Robert J. Hawkes  
 1964 - 1968 William B. Lovo, III  
 1968 - 1972 Richard Edward Oliver  
 1972 - 1973 Anderson McDowell Gray  
 1973 - 1976 Edward James Stiltz  
 1977 - 1978 Charles Glenn Dudley  
 1978 - 1979 Heyward L. Dyches  
 1979 - 1982 Alfred S. Furr  
 1982 - Gary E. Creighton

PRESIDING ELDERS

William P. Mouzon  
 William P. Mouzon  
  
 William P. Mouzon  
 Elias J. Maynardie  
 Elias J. Maynardie  
 James Marion Boyd  
 James Marion Boyd  
 Robert Newton Wells  
 Robert Newton Wells  
 Robert Newton Wells  
 V. Pascal Meadows  
 A. J. Stokes  
 Hezekiah Webb Bays  
 John E. Carlisle  
 John E. Carlisle



FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF BETHEL

A list compiled from several old record books  
(We are still doing research and welcome any assistance.)

Adkins, Virgie A.	Bishop, Hallie Sillivant
Amerson, Mattie Idell Infinger	Bishop, Herbert Hodge
Anthony, Amanda Fairey Bell	Bishop, Mary
Atkins, Mattie Lee Risher	Bishop, Harriet
Ayers, Charles Robert, Sr.	Bowers, Eulysee Mizell
Ayers, Lula Ann Mizell	Bowman, Maryan M.
Ayers, Lorrie Ann	Brooks, Claudia Ruth Bell
Ayers, Charles Robert, Jr.	Brownlee, Carrie
Ayers, Douglas William	Brownlee, Elizabeth J.
Baxley, U. Z.	Brownlee, Hillard H.
Baxley, Virginia Ann Hilton	Brownlee, John (Apr. 12, 1872)
Bell, Andrew Thomas	Brownlee, J. A. (Apr. 26, 1837)
Bell, Annie E. (Jan. 17, 1845)	Brownlee, Lavenia
Bell, Bessie (Westbury)	Brownlee, Levinah A.
Bell, Bobbie Loraine	Brownlee, Maxie G.
Bell, Brooke Ellen	Bull, Benjamin C.
Bell, Carrie Collier Wimberley	Bull, Joseph Benjamin
Bell, Claudia Campbell	Bull, Matilda Mizell
Bell, David Steven	Bull, Theresa Mizell
Bell, Emily Galloway	Bull, Victor Allen
Bell, Ethel (Knight)	Bunch, Annie Mae Huff
Bell, G. W. (Apr. 3, 1832)	Bunch, Bertie Varner Cantley
Bell, George (Oct. 3, 1873)	Bunch, Charlie C. (1881)
Bell, Happy Ruth Reeves	Bunch, Charles Cicero
Bell, Holcombe Marion (Mar. 9, 1888)	Bunch, Charles Cicero, Jr. (Chuck)
Bell, Holcombe Marion	Bunch, Fletcher Calhoun
Bell, Holcombe Marion, Jr.	Bunch, Jefferson
Bell, James Albert	Bunch, Louise Risher
Bell, James Edward	Bunch, Lovie Risher
Bell, John Richard (Dick)	Bunch, Mary
Bell, John Vincent	Bunch, Melvin
Bell, Jonathan	Bunch, Michael Rufus, Sr.
Bell, Joseph Mims	Bunch, Michael Rufus, Jr.
Bell, Katie Wiggins	Bunch, Myrtle Lee Cantley
Bell, Laura Jane	Bunch, Patricia India Muckenfuss
Bell, Laura Verlelia	Bunch, Phyllis Mitchell
Bell, Lillie Bowman	Bunch, Samuel Lewis
Bell, Mamie Mims	Bunch, Willie
Bell, Marion Boyd	Cadden, Gladys Infinger
Bell, Mattie Mae Kizer	Campbell, Emily Mims Bell (1868)
Bell, Penny Gregerson	Canaday, Arant Burton
Bell, Pitkin Gross	Canaday, L. D.
Bell, Ralph Leonard	Canaday, Metta
Bell, Richard N.	Canaday, Richard DeKalb
Bell, R. N. (Dec. 1824)	Canaday, Verlillia
Bell, Robert Noel	Cantley, Bruce
Bell, Rodney Ralph	Cantley, Charles Franklin
Bell, Ubie	Cantley, Crystal Lee
Bell, Verlelia Ann Laura	Cantley, Jason Daniel
Bell, William Lawton	Cantley, Lillie Bunch

Cantley, Robert Lee, Sr.  
Cantley, Robert Lee, Jr.  
Carter, Brenda Faye Huff  
Carter, Dianne Bell  
Carter, James Lloyd  
Carter, Karen Denise  
Carter, Leslie Shannon  
Carter, Robert Lee  
Carter, Tracy Michelle  
Chance, Lila Elizabeth Cantley  
Chubb, Julia  
Chubb, Melissa  
Chubb, Paul  
Clarke, Al D.  
Clark, Alberta (Mrs)  
Clark, Alphonso, Jr.  
Clark, Benjamin  
Clark, Fabra  
Clark, Finnie  
Clark, Lee  
Clark, Lucile  
Clark, McCrae (?)  
Clark, Robert Ray  
Clark, Ray McCrady  
Collins, Thetis Delores Bull  
Colvin, Anna Rebecca Bunch  
Connor, Lynn Stroble  
Cordray, Daisy Lavern  
Crawford, Clarissa Murray  
Crawford, Joseph C.  
Crawford, Joshua W.  
Crawford, Vivian  
Cummings, Harry A.  
Dantzler, Eliud Olin Dantzler, Jr.  
Dantzler, Martha Eugenia Hilton  
Ducker, Emily Gaye Bell  
Fabian, Laura Rudd  
Fairey, Ben Elberry  
Fairey, Helen Bunch Stroble  
Felder, Bulah  
Felder, Henry  
Felder, Mary M.  
Felder, Susie  
Franks, Rosa Melinda Smith  
Friend, Mary Roberta Nelson  
Garbini, Susan Hall  
Garner, Diana Lynn Mims  
Garrett, Sallie Risher  
Gross, Mary A.  
Harbeson, Mary Grace Infinger  
Harbeson, Ruth Mahala Infinger  
Harlbeck, Ann F.  
Hartzog, Gilda Celeste Bell

Hilton, Mrs. A. A. C. (1832)  
Hilton, Allen Moses  
Hilton, Arel  
Hilton, Becky  
Hilton, Blanche Catherine  
Hilton, Coyet W.  
Hilton, Claude Avery  
Hilton, Emma J. (Mrs)  
Hilton, Emma Line  
Hilton, Dessilee  
Hilton, Georgia C.  
Hilton, Gordon C.  
Hilton, Greeley W.  
Hilton, Lavenia E. Mizell  
Hilton, Louis A.  
Hilton, Mose  
Hilton, Moses J. (1879)  
Hilton, Jessie Irene Clements  
Hilton, Laura Ann Catherine Mizell  
Hilton, Nathaniel  
Hilton, Richard Allen  
Hilton, Sarah  
Hilton, Stephen Frederick  
Hilton, W. H.  
Howell, Alice Bell  
Huff, Beulah Lee  
Huff, Carl Steve  
Huff, Curtis Troy  
Huff, David Merrick  
Huff, Ernest  
Huff, Eva Cantley  
Huff, Ida Bell  
Huff, James (Jimmy)  
Huff, Lee James (Buddy)  
Huff, Lucille Infinger  
Huff, Margaret Lee  
Huff, Merrick Lee  
Huff, Ruth Amerson  
Huff, Sarah Ann Elizabeth  
Huff, Sarah  
Huff, Walter Eugene  
Huff, Willard  
Hutto, Elizabeth  
Hutto, Ruth Cornelia Bishop  
Infinger, Allen Pinckney  
Infinger, Bessie Mae  
Infinger, Carl  
Infinger, Douglas  
Infinger, Edward Lucius  
Infinger, Evelyn Hackworth  
Infinger, Fannie (Mrs)  
Infinger, Franklin W.  
Infinger, George Washington

Infinger, Georgia Lee  
 Infinger, Jerald  
 Infinger, John Leon  
 Infinger, Julia Risher  
 Infinger, Leonard  
 Infinger, Mark Anthony  
 Infinger, Mellie Mae Rudd  
 Infinger, Michael  
 Infinger, Mollie Williams  
 Infinger, Nickolus  
 Infinger, Richard  
 Infinger, Richard Ronald  
 Infinger, Sadie Huff  
 Infinger, Sharon Riley  
 Infinger, Walker  
 Jackson, Beulah Huff  
 Jackson, Sam  
 Jackson, Tammie Ree Infinger  
 Jeffers, James Syphrett, Jr.  
 Jeffers, Linda Lee Bell  
 Jeffers, Richard William  
 Johnston, Arthur William  
 Johnston, Arthur William, Jr.  
 Johnston, Arthur William, III  
 Johnston, Bessie Pearl Mizell  
 Johnston, Jennifer Nell  
 Johnston, Wade Hampton  
 Judy, Bobby  
 Judy, Mary Huff  
 Kizer, India Pamela Bunch  
 Long, Egeria Virginia Mims  
 Marchant, Ashley DeAnn  
 Marchant, Dean Luder  
 Marchant, Jessica Oneta  
 Marchant, Victoria Cornelia Mims  
 Martin, Lloyd Lee  
 Martin, Mary  
 McElligott, Harriet Elizabeth Bishop  
 Messick, Alice Faye Stroble  
 Mims, Adaline Egerina  
 Mims, Adaline Valula  
 Mims, Adline E. Mims  
 Mims, Clay William  
 Mims, Cornelia Bishop  
 Mims, Cyrus  
 Mims, Ida Brownlee  
 Mims, Jane Bunch  
 Mims, Jeremy Christopher  
 Mims, Jill Lena  
 Mims, Jinny Rebecca  
 Mims, Laura Ann  
 Mims, Lottie Elizabeth  
 Mims, Minnie Beatrice Parker  
 Mims, Sidney Wells, Jr.  
 Mims, Sidney Wells, Sr.  
 Mims, Sidney Wells, III  
 Mims, Stephen Leon  
 Mims, Thomas H. (Lt.) (July 21, 1830)  
 Mims, Thomas H. (Sept. 7, 1864)  
 Mims, Thomas Harry  
 Mims, Tommy  
 Mitchell, Chester  
 Mitchell, Brett Elliott  
 Mizell, Annie Bishop  
 Mizell, Annie Lou Canaday  
 Mizell, Bessie Mizell  
 Mizell, Daisy Maeola  
 Mizell, Eva  
 Mizell, George W.  
 Mizell, H. C.  
 Mizell, Herman R.  
 Mizell, J. Wesley  
 Mizell, John Wesley  
 Mizell, John Harold (Hal)  
 Mizell, Lula T.  
 Mizell, Matthew H.  
 Mizell, Moses T.  
 Mizell, Parnice Atkins  
 Mizell, Susan E.  
 Mizell, Theodore C. (Ted)  
 Mizell, Wesley Kermit, Sr.  
 Mizell, Wesley Kermit, Jr.  
 Mizell, William Curtis  
 Moorer, Calhoun  
 Moorer, Lizzie Bell  
 Murray, Claud D.  
 Murray, E. D.  
 Murray, Wesley  
 Meyers, Thomas A.  
 Nelson, Fayre Katharine Hilton  
 Nelson, Ross Walter  
 O'Neal, Helen Bell  
 O'Quinn, Anna Lynn Bunch  
 Page, Terry Lyn  
 Page, Tony W.  
 Parker, Amy Rebecca  
 Parker, George  
 Parker, Henry  
 Parker, Mamie Mizell  
 Parker, Mary Elinor Bull  
 Parker, O'Dell Chinnners  
 Parker, Robert George  
 Parker, Ronnie  
 Parker, Susan Della  
 Parler, Betty Neal Bull  
 Pendarvis, Nancy Louise Risher  
 Pettinella, Vera Bell Mizell  
 Postell, Elizabeth Jane Mims  
 Priestester, Daisy Bell Risher  
 Pye, Dovie (Mrs.)  
 Pye, George  
 Pye, Jettie M.

Pye, Barbara T.  
Pye, Jan H. (mother)  
Pye, Samuel M. (father)  
Race, Billie Carol Huff  
Rhode, Linda Stroble  
Riley, James  
Riley, Virginia Cantley  
Risher, Aaron  
Risher, Daisy Bell  
Risher, Daniel  
Risher, Daniel  
Risher, Derrick Jacob, Jr.  
Risher, Derrick  
Risher, Derrick J. Sr.  
Risher, Elijah  
Risher, Elizabeth  
Risher, Elizabeth Kraemer Mitchell  
Risher, Elizabeth Huff (Lizzie)  
Risher, G. Lee  
Risher, J. W.  
Risher, Jerry Walter Huff (J. W.)  
Risher, Jesse  
Risher, John Herbert  
Risher, J. Wesley, Jr.  
Risher, John Wesley, Sr.  
Risher, Joseph Wilson  
Risher, Julia A.  
Risher, Louise Gayle  
Risher, Lavonia  
Risher, Mary Louise  
Risher, Marion Sims  
Risher, Mary Adalene Infinger  
Risher, Mary Varner  
Risher, Matilda Infinger  
Risher, Pansy Lee Rudd  
Risher, Rebecca (Mrs.) (Chunkie)  
Risher, Robert Glenn  
Risher, Ruby Virginia  
Risher, Sharon Elizabeth  
Risher, Robert Glenn, Jr.  
Risher, Sarah H.  
Risher, Sheila Harbeson  
Risher, Tabitha  
Risher, Van Buren  
Risher, Virgil Benjamin  
Royal, Brenda Joyce Bunch  
Rudd, Agnes  
Rush, Angie Bell  
Rush, John Myers  
Schaffer, Gregory William  
Smith, Donna  
Smith, Ida Lillian Mims  
Smith, Rachel Lillian Bunch  
Smith, Ray  
Smith, Thornton B. (Rev.)  
Smith, Thornton Sidney  
Smith, Sennetta Mizell  
Schaffer, Ida Jeanette Smith  
Strobel, James William  
Stroble, Matilda Elaine  
Stroble, Minnie Lee Risher  
Stroble, Pearl Viola Infinger  
Taylor, Annie Varner  
Taylor, Augustus  
Taylor, Augustus N.  
Taylor, Danner Edward  
Taylor, Martha A.  
Taylor, Thelma  
Taylor, Evelyn Mae Bell  
Taylor, Sarah Huff  
Varner, Samuel W.  
Von Lehe, Henning William  
Von Lehe, Matilda Bell  
Wagers, Florene Canaday  
Waggoner, Jeannie Priestler  
Walsh, Donna Jo  
Walsh, John  
Walsh, Leslie John  
Weeks, Richelieu Bell  
Whetsell, George S.  
Whetsell, Henry O.  
Whetsell, Virginia Lee  
White, Hayward  
White, Vernon  
Wiggins, Ida S.  
White, Michael Eugene  
Whitsel  
Williams, Allen  
Williams, Curtis  
Williams, Dallas  
Williams, Ella V.  
Williams, Jessie S.  
Williams, Harris C.  
Williams, John C.  
Williams, Lewis C.  
Williams, Malisa (Mrs.)  
Wimberly, Florence Bell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Steering Committee: Virginia Baxley, Chairman, Vicky Marchant, Rev. T. B. Smith, S. W. Mims, Jr.

Promotion.....Dean Marchant  
Program and Welcome.....Rev. Gary Creighton  
Matilda Von Lehe  
Music.....Ida Lillian Smith  
Parnice Mizell  
Melinda Franks  
Linda Jeffers (Children)  
History.....Rev. T. B. Smith  
Buildings.....Bessie Pearl Johnston  
Happy Bell  
Grounds.....Rufus Bunch  
Arthur Johnston  
Dinner.....Beatrice Mims  
Mellie Mae Infinger  
Tables.....Ross Nelson  
Display.....John Walsh  
Records and Artifacts.....Fayre Nelson  
Booklet.....Virginia Baxley

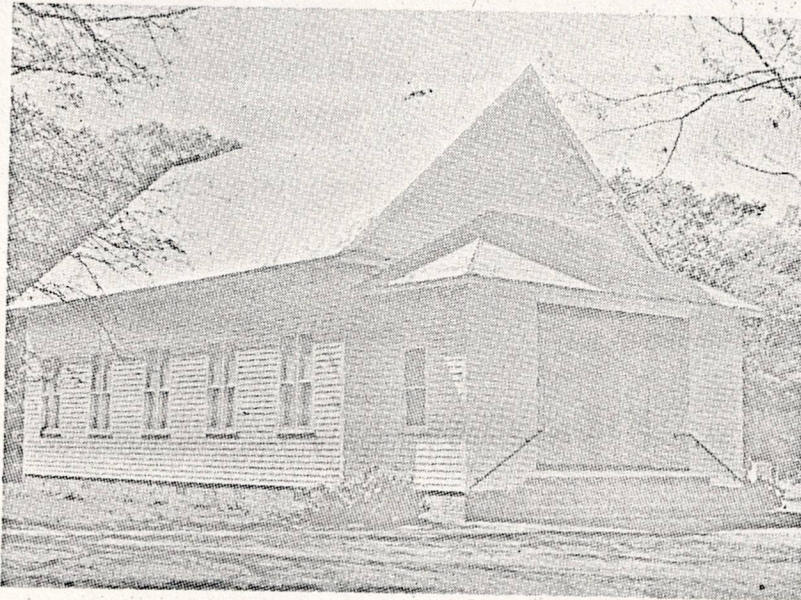
These are the co-ordinators....many others were involved in preparing for this HOMECOMING.

Thanks to Rev. Dean for use of old records from the old Four-Church Charge...to Louise Bishop for Cemetery Book.

Special personal thanks to Anna O'Quinn and Penny Bell for cleaning church on my Sunday.

Flowers.....Happy Bell

The information in this booklet and other material on display came from many old record books and other sources. If any one has additional information or corrections, please inform us. We appreciate all suggestions and aid in our research.



Bethel  
United  
Methodist  
Church  
near  
Harleyville

## *First homecoming in 50 years is set*

On April 29, Bethel United Methodist Church near Harleyville is having its first homecoming in more than 50 years.

Morning worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. W.B. Love III as guest speaker. A program

of history and music will be incorporated in to the morning service. A picnic dinner on the grounds will begin at 1 p.m.

All former members, families of former members, members, and all those interested in

Bethel are cordially invited to attend.

From its beginning in the early 1800's, Bethel has had an impressive history and a long list of outstanding ministers. The Rev. Gary Creighton is the present minister.

The Dorchester Eagle-Record April 12, 1984

## **First Homecoming In 50 Years April 29 At Bethel UMC**

On April 29, Bethel United Methodist Church of near Harleyville is having its first homecoming in over fifty years.

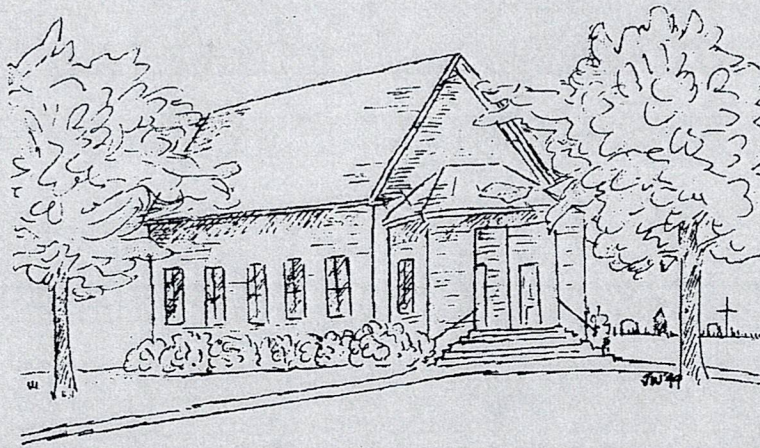
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BETHEL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH



HOME COMING  
1827-1999

March 21, 1999

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Robert E. Lee, Pastor

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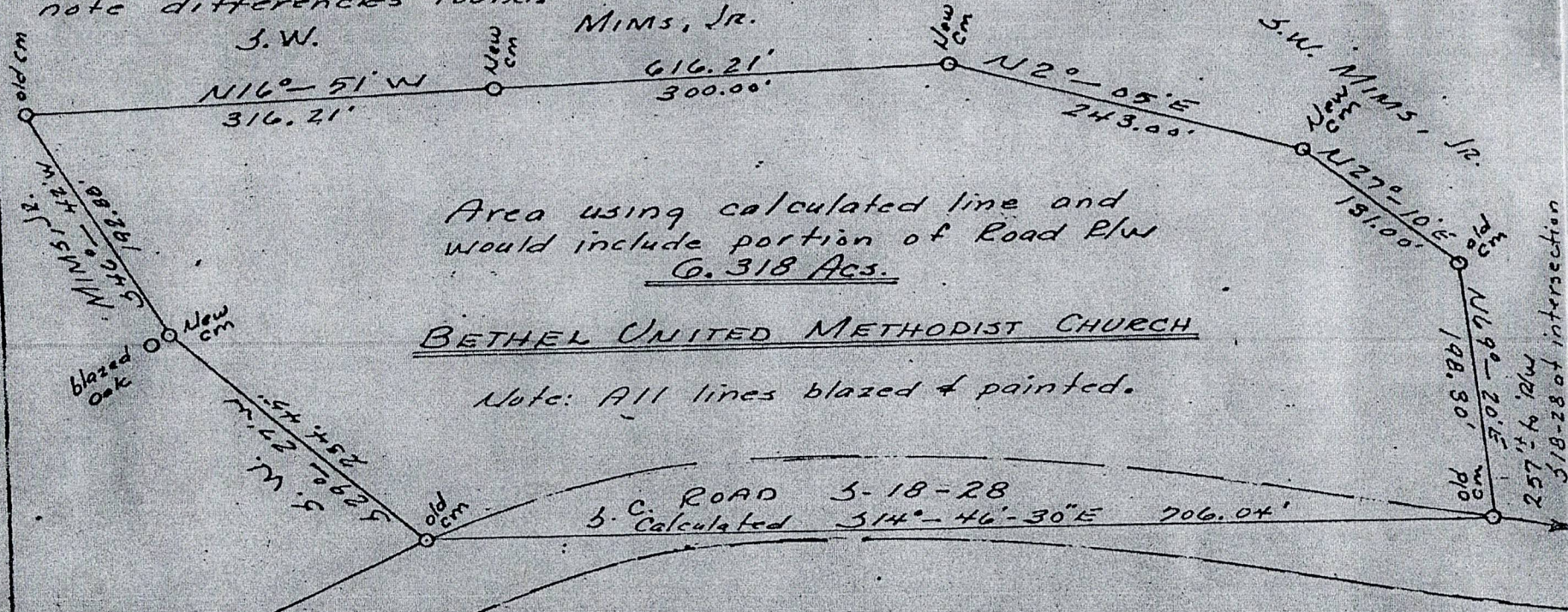
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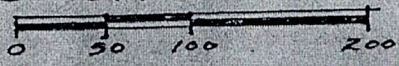
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## BETHEL HOMECOMING MARCH 21, 1999, COMMITTEES

### CHAIRMEN:

Happy Bell, Penny Bell, Bessie Pearl  
Johnston, Arthur Johnston, Vera Pettinella,  
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### FOOD:

Menu Planning and Organizing  
Ice

Rhonda Risher and Emalee Infinger  
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### CLEANING AND REFURBISHING:

Church Floor  
Church and Fellowship Hall  
Sunday School Building  
February 20 Clean-Up Crew

Arthur and Bessie Pearl Johnston  
All Members  
Vera Pettinella and Virginia Baxley  
Della Parker, Penny Batten, Sandra  
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Rhonda Risher, Happy Bell, Pitkin Bell,  
Mellie Mae Infinger, Vera Pettinella, Mario  
Pettinella, Arthur Johnston, Bessie Pearl  
Johnston, Dick Infinger, Emalee Infinger,  
Penny Bell, Mollie Infinger, Nick Infinger,  
Ryan Infinger, U. Z. Baxley, Parnice Mizell,  
Brenda Royal, George Parker, Donna Jo  
Walsh, Virginia Baxley

### GROUNDS:

Shrubbery Edging  
Area Across Road

George Parker, Della Parker, U. Z. Baxley  
Ronnie Infinger, Travis Infinger, Stacey  
Infinger, and Cody Infinger

### TABLES-OUTSIDE AND INSIDE:

Arranging and Decorating  
March 20 Crew

Penny Bell  
Rhonda Risher, Sandra Crittenton, Carolyn  
Infinger, Becky Infinger, Donna Jo Walsh,  
Evelyn Infinger, Anna O'Quinn

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### MEMORABILIA DISPLAY ON STAGE:

Albums of Church Activities  
Commemorative Collectibles

Virginia Baxley  
Virginia Baxley and MYF Members Kristy  
Risher, Heather Infinger, Amber Infinger,  
Stacey Infinger

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Newspapers  
Letters to Former Members  
And Relations  
Invitations to Ministers and  
Families

Vicki and Bill Owens  
All

Virginia Baxley

### PROGRAM:

Format  
Music

Bob and Judy Lee  
Parnice Mizell  
Holly Hill Academy Sextet (Heather  
Infinger is a member.)

### PUBLICATIONS:

Virginia Baxley and Judy Lee

### CLEAN-UP:

All Members

### SUPPLIES:

Vera and Mario Pettinella

### FLOWERS:

Happy Bell

### REGISTRATION:

Kristy Risher, Amber Infinger, Heather  
Infinger, Stacey Infinger (MYF Members)

Many others worked behind the scenes. Everyone is cooking, cleaning, doing odd jobs, moving tables, finding chairs, and doing other things too numerous to name. Thank you all for a job very well done.

# FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A List Compiled from Several Old Record Books for Homecoming 1999  
(We are still doing research and welcome any assistance.)

Adkins, Virgie A.  
Amerson, Mattie Idell Infinger  
Anthony, Amanda Fairey Bell  
Atkins, Mattie Lee Risher  
Ayers, Alda  
Ayers, Charles Robert, Jr.  
Ayers, Charles Robert, Sr.  
Ayers, Douglas William  
Ayers, Lula Ann Mizell  
Ayers, Lorrie Ann  
Ayers, Monique  
Ayers, Olivia  
Baker, T. J.  
Batten, Harry  
Batten, Jamie  
Batten, Penny  
Baxley, U. Z.  
Baxley, Virginia Ann Hilton  
Bell, Andrew Thomas  
Bell, Annie E. (January 17, 1845)  
Bell, Bessie Westbury  
Bell, Bobbie Loraine  
Bell, Brooke Ellen  
Bell, Carrie Collier Wimberly  
Bell, Claudia Campbell  
Bell, David Steven  
Bell, Emily Louise Galloway  
Bell, Ethel Knight  
Bell, G. W. (April 3, 1832)  
Bell, George (October 3, 1873)  
Bell, Happy Ruth Reeves  
Bell, Holcombe Marion (March 9, 1888)  
Bell, Holcombe Marion  
Bell, Holcombe Marion, Jr.  
Bell, James Albert  
Bell, James Edward  
Bell, John Richard (Dick)  
Bell, John Vincent  
Bell, Jonathan  
Bell, Joseph Mims  
Bell, Katie Wiggins  
Bell, Laura Jane  
Bell, Laura Verlelia  
Bell, Lillie Bowman  
Bell, Mamie Mims  
Bell, Marion Boyd  
Bell, Mattie Mae Kizer  
Bell, Penny Gregerson  
Bell, Pitkin Gross  
Bell, Ralph Leonard  
Bell, Richard N.  
Bell, R. N. (December 1824)  
Bell, Robert Noel  
Bell, Rodney Ralph  
Bell, Ubie  
Bell, Verlelia Ann Laura  
Bell, William Lawton  
Bishop, Harriett Sillivant  
Bishop, Herbert Hodge  
Bishop, Mary  
Bowers, Eulysee Mizell  
Bowman, Maryan M.  
Brooks, Claudia Ruth Bell  
Brownlee, Carrie  
Brownlee, Elizabeth J.  
Brownlee, Hillard H.  
Brownlee, John (April 12, 1872)  
Brownlee, J. A. (April 26, 1837)  
Brownlee, Lavenia  
Brownlee, Levinah A.  
Brownlee, Maxie G.  
Bull, Benjamin C.  
Bull, Joseph Benjamin

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Bull, Matilda Mizell  
Bull, Theresa Mizell  
Bull, Victor Allen  
Bunch, Annie Mae Huff  
Bunch, Bertie Varner Cantley  
Bunch, Charlie C. (1881)  
Bunch, Charles Cicero  
Bunch, Charles Cicero, Jr. (Chuck)  
Bunch, Fletcher Calhoun  
Bunch, Jefferson  
Bunch, Louise Risher  
Bunch, Lovie Risher  
Bunch, Mary  
Bunch, Melvin  
Bunch, Michael Rufus, Jr.  
Bunch, Michael Rufus, Sr.  
Bunch, Myrtle Lee Cantley  
Bunch, Patricia India Muckenfuss  
Bunch, Phyllis Mitchell  
Bunch, Samuel Lewis  
Bunch, Willie  
Cadden, Gladys Infinger  
Campbell, Emily Mims Bell (1868)  
Canaday, Arant Burton  
Canaday, L. D.  
Canaday, Metta  
Canaday, Richard DeKalb  
Canaday, Verillia  
Cantley, Bruce  
Cantley, Charles Franklin  
Cantley, Crystal Lee  
Cantley, Donna  
Cantley, Jason Daniel  
Cantley, Lillie Bunch  
Cantley, Robert Lee, Jr.  
Cantley, Robert Lee, Sr.  
Carnes, Brandi  
Carter, Brenda Faye Huff  
Carter, Dianne Bell  
Carter, James Lloyd  
Carter, Karen Denise  
Carter, Leslie Shannon  
Carter, Robert Lee  
Carter, Tracy Michelle  
Chance, Lila Elizabeth Cantley  
Chinners, Roberta Nelson  
Chubb, Julia  
Chubb, Melissa  
Chubb, Paul  
Clarke, Al D.  
Clark, Alberta (Mrs.)  
Clark, Alphonso, Jr.  
Clark, Benjamin  
Clark, Fabra  
Clark, Finnie  
Clark, Lee  
Clark, Lucile  
Clark, McCree  
Clark, Robert Ray  
Clark, Ray McCrady  
Collins, Thetis Delores Bull  
Colvin, Anna Rebecca Bunch  
Connor, Lynn Stroble  
Cordray, Daisy Lavern  
Crawford, Clarissa Murray  
Crawford, Joseph C.  
Crawford, Joshua W.  
Crawford, Vivian  
Crittenton, Sandra  
Cummings, Harry A.  
Dantzler, Eliud Olin Dantzler, Jr.  
Dantzler, Martha Eugenia Hilton  
Ducker, Emily Gaye Bell  
Fabian, Laura Rudd  
Fairey, Ben Elberry  
Fairey, Helen Bunch Stroble  
Felder, Bulah  
Felder, Henry  
Felder, Mary M.  
Felder, Susie  
Franks, Rosa Melinda Smith  
Garbini, Susan Hall  
Garner, Diana Lynn Mims

Garrett, Sallie Risher  
 Gross, Mary A.  
 Harbeson, Mary Grace Infinger  
 Harbeson, Ruth Mahala Infinger  
 Harlbeck, Ann F.  
 Hartzog, Gilda Celeste Bell  
 Hilton, A. A. C. (Mrs.) (1832)  
 Hilton, Allen Moses  
 Hilton, Arel  
 Hilton, Becky  
 Hilton, Blanche Catherine  
 Hilton, Coyet W.  
 Hilton, Claude Avery  
 Hilton, Emma J. (Mrs.)  
 Hilton, Emma Line  
 Hilton, Dessilee  
 Hilton, Georgia C.  
 Hilton, Gordon C.  
 Hilton, Greeley W.  
 Hilton, Lavenia E. Mizell  
 Hilton, Louis A.  
 Hilton, Mose  
 Hilton, Moses J. (1879)  
 Hilton, Jessie Irene Clements  
 Hilton, Laura Ann Catherine Mizell  
 Hilton, Nathaniel  
 Hilton, Richard Allen  
 Hilton, Sarah  
 Hilton, Stephen Frederick  
 Hilton, W. H.  
 Howell, Alice Bell  
 Huff, Beulah Lee  
 Huff, Carl Steve  
 Huff, Curtis Troy  
 Huff, David Merrick  
 Huff, Ernest  
 Huff, Eva Cantley  
 Huff, Ida Bell  
 Huff, James (Jimmy)  
 Huff, Lee James (Buddy)  
 Huff, Lucille Infinger  
 Huff, Margaret Lee  
 Huff, Merrick Lee  
 Huff, Ruth Amerson  
 Huff, Sarah Ann Elizabeth  
 Huff, Sarah  
 Huff, Walter Eugene  
 Huff, Willard  
 Hutto, Elizabeth  
 Hutto, Ruth Cornelia Bishop  
 Infinger, Allen Pinckney  
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 Infinger, Ryan  
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 Jackson, Tammie Ree Infinger  
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 Murray, E. D.  
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 Meyers, Thomas A.  
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Pettinella, Mario  
Pettinella, Vera Bell Mizell  
Postell, Elizabeth Jane Mims  
Postell, O'Neta  
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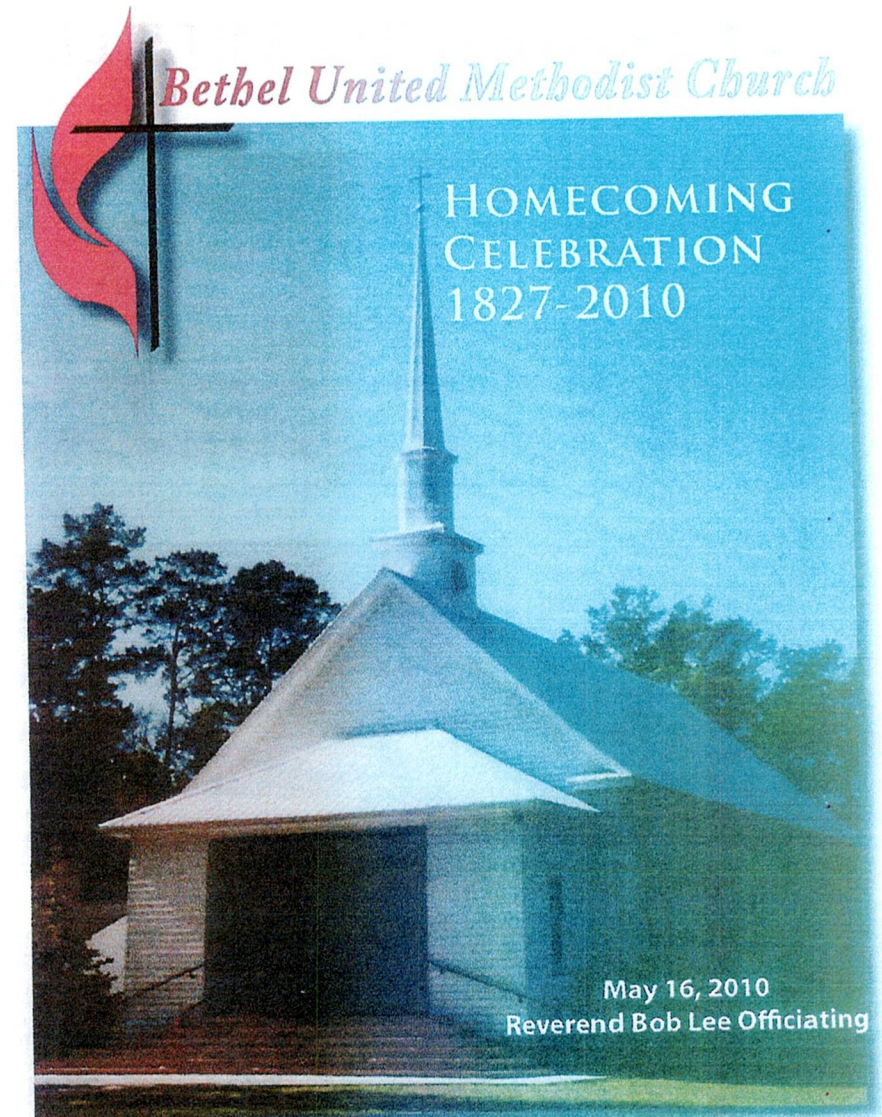
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 Martin, Mary  
 McElligott, Harriett Elizabeth Bishop

Mizell, Bessie Mizell  
 Mizell, Daisy Macola  
 Mizell, Eva  
 Mizell, George W.  
 Mizell, H. C.  
 Mizell, Herman R.  
 Mizell, J. Wesley  
 Mizell, John Harold (Hal)

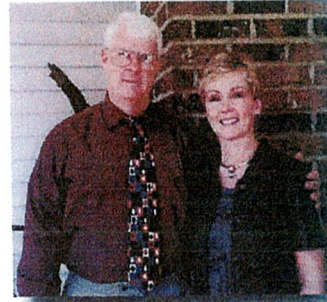
Gross, Mary A  
 Gunter, Joan  
 Gunter, William  
 Harbeson, Mary Grace Infinger  
 Harbeson, Ruth Mahala Infinger  
 Harbeck, Ann F.  
 Hartzog, Gilda Celeste Bell  
 Herndon, Harley  
 Hilton, A. A. C. (Mrs.) (1832)  
 Hilton, Allen Moses  
 Hilton, Arel  
 Hilton, Becky  
 Hilton, Blanche Catherine  
 Hilton, Coyet W.  
 Hilton, Claude A very  
 Hilton, Emma I. (Mrs.)  
 Hilton, Emma Line  
 Hilton, Dessilee  
 Hilton, Georgia C.  
 Hilton, Gordon C.  
 Hilton, Greeley W.  
 Hilton, Haskell  
 Hilton, Lavenia E. Mizell  
 Hilton, Louis A.  
 Hilton, Mose  
 Hilton, Moses I. (1879)  
 Hilton, Jessie Irene Clements  
 Hilton, Laura Ann Catherine Mizell  
 Hilton, Nathaniel  
 Hilton, Richard Allen  
 Hilton, Sarah  
 Hilton, Stephen Frederick  
 Hilton, W. H.  
 Horne, Stacey Infinger  
 Howell, Alice Bell  
 Huff, Beulah Lee  
 Huff, Carl Steve  
 Huff, Curtis Troy  
 Huff, David Merrick  
 Huff, Ernest  
 Huff, Eva Cantley  
 Huff, Ida Bell  
 Huff, James (Jimmy)  
 Huff, Lee James (Buddy)  
 Huff, Lucille Infinger  
 Huff, Margaret Lee  
 Huff, Merrick Lee  
 Huff, Ruth Amerson  
 Huff, Sarah Ann Elizabeth  
 Huff, Sarah  
 Huff, Walter Eugene  
 Huff, Willard  
 Hutto, Elizabeth  
 Hutto, Ruth Cornelia Bishop



Infinger, Allen Pinckney  
 Infinger, Angie  
 Infinger, Becky  
 Infinger, Bessie Mae  
 Infinger, Carolyn  
 Infinger, Carl  
 Infinger, Cody  
 Infinger, Curtis  
 Infinger, Douglas  
 Infinger, Edward Lucius  
 Infinger, Emalee Risher  
 Infinger, Evelyn Hackworth  
 Infinger, Fannie (Mrs.)  
 Infinger, Franklin W.  
 Infinger, George Washington  
 Infinger, Heather  
 Infinger, Georgia  
 Infinger, Jerald  
 Infinger, John Leon  
 Infinger, Julia Risher  
 Infinger, Leonard  
 Infinger, Mark Anthony  
 Infinger, Mellie Mae Rudd  
 Infinger, Michael



## MINISTERS IN OUR PULPIT



Bob and Judy Lee have served Bethel and Duncan Chapel United Methodist Churches since 1996.

YEAR	PASTOR
1909-1911	A. S. Lesley
1911-1912	T. J. White
1912-1915	R. C. Boulware
1915-1916	J. L. Mullirmix
1916-1921	W. T. Patrick
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1978-1979	Heyward L. Dyckes
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1986-1991	William Cooper
1991-1995	Alice J. Quarles
1995-1996	Johnny Roberts
1996-	Robert E. Lee



# MEMBERS PAST & PRESENT

Adkins, Virgie A.  
 Amerson, Martie I. Infinger  
 Anthony, Amanda Bell  
 Atkins, Mattie Lee Risher  
 Ayers, Aida  
 Ayers, Charles Robert, Jr.  
 Ayers, Charles Robert, Sr.  
 Ayers, Douglas William  
 Ayers, Lula Ann  
 Mizell  
 Ayers, Lorrie Ann  
 Ayers, Monique  
 Ayers, Olivia  
 Baker, T. J.  
 Batten, Harry  
 Batten, Jamie  
 Batten, Penny  
 Baxley, U. Z.  
 Baxley, Virginia  
 Ann Hilton  
 Bazzle, Penny  
 Bazzle, Pete  
 Bell, Andrew Thomas  
 Bell, Annie E. (Jan. 17, 1845)  
 Bell, Bessie Westbury  
 Bell, Bobbie Loraine  
 Bell, Brooke Ellen  
 Bell, Carrie Collier Wimberly  
 Bell, Claudia Campbell  
 Bell, David Steven  
 Bell, Emily Louise Galloway  
 Bell, Ethel Knight  
 Bell, G. W. (April 3, 1832)  
 Bell, George (Oct. 3, 1873)



Bell, Laura Jane  
 Bell, Laura Verlelia  
 Bell, Lavonne Priddy

Bell, Happy Ruth Reeves  
 Bell, Holcomb Marion  
 (March 9, 1888)  
 Bell, Holcombe  
 Marion  
 Bell, Holcombe  
 Marion, Jr.  
 Bell, James Albert  
 Bell, James Edward  
 Bell, John Richard  
 (Dick)  
 Bell, John Vincent  
 Bell, Jonathan  
 Bell, Joseph Mims  
 Bell, Katie Wiggins

Bell, Lillie Bowman  
 Bell, Marnie Mims  
 Bell, Marion Boyd  
 Bell, Mattie Mae Kizer  
 Bell, Pitkin Gross  
 Bell, Ralph Leonard  
 Bell, Richard N.  
 Bell, R. N. (December 1824)

Bell, Robert Noel  
 Bell, Rodney Ralph  
 Bell, Ubie  
 Bell, Verlelia Ann Laura  
 Bell, William Lawton  
 Bishop, Adam  
 Bishop, Harriett  
 Sillivant  
 Bishop, Herbert Hodge  
 Bishop, Mary  
 Bishop, Madison  
 Bishop, Susan Smith  
 Blevins, Linda  
 Blevins, Rex

Bowers, Eulysee Mizell  
 Bowman, Maryan M.  
 Brooks, Claudia Ruth Bell  
 Brownlec, Carrie  
 Brownlee, Elizabeth J.  
 Brownlee, Hillard H.  
 Brownlee, John (April 12, 1872)  
 Brownlee, J. A. (April 26, 1837)  
 Brownlee, Lavenia  
 Brownlec, Levinah A.  
 Brownlee, Maxie G.  
 Bull, Benjamin C.  
 Bull, Joseph Benjamin  
 Bull, Matilda Mizell  
 Bull, Victor Allen  
 Bunch, Annie Mac Huff  
 Bunch, Bertie Varner Cantley  
 Bunch, Charlie C. (1881)  
 Bunch, Charles Cicero  
 Bunch, Charles Cicero, Jr. (Chuck)  
 Bunch, Fletcher Calhoun  
 Bunch, Jefferson  
 Bunch, Louise Risher  
 Bunch, Lovie Risher  
 Bunch, Mary  
 Bunch, Melvin  
 Bunch, Michael Rufus, Jr.  
 Bunch, Michael Rufus, Sr.  
 Bunch, Myrtle Lee Cantley  
 Bunch, Patricia India Muckenfuss

Bunch, Phyllis Mitchell  
 Bunch, Samuel Lewis  
 Bunch, Willie  
 Cadden, Gladys Infinger  
 Campbell, Emily Mims Bell (1868)  
 Canaday, Arant Burton  
 Canaday, L. D.  
 Canaday, Metta  
 Canaday, Richard DeKalb  
 Canaday, Verlillia  
 Cantley, Bruce  
 Cantley, Charles Franklin  
 Cantley, Donna  
 Cantley, Jason Daniel  
 Cantley, Lillie Bunch  
 Cantley, Robert Lee, Jr.  
 Cantley, Robert Lee, Sr.  
 Carter, Brenda Faye Huff  
 Carter, Dianne Seli  
 Carter, James Lloyd  
 Carter, Karen Denise  
 Carter, Leslie Sharmon  
 Carter, Robert Lee  
 Carter, Tracy Michelle  
 Chance, Lila Elizabeth Cantley  
 Chinnners, Roberta Nelson  
 Chubb, Julia  
 Chubb, Melissa



Chubb, Paul  
 Clarke, Al D.  
 Clark, Alberta (Mrs.)  
 Clark, Alphonso, Jr.  
 Clark, Benjamin  
 Clark, Fabra  
 Clark, Finnie  
 Clark, Lee  
 Clark, Lucile  
 Clark, McCree  
 Clark, Robert Ray

Clark, Ray McCrary  
 Coale, Jeannie  
 Coale, Matt  
 Collins, Thetis Delores Bull  
 Colvin, Anna Rebecca Bunch



Connor, Lynn Stroble  
 Cordray, Daisy Lavern  
 Crawford, Clarissa Murray  
 Crawford, Joseph C.  
 Crawford, Joshua W.  
 Crawford, Vivian  
 Crittenton, Sandra  
 Cummings, Harry A.  
 Dantzler, Eliud Olin Dantzler, Jr.  
 Dantzler, Martha Eugenia Hilton  
 Disher, Cal  
 Disher, Laura Mims  
 Dixon, Amy Rebecca Parker  
 Dixon, Trey  
 Ducker, Emily Gaye Bell  
 Einfinger, David  
 Fabian, Laura Rudd  
 Fairey, Ben Elberry  
 Fairey, Helen Bunch Stroble  
 Felder, Bulah  
 Felder, Henry  
 Felder, Mary M.  
 Felder, Susie  
 Franks, Karl  
 Franks, Melissa  
 Franks, Rosa  
 Melinda Smith  
 Garbini, Susan Hall  
 Garrett, Sallie  
 Risher



Mizell, John Wesley  
 Mizell, Lula T.  
 Mizell, Matthew H.  
 Mizell, Moses T.  
 Mizell, Pamice Atkins  
 Mizell, Susan E.  
 Mizell, Theodore C. (Ted)  
 Mizell, Wesley Kermit, Jr.  
 Mizell, Wesley Kermit, Sr.  
 Mizell, William Curtis  
 Moorer, Calhoun  
 Moorer, Lizzie Bell  
 Mulak, Amber Infinger  
 Murray, Claud D.  
 Murray, E. D.  
 Mumay, Wesley  
 Meyers, Thomas A.  
 Nelson, Fayre Katharine  
 Hilton  
 Nelson, Ross Walter  
 Nesdahl, Lisa Page  
 Oltmann, Jennifer  
 Oltmann, Nancy  
 O'Neal, Helen Bell  
 O'Quinn, Anna Lynn  
 Bunch  
 O'Quinn, Tina  
 O'Shields, Alison  
 O'Shields, Kathy Dantzler  
 O'Shields, Stephen  
 O'Shields, Stephen, III  
 O'Shields, Tyler  
 Owens, Bill  
 Owens, Buck  
 Owens, Ashley DeAnn  
 Owens, Diana Lynn Mims  
 Owens, Victoria Cornelia Mims  
 Page, Pat  
 Page, Ravannel  
 Page, Terry Lyn  
 Page, Tony W.  
 Parker, George  
 Parker, Henry  
 Parker, Mamie Mizell

Parker, Mary Elinor Bull  
 Parker, O'Dell Chinnners  
 Parker, Robert George  
 Parker, Ronnie  
 Parker, Susan Della  
 Parler, Betty Neal Bull  
 Pendarvis, Nancy Louise Risher  
 Perrin, Dillard  
 Perrin, Sandra  
 Perrin, Trey  
 Petti nella, Mario  
 Petti nella, Vera Bell Mizell  
 Poteat, Linda  
 Postell, Elizabeth Jane Mims  
 Postell, Q'Neta  
 Postell, Noah  
 Postell, Tommy  
 Priester, Daisy Bell Risher  
 Pye, Dovie (Mrs.)  
 Pye, George  
 Pye, Jettie M.  
 Pye, Barbara T.  
 Pye, Jan H. (Mother)  
 Pye, Samuel M. (Father)  
 Race, Bille Carol Huff  
 Rhode, Linda Stroble  
 Riley, James  
 Riley, Virginia Cantley  
 Risher, Aaron  
 Risher, Daisy Bell  
 Risher, Daniel  
 Risher, Daniel  
 Risher, Derrick  
 Risher, Derrick Jacob, Jr.  
 Risher, Derrick J., Sf.  
 Risher, Elijah  
 Risher, Elizabeth  
 Risher, Elizabeth Kraemer Mitchell  
 Risher, Elizabeth Huff (Lizzie)  
 Risher, G. Lee  
 Risher, J. W.  
 Risher, Jerry Walter Huff (J. W.)  
 Risher, Jesse  
 Risher, John Herbert  
 Risher, J. Wesley, Jr.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Bob Lee

May 16, 2010

Bethel UMC and Duncan Chapel UMC  
 Joint Service 11:00

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: This the day that the Lord has made.  
 People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty\* ..... 64

What We Believe\* ..... *The Apostles Creed* ..... 881

We Rejoice in Him\* ..... *Glory Be to the Father* ..... 70

Children's Message ..... Judy Lee

God's Word to Us: Genesis 28:10-20; 35:1-6

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.  
 People: Thanks be to God!

Message: *Home Again, Home Again, Jiggity, Jig* ..... Rev. Alice Quarles

Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus\* ..... 514

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent- Pastoral Prayer-The Lord's Prayer

Musical Response

Giving to God His Tithe and Our Offering

Thanking God\* ..... *The Doxology* ..... 95 \*

Hymn: Freely, Freely\* ..... 389

*You are invited to the alter during this hymn.  
 Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.*

Closing Prayer\*

\*Standing if physically able.

17 M...  
 047...  
 Jonathan...  
 047...  
 ATE  
 1-APRIL Joan  
 047...  
 047...  
 NATHAN EARL  
 Champion  
 BOWEN  
 047...  
 047...  
 047...

# RETURNING TO BETHEL



March 21, 1999



April 18, 1993



April 29, 1984



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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Risher, John Wesley, Sr.         | Taylor, Laney Walsh           |
| Risher, Joseph Wilson            | Taylor, Martha A.             |
| Risher, Julia A.                 | Taylor, Thelma                |
| Hill, Kristy Risher              | Taylor, Evelyn Mae Bell       |
| Risher, Louise Gayle             | Taylor, Sarah Huff            |
| Risher, Lavonia                  | Varner, Samuel W.             |
| Risher, Mary Louise              | Von Lehe, Henning William     |
| Risher, Marion Sims              | Von Lehe, Matilda Bell        |
| Risher, Mary Adalene Infinger    | Wagers, Florene Canaday       |
| Risher, Mary Varner              | Waggoner, Jeannie Priester    |
| Risher, Matilda Infinger         | Walsh, Donna Jo Hendley       |
| Risher, Pansy Lee Chubb          | Walsh, John                   |
| Risher, Rebecca (Mrs.) (Chunkie) | Walsh, Leslie Jon             |
| Risher, Rhonda                   | Weeks, Richelieu Bell         |
| Risher, Robert Glenn             | Westbury, Payton              |
| Risher, Ruby Virginia            | Whetsell, George S.           |
| Risher, Sharon Elizabeth         | Whetsell, Henry O.            |
| Risher, Robert Glenn, Jr.        | Whetsell, Virginia Lee        |
| Risher, Sarah H.                 | White, Hayward                |
| Risher, Sheila Harbeson          | White, Vernon                 |
| Risher, Tabitha                  | Wiggins, Ida S.               |
| Risher, Van Buren                | White, Michael Eugene Whitsel |
| Risher, Virgil Benjamin          | Williams, Allen               |
| Rozier, Crystal Lec Cantley      | Williams, Curtis              |
| Royal, Brenda Joyce Bunch        | Williams, Dallas              |
| Rudd, Agnes                      | Williams, Ella V.             |
| Rush, Angie Bell                 | Williams, Jessie S.           |
| Rush, John Myers                 | Williams, Harris C.           |
| Schaffer, Gregory William        | Williams, John C.             |
| Schaffer, Ida Jeanette Smith     | Williams, Lewis C.            |
| Slater, Jessica Oneta Owens      | Williams, Malisa              |
| Smith, Ann Griffith              | (Mrs.)                        |
| Smith, Donna                     | Wimberly, Florence            |
| Smith, Ida Lillian Mims          | Bell                          |
| Smith, Rachel Lillian Bunch      | Woodberry, J. C.              |
| Smith, Ray                       | Woodberry, Pat                |
| Smith, Thornton B. (Rev.)        |                               |
| Smith, Thornton Sidney           |                               |
| Smith, Sennetta Mizell           |                               |
| Strobel, James William           |                               |
| Strobel, Matilda Elaine          |                               |
| Strobel, Minnie Lee Risher       |                               |
| Stroble, Pearl Viola Infinger    |                               |
| Taylor, Annie Varner             |                               |
| Taylor, Augustus                 |                               |
| Taylor, Augustus N.              |                               |
| Taylor, Danner Edward            |                               |

*This list is a work in progress. Please let us know of omissions or corrections.*





# PREACHERS WHO SERVED BETHEL SINCE 1876

(Prior to this time no record.)

YEAR	PREACHER IN CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER
1876 - 1880	George H. Pooser	William P. Mouzon
1880 - 1881	S. D. Vaughan, John W. Neely	William P. Mouzon
1881 - 1883	William H. Lawton	William P. Mouzon
1883 - 1884	James T. Kilgo	Elias J. Maynardie
1884 - 1887	John B. Platt	Elias J. Maynardie
1887 - 1888	John A. Mood	James Marion Boyd
1888 - 1890	Hugh Whitaker	James Marion Boyd
1890 - 1892	James Carson Yongue	Robert Newton Wells
1892 - 1893	James Herbert Thacker	Robert Newton Wells
1893 - 1897	William Augustus Massebeau	Robert Newton Wells
1897 - 1900	Eli Murkerson McKissick	V. Pascal Meadows
1900 - 1903	Samuel D. Vaughan	A. J. Stokes
1903 - 1906	William Thomas Bedenbaugh	Hezekiah Webb Bays
1906 - 1907	William Henry Murray	John E. Carlisle
1907 - 1909	Percy Inabinet	John E. Carlisle
1909 - 1911	A. S. Lesley	
1911 - 1912	T. J. White	
1912 - 1915	R. C. Boulware	
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1996 - 2016	Robert E. Lee
2016 - 2017	J. MELVIN BELL
2017 -	Paul Lawton