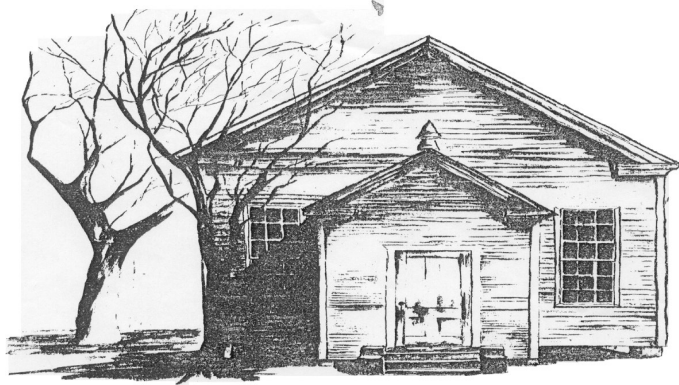


O God, Our Help in Ages Past....



The Gate City Mission

It is most graciously appreciated to all those who took any part in helping to make our Sesquicentennial Anniversary (150th) a memorable one.

We especially thank Rev. Dr. Granville A Hicks former Pastor from 1976-1984 for accepting to come back to Cumberland and preach on this milestone in the history of Cumberland United Methodist Church.

We thank our own Pastor, Reverend Anthony Hodge for his Leadership, Guidance and Spiritual Feeding.

Most of all we thank God our Heavenly Father that in 1865 He put in the minds and hearts of Joseph and Sarah Kershaw, Mr. and Mrs. January McCoy, Isaac and Hannah Morgan, Robert Bowler and wife Janie Howe, Randall Robinson, Rose Cole, Dave and Sallie Wilson, George and Sarah Washington, Paul and Phyllis Denton and the Reverend January Felder to organize "The Gate City Mission" Which led to being called Cumberland United Methodist Church.

God has allowed Cumberland to be a pillar in the community for 150 years shining as a Beacon of Faith, Hope and Love for all.

May He continue to Lovingly Bless Cumberland, the Oldest Church in the City of Florence to stand another 150 years for His people.

The 150th Anniversary Committee - 2015



PASTORS WHO SERVED

1865	January Felder	1918-1919	N. W. Green
1866	William Darington	1920-1923	R. F. Harrington
1867-1869	Edward J. Smetter	1924-1926	W. N. Hannah
1873	J. E. Wilson	1927-1932	D. E. Thomas
1874	J. B. Middleton	1933-1937	C. F. Ferguson
1875	E. M. Pinkney	1938-1944	J. W. Taylor
1876	N. T. Bowen	1945-1947	H. B. Jones
1877	J. E. Wilson	1948-1950	P. R. Tiller
1878	A. G. Townsend	1951-1957	J. W. Curry
1879-1881	F. L. Baxter	1957-1961	W. M. Jenkins
1882-1883	N. T. Bowen	1962-1967	T. R. Frierson
1884-1886	J. W. White	1967-1970	C. J. Smith
1887-1888	F. W. Sasportas	1970-1972	W. M. Stokes
1889-1891	R. A. Cottingham	1972-1976	J. W. Boone
1892-1895	B. M. Pegues	1976-1984	G. A. Hicks
1896-1897	J. L. Grice	1984-1989	H. S. Johnson
1897-1899	F. E. McDonald	1989-1990	J. S. Gadsden
1900-1903	Scipio Green	1990-1997	L. D. McCutcheon
1904-1907	W. H. Redfield	1997-2002	Dr. G. A. McClenan
1908	B. S. Jackson	2002-2012	Rev. J. J. Cooper
1909-1913	W. S. Thompson	2012-Present	Rev. Anthony Hodge
1914-1917	J. B. Taylor		

Remember our Church Family Members who are unable to be in service with us. (Calls, Cards and Visits)

Mrs. Mable Adams	P. O. Box 6585, Florence, SC 29502 (550 N. Alexandra St.)
Mrs. Mildred Bradley	1502 Carnaby Circle, Florence, SC 29506
Mrs. Lula Coleman	2100 Twin Church Rd., Apt. 232, Florence, SC 29501
Mrs. Beatrice A. James	2310 Dell Joe Circle, Florence, SC 29505
Mrs. Ruth Lucas	2632 Harelston Green Dr. Florence, SC 29505
Rev. Dr. George McClenan	P. O. Box 50253 Summerville, SC 29485
Mrs. Rose Middleton	503 Baxley Road, Bowman, S. C. 29018
Mrs. Queen E. Morris	1105 Irby Street, Florence, SC 29501
Mrs. Callie Streater	1352 Elizabeth Lane, East Point, Ga 30344
Mrs. Mary Alexander	Faith HealthCare Center, 617 W. Marion St., Florence, SC
Mrs. Omega Linton	Heritage Home of Florence, 515 Warley St., Rm. 216 B, Florence, SC (215-516-9277)
Ms. Clara McGill	Oakhaven Nursing Home, 123 Oak St., Darlington, SC

Call Your pastor, for pastoral care:
843-662-2904 / 662-2940



150th Church Anniversary

1865-2015

"Rooted in Faith - Honoring Our Heritage"

September 13, 2015

10:00 A.M.

OUR BEGINNING 1865

**Upon This Rock I Will Build My
Church
And The Gates of Hell
Shall Not Prevail Against It.**

/Matthew 16:18



Bush Arbor

Cumberland United Methodist Church

CUMBERLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Anthony Hodge, Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.
(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Color - Green)
“150th Church Anniversary”
“Rooted in Faith - Honoring our Heritage”
Rev. Dr. Granville A. Hicks - Guest Speaker
Rev. Anthony Hodge, Liturgist

ORDER OF SERVICE

Praise and Worship		
Prelude		
Lighting of Candles		Acolytes
Greeting		Rev. Anthony Hodge
*Call to Worship “Glad to Be in the Service”		
*The Invocation		Rev. Hodge
*** *Hymn	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	No. 400
*The Psalter		“Psalm 19” (No. 750) Mr. Dennis Sullen

Celebration Through Praise		Divine of Praise
Announcements and Recognition of Guests		Kalyn M. Phillips

Anthem	“Jesus, Jesus”	Voices of Inspiration
Remembering Cumberland		Mrs. Janice S. Hawkins
*The Gospel Selection	“Mark 8:27-38” “Press Towards the Mark”	Mrs. Ella Frazier Voices of Inspiration
Church History		Mrs. Evelyn S. Heyward
Lighting of the Memorial Candle		Nia K. Mearite
Memorial Prayer		Dr. Charles Conner
Introduction of Speaker		Rev. Anthony Hodge
Solo		Mr. Renee` Hicks
The Sermon		Rev. Dr. Granville A. Hicks
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Rev. Anthony Hodge
*Hymn of Invitation		“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” No. 357
Altar Call/Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		
*The Affirmation of Faith		
*The Gloria Patri		“Gloria Be to the Father” No. 71
*Offertory		
Offertory Selection		“Because of You” Children’s Choir
*The Doxology		No. 95

*The Congregation is invited to stand.
***Worshippers may enter.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Stephen Wukela
South Carolina Rep. Rev. Terry Alexander

Choral Response
Extinguishing of Candles
The Benediction
The Postlude
Musicians Serving Today

Acolytes
Nursery

Dr. Joseph Heyward
Mrs. L. Gilliard-Johnson
Joslyn A. Matthews, Raven S. Charles
Ms. Delores E. Morris

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15th James H. Spears, Jr. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room at 11:00 a.m.
- 15th Celestial Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room at 5:30 p.m.
- 15th S/PPRC Meeting, Educational Building room #3 at 6:00 p.m. All present and incoming 2016 S/PPRC members are asked to make every effort to attend. This meeting is of the utmost importance.
- 16th Children and Youth Dinner/ Rehearsal/Bible Study, Educational Building from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- 16th Bible Study, Educational Building at 7:00 p.m.
- 17th Food Bank, Outreach Center at 8:00 a.m.
- 17th Finance Committee Meeting, Educational Building at 7:00 p.m.
- 19th UMM Breakfast, Outreach Center at 8:00 a.m. Fish Fry at 12:00 noon.
- 21st Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center at 4:00 p.m.
- 21st Church for All Generations/Pot Luck Dinner, Outreach Center from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 22nd James H. Spears, Jr. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room at 11:00 a.m.
- 22nd Celestial Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room at 5:30 p.m.
- 22nd Voices of Inspiration Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room at 6:30 p.m.
- 23rd Church Council Ministry/Committee Reports due in the church’s office by 9:00 a.m.
- 23rd Children and Youth, Family Movie Night, Educational Building from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- 23rd Bible Study, Educational Building at 7:00 p.m.
- 28th Church Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

~ OUR HISTORY~

Meetings were held in the home of Joseph and Sarah Kershaw in 1865. Having increased in members, they moved the meetings to their backyard under a bush arbor. This was the birth of Gate City Mission.

Land was purchased on Coit Street for \$195.00 on May 15, 1866. The first church, a board structure was built the same year. It was named M. E. Church. Later named Cumberland Methodist Episcopal Church.

Cumberland in Florence was named after Cumberland Street Methodist Episcopal Church which was the first Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina in 1786.

Additional land was purchased on August 21, 1873 for \$40.00. The increase in membership was 425 to 825.

Cumberland Methodist Cemetery land was purchased April 6, 1887 for \$1.00.

Plans were made to build a brick church in 1908. Cumberland Methodist Episcopal Church was built with completion in 1911. Tiffany stained windows were purchased for the sanctuary.

Land was purchased to build a mission church on Kemp Street on August 30, 1921. It was renamed The Gate City Mission.

Cumberland purchased a pipe organ in 1924. The Hut was built in 1954 and a parsonage was purchased in 1957.

Between 1962-1968, The Cumberland Credit Union was established. The Educational Building was built in 1968. Cumberland purchased a parsonage on the corner of Coit and Marion Street.

Property was purchased at 137 South Coit Street on December 17, 1985.

Major repairs were done to the sanctuary in September of 1989.

The Outreach Center was built and dedicated on June 12, 1994.

Renovation of pastor/secretary offices, restrooms, beautification of church yard and repaving of parking area were done in 1997-2002.

Cumberland’s first female pastor, Rev. J. Jeannette’ Cooper was appointed in 2002.

Plans were made to renovate sanctuary. Renovation cancelled due to termite damage. The church was torn down.

Restoration Fund was formed to raise monies to rebuild church in 2005.

The ground breaking was held on July 2006. The foundation was dug and cemented in 2006. Started frame shaping foundation with steel beams on Monday, April 30, 2007. The laying of Bricks Ceremony was held November, 2007. Installation board and poly wrap was installed January 31, 2008. Contractors began bricking church March 2008. “The Laying of the Cornerstone” was held May 18, 2008.

2009-2010, The builders continued work in the church and educational building. The new sanctuary was completed by March, 2010.

We, the church family, had our first church service on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 in the new sanctuary.

Rev. Anthony Hodge was appointed pastor of Cumberland United Methodist Church July 1, 2012.

Betty Young Ward

“Enter to Worship, Leave to Serve”