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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

1875 - 1950

A HISTORICAL SKETCH

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*"The noblest spires in mortal ken,
Where God abides, were built by men.
And if the church is still to grow,
Is still the lights of hope to throw
Across the valleys of despair,
Men still must build God's house of prayer.
God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise!"*

FOREWORD

As a part of the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Central Presbyterian Church, it seemed appropriate that a Historical Sketch of the Church should be prepared. Since the majority of the members know little of the past history of the Church, it was felt that an accurate and readable presentation of that noble record would be instructive as well as inspiring.

It was fortunate that there should be available for this task one so eminently suited as Mr. Thomas W. Preston. Having been a member of the Church for 49 years and an officer in it for 43 years, Mr. Preston not only is personally acquainted with nearly two-thirds of the Church's history to date but has played a leading role in it. During the forty years in which he has served as an elder his progressive spirit has been in the forefront of every noble advance and his clear judgment has led the way through many difficult situations. He is further suited for the task by being the kinsman of two former pastors of the church and by the fact that he served as Clerk of the Session for a number of years. In addition to these, however, Mr. Preston is a historian of note. He is the author of several books and is a recognized authority on the history of this section.

It was therefore with greatest confidence that the Session of the Church commissioned Mr. Preston to prepare the Historical Sketch. The confidence which the Session reposed in him is fully justified by the book here presented.

BEN L. ROSE
Pastor

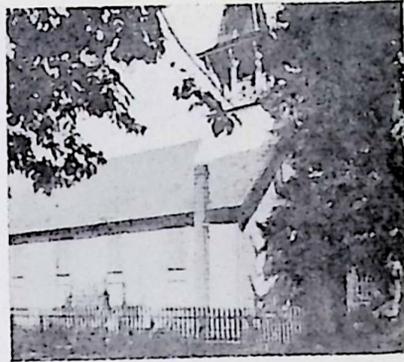
STATISTICAL RECORD OF THE CHURCH

Year	Church Membership	S. S. Enrollment	Pastor
1875	30	30	J. D. Tadlock, Supply
1876	38	35	J. D. Tadlock, Supply
1877	41	29	J. D. Tadlock, Supply
1879	62	67	J. W. Rogan
1880	65	55	J. W. Rogan
1885	99	50	B. W. McBane
1889	83	56	J. A. Wallace
1893	81	17	J. A. Wallace
1894	81	0	No Pastor
1895	70	45	No Pastor
1900	79	40	No Pastor
1901	79	42	W. H. T. Squires
1902	123	90	W. H. T. Squires
1903	214	100	W. H. T. Squires
1904	263	140	W. H. T. Squires
1905	319	175	W. H. T. Squires
1907	412	213	W. H. T. Squires
1908	399	237	W. H. T. Squires
1909	427	225	W. H. T. Squires
1910	375	284	W. H. T. Squires
1911	285	254	Adolphus Kistler
1912	250	245	Adolphus Kistler
1913	275	250	Adolphus Kistler
1915	334	292	Adolphus Kistler
1916	264	320	Adolphus Kistler
1917	354	261	Adolphus Kistler
1918	308	141	Adolphus Kistler
1919	303	188	Carl S. Matthews
1920	308	176	Carl S. Matthews
1921	365	150	No Pastor
1922	406	257	Donald McIver
1923	418	275	Donald McIver
1924	422	315	Donald McIver
1925	482	288	Donald McIver
1930	636	240	Donald McIver
1935	592	260	Donald McIver
1940	600	237	Donald McIver
1945	651	281	Donald McIver
1949	688	284	Ben L. Rose



EMANUEL EPISCOPAL
CHURCH 1875

Moore Street where Goodson
Presbyterian Church was organ-
ized. It stood on the corner of
Cumberland and Moore Streets
where the Goodpasture building
now stands.



GOODSON PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH (NOW CENTRAL)

Erected 1877 corner Moore and
Cumberland Streets. Destroyed
by fire October 11, 1903.

THE FOUR ORIGINAL ELDERS
elected when the Church was organized

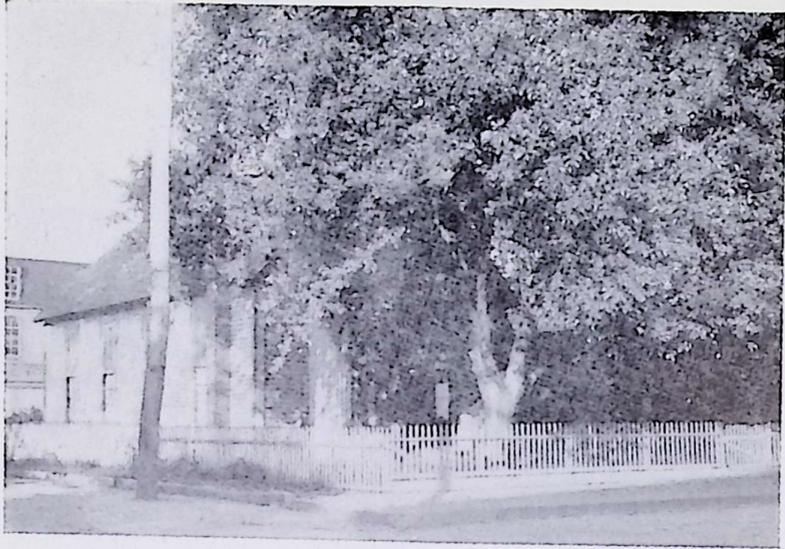


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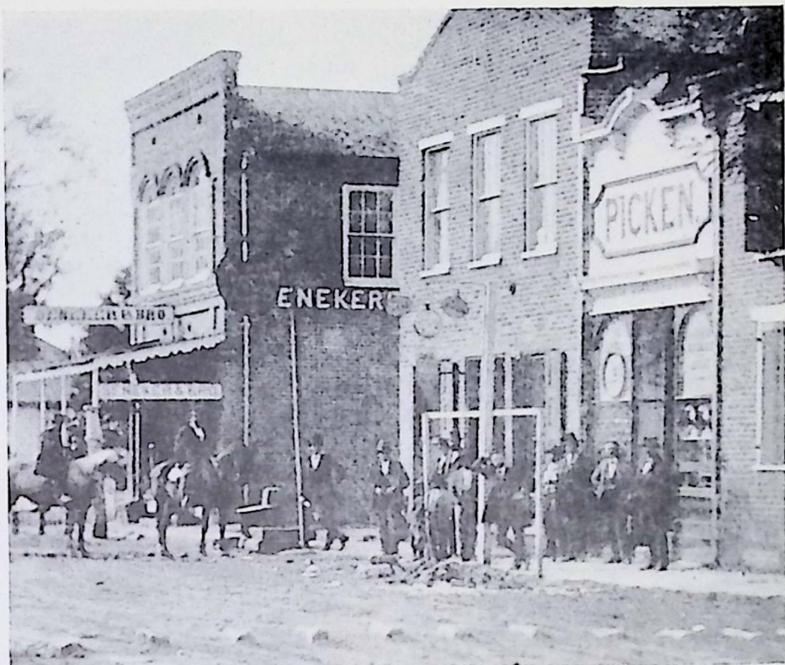
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—DESTROYED BY FIRE 1903



INTERIOR VIEW ORIGINAL CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SCENES ON STATE STREET, 1875, the year Central Church was organized. J. H. Winston was one of the first elders of the church.

MINISTERS OF
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1875-1950

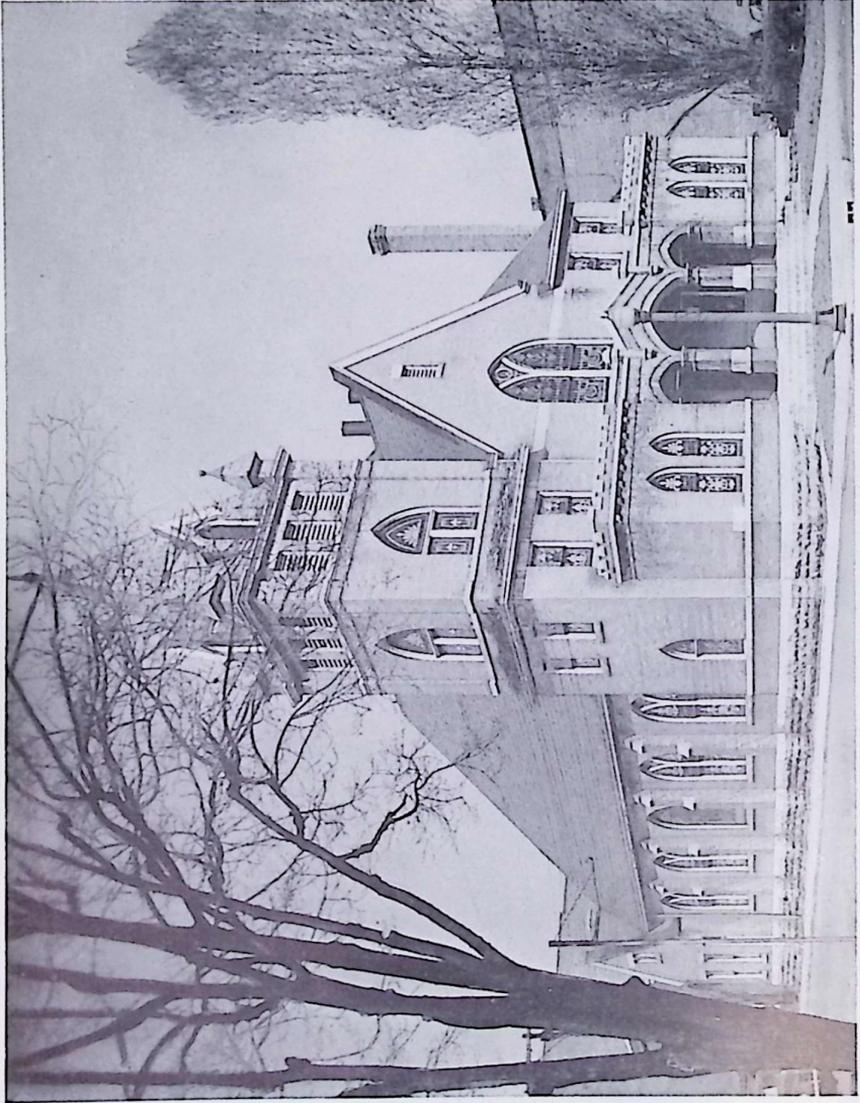
James Doak Tadlock	Jan. 31, 1875 to April 1, 1877
James W. Rogan	Jan. 1, 1878 to July 27, 1882
Benjamin Watkins Mebane	Oct. 15, 1882 to Oct. 1, 1885
Jesse Albert Wallace	Nov. 29, 1885 to Feb. 5, 1889
Samuel Rhea Preston	May 14, 1890 to Nov. 22, 1891
Baldwin Alexander Pendleton	May 15, 1892 to April 1, 1893
Cochran Preston	July 1, 1897 to April 1, 1899
William Henry Tappay Squires	Oct. 20, 1901 to Mar. 14, 1909
Adolphus Kistler	Oct. 23 1910 to Oct. 1, 1917
Carl Stanley Matthews	Dec. 16, 1917 to Dec. 19, 1920
Donald McIver	Oct. 23, 1921 to Jan. 1, 1946
Benjamin Lacy Rose	March 10, 1946 —



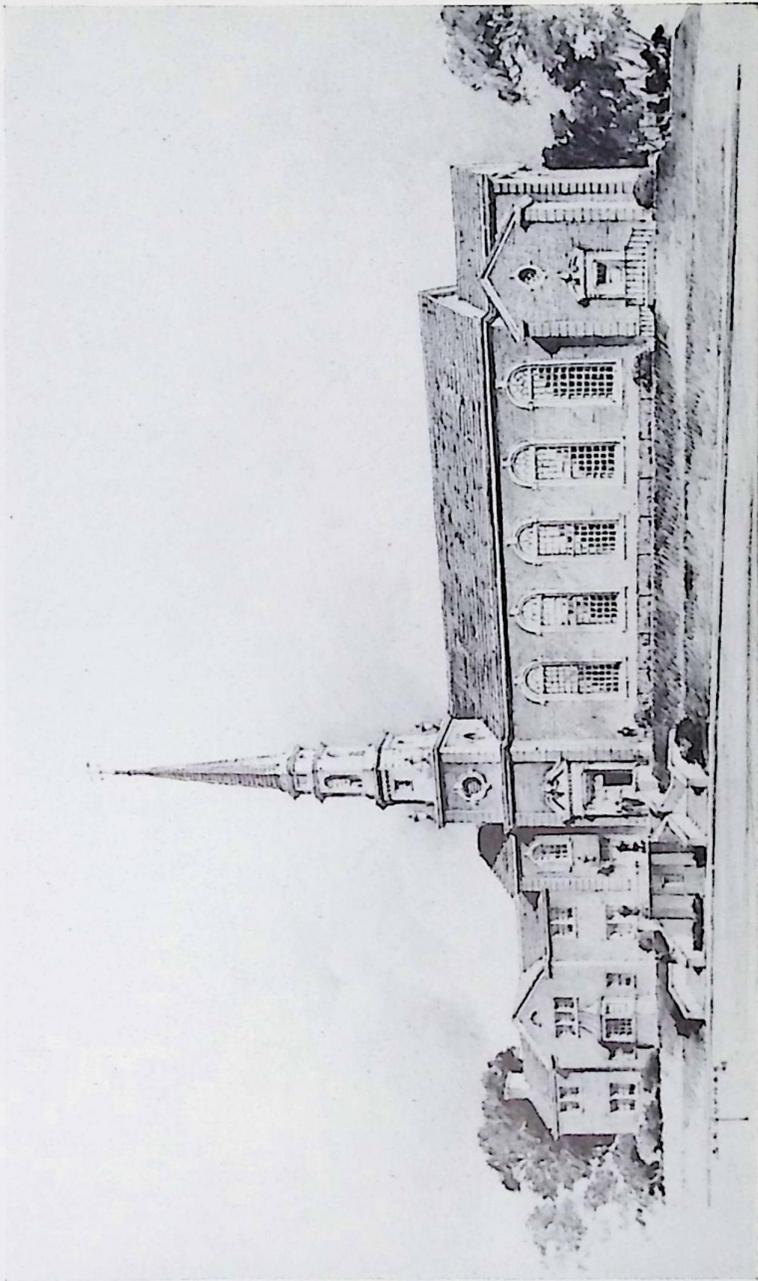
Interior view of Central Presbyterian Church,
corner of Moore and Cumberland Streets
Erected 1904.



First Communion set used by
Central Church. Gift of Mrs.
Glenna Montague Maver.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Moore and Cumberland Streets, Bristol, Virginia—
Erected 1904



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Euclid Avenue—Erected 1949

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY

An anniversary may be a point from which one looks backward or a beacon to light one to greater achievements. In this the seventy-fifth year of its existence Central Presbyterian Church stands on the threshold of its greatest opportunity for service.

The upper Holston Valley was first settled by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who came from Pennsylvania via the Shenandoah Valley to this section. They were lured here by the beauty of the mountains and valleys of this section, the abundant natural resources, fertile, cheap lands and, most important of all, the freedom from religious persecution. The town of Goodson, Virginia was incorporated in 1856 and became the terminus of what is now the Norfolk & Western and the Southern Railways. The location of the two towns insured a bright future, it being the trading center of all the surrounding territory. The name Goodson was changed to Bristol in 1890.

The ten years following the war between the states saw a steady growth in the population of the town of Goodson and surrounding territory. By 1875 this section was recovering from the effects of the war, and an era of prosperity was beginning throughout the entire nation. This awakening was evidenced by the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This great exposition was to open early in 1876, its buildings and exhibits representing the progress this country had made in one hundred years as an independent free nation. The grounds and buildings of the Exposition were lighted by electricity, this being the first public showing of electric light in this country, and was further proof of advancement. In the same year, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell gave to the world the first telephone which now links the entire country in a great network of communication. This was the genesis of an intellectual and industrial awakening in the United States that has continued to the present time.

The First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Tennessee was organized in 1858 and its membership increased rapidly with the growth of the town. In the year 1875 the Reverend George A. Caldwell was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Tennessee. Mr. Caldwell belonged to the old time blue stocking

Scotch school of Presbyterianism. His preaching against card playing, dancing and all forms of worldliness was uncompromising. Under his influence the session of the church was rigid and stern in enforcing Church Law against sin and worldliness. Numerous offenders were called before this august body and censured. Tradition tells us that this firm attitude caused some disaffection among the congregation, and a group of some twenty-five or thirty members decided to secede.

On December 20, 1874 a resolution was passed by the Session of the Bristol Church (First Presbyterian Church) "Resolved that the action of a number of members of this church to organize a Presbyterian Church in Goodson, Va. has the consent of this session."

On Tuesday, January 26, 1875, the Presbytery of Abingdon convened in the Episcopal Church which then stood on the southeast corner of the intersection of Cumberland and Moore Streets, where the Goodpasture Building now stands. Acting upon a petition which it had received from twenty-nine persons, the Presbytery organized the church. It was given the name of Goodson Presbyterian Church, and the congregation proceeded to the election of the following officers: Elders: E. B. McClanahan, J. H. Winston, V. Keebler, and V. Doriot; Deacon, Chas. T. Pepper.

The following Sunday morning, Dr. James D. Tadlock, then President of King College, preached the first sermon to the little congregation. On the same afternoon the session of the church met for the first time. The minutes of that meeting are quaint and interesting.

"The session of Goodson Church met in the Episcopal Church, Sunday, January 31st, 1875, at 5:00 o'clock, p.m. President: J. D. Tadlock, Moderator; Elders V. Doriot, J. H. Winston, and E. B. McClanahan; and Deacon C. T. Pepper. Prayer by the Moderator. E. B. McClanahan was appointed temporary clerk. On motion, V. Keebler was elected clerk of the session. The temporary clerk was directed to purchase a session minute book and draw on the deacon for the amount. The deacon was directed to provide fuel, light, pitcher, broom, mats, etc., and to repair the windows in the church. On motion, J. H. Winston was elected superintendent, and Dr. J. Bunting, assistant superintendent, of the Sabbath School. Elders Winston and Doriot, were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our sympathy and desire of co-operation with the Bristol Church, and report to the next meeting of the session. Adjourned with prayer by V. Doriot."

According to the original roll of Goodson Presbyterian Church, the following persons are listed as having been received into the church on January 26, 1875, the day the church was organized, which fact would make them charter members: Mrs. Mary Z.

Barnes, Victor Doriot, Catherine Doriot, Dr. A. J. Dunn, Eliza J. Dunn, James W. Dunn, A. M. Dunn, Alice M. Dunn, Mrs. Emma Gookin, Valentine Keebler, Mrs. Sally J. Keebler, Fannie Keebler, Mrs. C. M. Montague, E. B. McClanahan, Mrs. Fannie E. McClanahan, Dr. Charles T. Pepper, Mrs. Ida McD. Pepper, William H. Pepper, Charles R. Pepper, Mrs. C. W. Reed, Nat M. Taylor, John H. Winston, Mrs. E. B. Winston, Leta Winston, J. S. Williams, Catherine Williams, J. Taylor Williams, and Mrs. Caroline Whitten.

The minutes of Abingdon Presbytery tell us that the petition for the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Goodson, Va. was signed by twenty-four members of the "Bristol Church, Presbytery of Holston" (First Presbyterian Church) and by five members of other churches. These minutes state that the petition was accompanied by letters of dismissal for the twenty-four members from the Bristol Church. This petition, which unfortunately was not preserved, was evidently circulated several weeks before the meeting on January 26th. On that Tuesday when the Presbytery met to organize the church, two members of the Bristol Church, whose names were not on the original petition (Mrs. Emma Gookin and Mr. Nat M. Taylor) were present and indicated a desire to cast their lot with the new church. The records give us only two members from other churches who became charter members of the Goodson Church. These were Mr. Victor Doriot and his wife, Catherine Doriot,* who came from the Wytheville Presbyterian Church. What became of the other three signers of the petition we do not know. It is possible that they were not able to be present on the day the church was organized and since their church letters had not accompanied the petition they could not be enrolled as charter members. It is highly probable that two of these unknown signers were: Mrs. Mary K. Taylor, wife of Nat M. Taylor, and Mr. W. H. Robertson, for these were received into the church by certificate within a few weeks after the organization. Within five months after the organization other members were received into the little church: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Galliher and Miss Lizzie Johnston from the Bristol Church; Miss Ada S.

*Mary S., Victorine, and Henri Doriot, baptized children of Victor and Catherine Doriot, were not at this time full communing members of the church. According to the letter of transfer, they are listed as "baptized children." The records of the Session show that they were received as full communing members several years later after professions of faith. However, being at the time baptized children, they could technically be counted as charter members of the church.

Matkins from the Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Ala.; Mrs. Ella M. Whitten from St. Marks Episcopal Church in Fincastle, Va.; and Mr. Guy M. Whitten from the Presbyterian Church in Covington, Va.

Among the first baptisms recorded in the records of the session are: Ruth McD. Pepper, daughter of C. T. and J. McD. Pepper; John Barnes, adult; Matilda Minor, daughter of W. S. and Lucy A. Minor; Leta Winston Brown, daughter of John and Leta Brown; Lilly, Paul, and Read Gookin, children of H. S. and Emma Gookin; and Charles Rufus Barnes, son of John and Mary Barnes.

Elder elect, V. Keebler, declined to serve, and E. B. McClanahan was later elected clerk of the session in his stead.

As evidence that there was no ill feeling by reason of the establishment of the Goodson Church the following two resolutions are reproduced from the Minutes of the Session.

"To the Pastor, Session and Congregation of 1st Presbyterian Church, Bristol."

"At a meeting of Session of 2nd Presbyterian Church, Bristol, held on 31st day of January, 1875.

"Resolved that Elders J. H. Winston & V. Doriot be appointed a committee to draw up a communication expressive of our Christian Sympathy and fellowship with the Mother Church and request her prayers for our success and prosperity.

"Dear Brethren

"In obedience to the foregoing resolution, we feel authorized to say that our Little Company cherishes feelings of ardent affection for the Mother Church.

"Though called as we believe by our Divine Master to labor in a separate and independent organization, we cannot forget the days when we walked pleasantly together, and together lifted up our hearts and voices for the prosperity of our beloved Zion. Brethren, in going out from you, we felt that we were obeying the leadings of Providence. And whilst we scarcely know whither we are going, our trust is in the Lord, who will take care of his people, even in leading them in ways they know not.

"Brethren, our cause is one, and we desire to do our full share in cooperating with you in sustaining and fostering every enterprise looking to the common interest; to this end we desire your sympathies and ask your prayers; and our prayers shall ever be, that blest as you have been in the past, you may all—Pastor, Elders and people be the recipients of still greater blessings in the future in the fuller and sweeter enjoyments, individually and collectively, of the riches of Grace in Christ Jesus our Lord."

J. H. Winston }
V. Doriot } Committee

"To the Pastor, Session and Congregation of 2nd Presbyterian Council.
"At a meeting of Session of the Bristol Pres. Church held March 7th, 1875, on Motion Elders W. P. Brewer & J. A. Templeton were appointed a committee to answer a communication received from Session of Second Church, expressive of their Christian Sympathy and fellowship with this their Mother Church, also requesting her prayers for their success and prosperity.

"Dear Brethren

"In compliance with our appointment, we would say that our Church (the Mother Church) cherishes no other than the kindest feelings for your church and as its child struggling for an existence, you have our Christian Sympathies and our prayers for your success in building up our Redeemer's Kingdom.

"Though called by Divine Master to labor in separate organizations, we are spiritually connected, 'we are one body in Christ and every one members one of another' Jesus Christ is the 'true vine' and we 'are the branches.' We are not only connected with Christ, but with one another.

"Our cause is therefore, one and we desire most heartily to cooperate with you in every effort put forth for the advancement of our common cause: the upbuilding of our great Redeemer's Kingdom, and the spread of Presbyterianism in our midst.

"To this end you have our prayers and our sympathies; that you be blessed in all your undertakings—that you be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love. Christ commands it; A new commandment, give I unto you that ye love one another. John 13:34

"The reasons that prompt us to brotherly love and affection are many, and are of perpetual force. The command of Christ and his love to us are constant. Our love should be constant. Hence the Apostle exhorts in Hebrews 13 & 1st 'Let brotherly love continue.'"

W. P. Brewer } Committee
J. A. Templeton }

At the spring meeting of Presbytery held at Wytheville, in April 1875, and attended by V. Doriot as representative of the Goodson Church, the named was changed at the request of the church, from Goodson to Second Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Tadlock served the Church for two years and two months as stated supply, and at the expiration of that time the congregation extended him a unanimous call to become its pastor. Other duties prevented him from accepting the call and he then tendered his resignation. After his death a memorial window—"Christ in Gethsemane," was installed by the women of the church in memory of Dr. Tadlock.

The Episcopal Church generously permitted the congregation of 2nd Presbyterian Church to use their building for almost three years until the Presbyterians could build a church of their own. The lot on the northeast corner of Moore and Cumberland Streets opposite the Episcopal Church was purchased from the town of Goodson. The deed for this lot is not dated until June 1883 but possession of the lot was secured several years prior to that date for, according to the records of the Session, a frame church was in the process of building on August 5, 1877. The church paid the city \$300 for the lot. The new building was completed before the end of the year and served the congregation until 1903 when it was destroyed by fire.

The first wedding of record held in the new Church was that of Miss Glenna Montague to Mr. A. A. Maver of Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Maver a few years after her wedding gave the church a beautiful communion service (a tall pitcher and two silver cups). This communion set was used until 1914 when it was replaced by an individual-cup service.

Following the resignation of Dr. Tadlock, Rev. James W. Rogan was called in the fall of 1877, and served as pastor of the church three and a half years. His salary for the last year was \$678.83. Under his ministry the church flourished, growing in numbers from thirty-nine to eighty-two. An interesting resolution recorded in the minutes of the session during the pastorate of Mr. Rogan, reads as follows:

"Resolved that the pastor shall, at each monthly meeting, call upon the elders to report what they have done in the way of visiting the families and members of the church."

At the next meeting Clerk of the Session, McClanahan reported faithfully: "The elders had done but little."

Mr. Rogan resigned and was immediately followed by Rev. B. W. Mebane, called to this church from Hillsville, Va. Mr. Mebane remained three years and built up the church considerably. Report to Presbytery April, 1885, shows membership 99, salary paid \$523.96. Upon his resignation, Dr. J. Albert Wallace, President of King College, acted as stated supply for the succeeding four years. Report for year 1888 shows total communicants 83, pastor's salary paid \$431.00.

The next pastorate was that of Dr. S. Rhea Preston, who was installed May 4, 1890. Dr. Preston remained a year and a half, and many additions were made to the roll of the church. Rev. B. A. Pendleton followed Dr. Preston with a short pastorate, then followed a long vacant period of discouragement. These were dark days in the history of this little organization. The congregation became discouraged. Some of its members moved away, others transferred their membership to other churches, some died, and there was left just one elder, V. Doriot, and a little handful of stout-hearted believers. The church seemed to be making such poor progress, the question of dissolving it was seriously considered, and the matter was brought to the attention of the few remaining members in order to ascertain their views on the subject. The lone elder and his family stated emphatically that they would not be dissolved, and if the old Ship of Zion went down, they would go with it, and so the continuity of the organization was preserved.

In 1897 Rev. Cochran Preston was called to the pastorate and served very acceptably for a period of two years. Rev. A. G. Buckner served as supply for a year or more following the pastorate of Dr. Preston.

On October 20th, 1901 Rev. W. H. T. Squires, fresh from the Seminary, was installed as pastor. Mr. Squires had previously served as a deacon in the church he now came to serve as pastor. A wonderful revival took place; many new people coming into the city joined the Church; many young people made profession of their faith and in the next four years the membership grew rapidly.

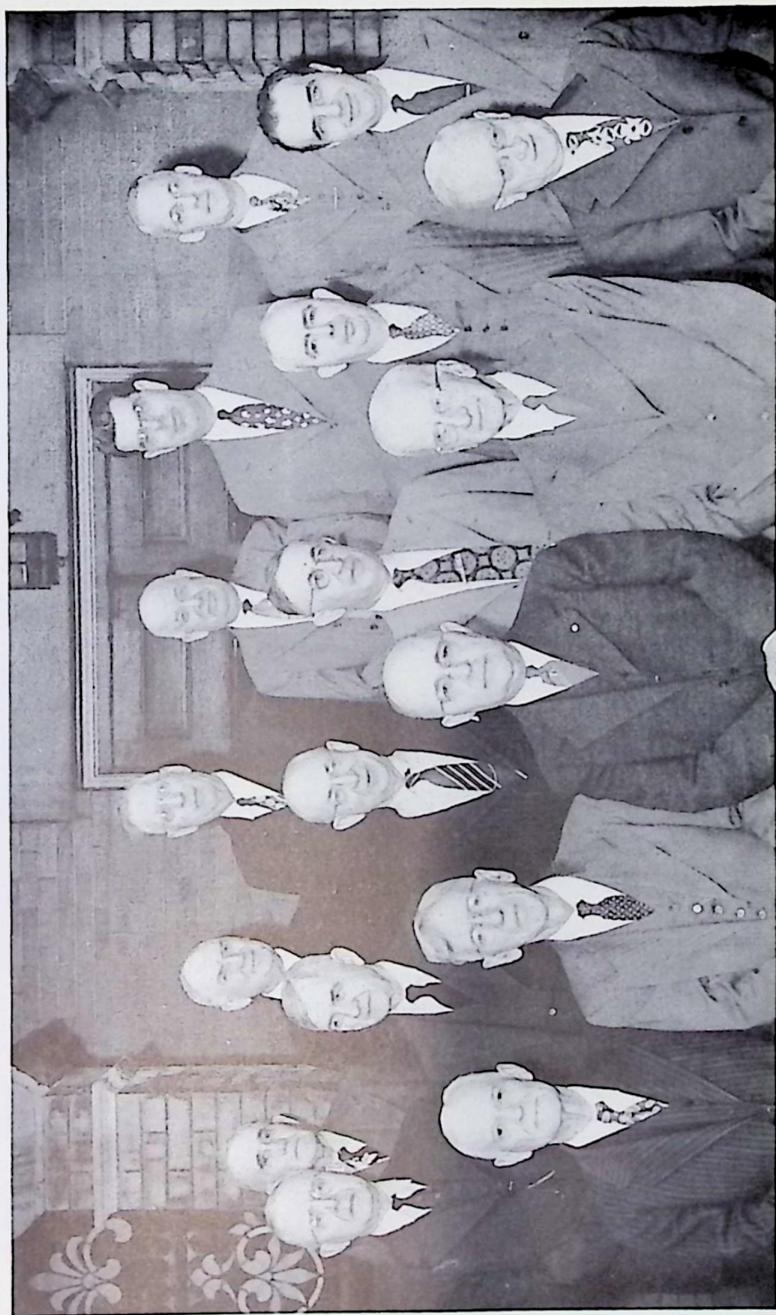
The new life of the church resulted in a new name. By act of Presbytery in the spring of 1902 the name was changed to "Central Presbyterian Church." The following extract is from the February 9th issue of the *Covenanter*, a church monthly paper begun by Mr. Squires and published for some years.

"At a congregational meeting held January 15th, 1902 after prayer meeting, the following resolution was carried without a single dissenting vote. The entire membership of the church has felt for some time that the name of the church should be changed from Second Presbyterian Church—which we never were, to the Central Presbyterian Church—which we have always been. This change of name is a very significant action coming at this time. It suggests the new life, unity, energy, and determination to succeed which has taken complete possession of the church. We have not a single 'croaker' and we don't want any. The church is moving forward with an impetus that nothing can defeat. 'Jehovah NISSI' is our motto—and in His name we set up our standard."

On Sunday, October 11, 1903, just before the Sunday School hour, the little frame church caught fire and burned to the ground. Very little, if anything, was salvaged and in it were destroyed some irreplaceable records. Plans were immediately set on foot to rebuild, and on December 11, 1904 the congregation worshipped in their own new home. During the interim they had been given the use of the Sunday School room at the First Church.

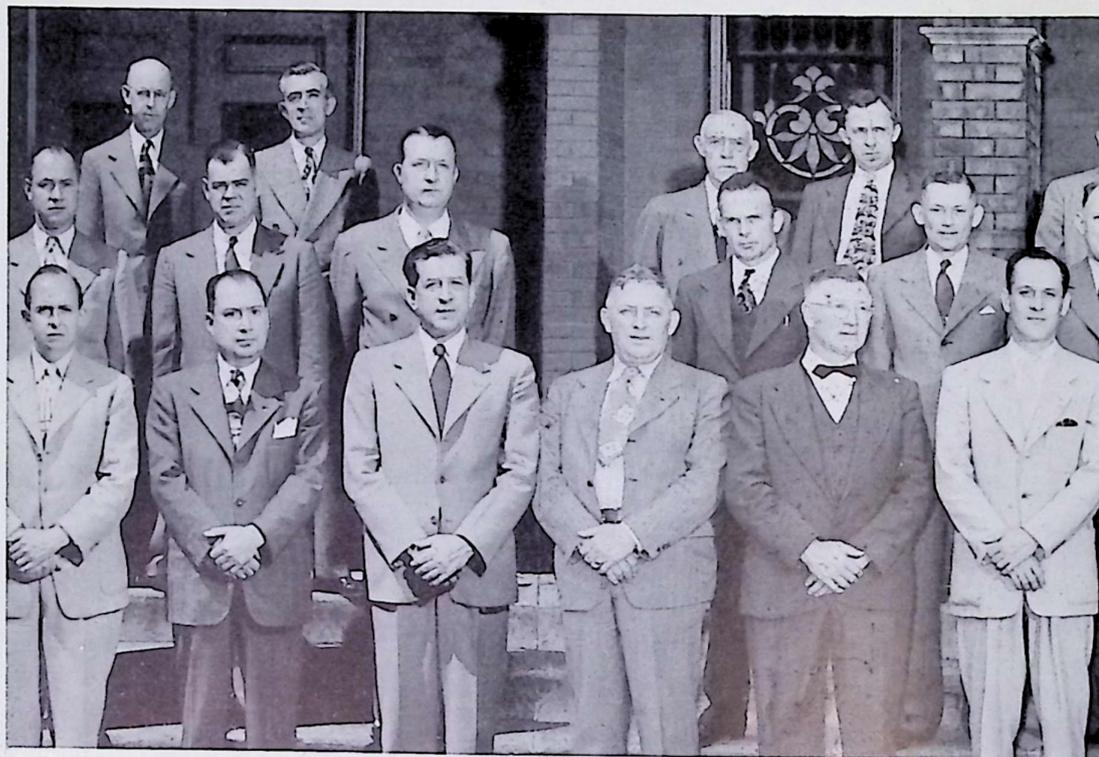
The pipe organ in the church was a gift to the congregation by the Ladies Aid Society in April 1906. The organ was constructed by the W. W. Kimball Co. of Chicago. It was designed to fit the choir loft at a cost of \$2,500. This amount was paid in full by the ladies. The organ was erected by Mr. E. D. Jardine and he played it at the first service at which it was used, April 8, 1906. A splendid musical program was given and the church was crowded to capacity.

Mrs. Henry Roberts was secured as organist in 1906 and took charge of the music at that time. She has filled the position most



ELDERS 1949

First Row: reading left to right: J. W. Flannagan, Jr., King A. Hagey, Fred V. Vance, T. W. Preston and J. G. Wyman.
 Second Row: reading left to right: J. R. Neel, Floyd Roberts, Carl A. Jones, S. P. Carmack, Sam Wagner, Fey Rogers.
 Third Row: reading left to right: T. J. Leonard, J. W. Sanders, R. C. Stoots, C. E. Parks, T. T. Hammack and D. D. Vance.
 Not in Picture: E. H. Hearst, S. H. Beaty, P. V. Dalton and J. T. Hamrick.



DEACON

First Row: reading left to right: C. D. Richards, Jr., Gordon Hagy, H. W. Broome, M. L. McClellan, S. E. Harkrader, Francis W. Flannagan, Frank Winston, Jr., J. Frank Drugan, S. E. Grant, H. L. (Buddy) Jones, J. H. Tipton, E. C. Grimes and W. G. Snapp.

Second Row: reading left to right: D. W. Gasteiger, Bradley Roberts, F. Blair Preston, C. R. Barnes, J. W. McCauley, T. J. Cupp, C. Erskine Parks, Jr., Grant Johnson, C. R. Mason, J. G. Barnes, Alexander McIver, M. R. McDaniel.



WS 1949

Third Row: reading left to right: J. R. Fleenor, A. G. Stuart, J. D. Ingham, W. E. (Dan) Rutherford, J. M. Holmes, H. H. Harkrader, J. K. Brown, G. M. Warren, Henry H. Haynes, Henry Roberts, R. W. Kelly, Jr., J. W. Nicar.

Not in picture: C. Hugh McNew, J. E. Stover, G. G. Feazell, D. W. Comerford, O. T. Powell, Henry Groseclose, Dee Webster and W. I. Brunner.

acceptably to the present time, a period of 43 years of continuous service.

Mr. Squires remained with the church until March 14, 1909 when he was called to Knox Church in Norfolk.

The following quotation is taken from the Covenanter and is one of many similar ones to be found in this paper:

"Some people think that in order to be dignified the church should be as frigid as a cold storage establishment. True dignity and cordiality go hand in hand. There is far more religion in a hearty shake of the hand than in a high look and a proud step."

From March 1909 until October 23, 1910, Central Church was without a pastor, but the services were carried on regularly, preaching every Sabbath, Sunday School regularly, mid-week prayer meeting and all the church organizations steadily at work. The next pastor, Dr. Adolphus Kistler, preached his first sermon as pastor October 23, 1910, and served with zeal and faith, and the church continued its steady growth and interest until he was called away October 21, 1917. Dr. Carl Matthews served from November 11, 1917 to January 15, 1921, when he accepted a call to Shelbyville, Kentucky. In September 1921, Rev. Donald McIver was elected to the ~~pastorate~~ from Burlington, North Carolina. He served Central Church faithfully for twenty-six years. During his pastorate the membership was increased from 365 to 668. Rota- tion in office of Elders and Deacons was voted by congregation on March 26, 1933 and has resulted in training a number of splendid young men in church work. The manse at 406 Lee Street was purchased from J. O. Susong in 1921 for \$10,000.00. Dr. McIver's family occupied it during his entire pastorate.

Dr. McIver tendered his resignation in 1945 from the fact that he had reached the statutory age limit. At the request of the congregation he continued to serve for two years longer until a suitable successor could be found. He started and fostered the movement which resulted in the building of the Euclid Avenue Church. Under his leadership the members of Central Church gave liberally to the construction of this beautiful, new edifice. Dr. McIver served the Euclid Avenue Church as supply until the pastor, Rev. Owen Gumm, was called and installed.

The need for a new building for Central Presbyterian Church had been apparent for a number of years. The old location in the very center of city traffic on the corner of Moore and Cumberland Streets had become very noisy and parking space unavailable. The old building, while architecturally beautiful both as to interior and

exterior, and enshrined with many memories dear to the older members of the congregation, was totally inadequate to carry on the educational and social activities of the young people. In December 1939 a class of young men in the Sunday School, taught by Mr. Henry Groseclose, decided to start a building fund. The entire Sunday School took up the idea and each month the first Sunday offering from the pupils was dedicated to the building fund.

On December 9, 1945 a call to become pastor of the Central Church was extended to Rev. Ben L. Rose, then just out of service as a Chaplain in the Army. After accepting the call, he preached his first sermon in the church on January 20, 1946. One of the first moves of the Church after Mr. Rose arrived was to purchase a lot on East Euclid Avenue looking to the erection of a new building. The lot was located in the fast growing section of Lee Heights and commanded an expansive view of the city and the Holston Mountains. Mr. Allen N. Dryden, a consecrated elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, Tenn. and an architect of national fame was employed to draw the plans for the new building. The building, when completed, will include a Fellowship Hall with stage and two off-stage rooms, a kitchen, Boy Scout room, Girl Scout room, Youth parlor, Sanctuary which will seat 750 persons, two choir rooms, three church offices, Session Room, Church Parlor, small kitchenette, a small Chapel which will seat 55, and twelve other rooms of various sizes for Sunday School classes. In addition there are toilets, boiler and coal room, and a machine room for heating and air-conditioning equipment.

Ground was broken on July 12, 1948 and the actual construction of the new edifice was begun March 9, 1949. Mr. James E. Green of Johnson City, Tenn. was the contractor. The church, when completed, will represent an investment of approximately \$375,000. The determination to proceed with the new building and the rapid accumulation of funds for construction is very largely due to the vision, inspiration, and enthusiasm of the pastor, Rev. Ben L. Rose, who has watched every detail of the program, since its inception. Mr. Frank Drugan, Treasurer of the Building Fund, has worked most diligently and at great sacrifice to himself at raising the money necessary to carry forward the project.

In 1945 the old manse on Lee Street was sold. The new manse at 811 Highland Avenue was purchased from Dr. George W. McCall in January 1946 for \$12,500.00. It was occupied by Rev. Ben L. Rose and his family upon their arrival in Bristol.

Miss Helen Coffey was employed as full time Church Secretary and began her work in April 1946. In May 1949 Mr. E. A. Andrews, Jr., fresh from the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond, joined the Church Staff as Director of Religious Education.

During the seventy-five years of its history, the following men, who later became ministers, were members of Central Church: William Walter Carson, Samuel R. Gammon, Charles H. Maury, W. H. Robertson, W. H. T. Squires (who was once a deacon), Dewey R. Greenhoe, Allan Jones, Jr., Tilden Scherer (who was once a deacon and later President of King College), and James M. McChesney. At the present time Hubert Kaylor and George Fletcher, members of this Church, are in the Seminary preparing for the ministry.

In addition to these, a number of young people from this church have served as Christian Lay Workers. Miss Dorothy Grimes (now Mrs. Harry Diehm, Jr.), Miss Peggy Martin (now Mrs. Dailey D. Young), and Miss Nancy Wagner (now Mrs. Lloyd Darter) attended the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond and Miss Della Mae Loggans is now a student there. Miss Helen Coffey (now Mrs. E. A. Andrews, Jr.) is Church Secretary, and Mr. Andrews was a member of this Church when he decided to become a Director of Religious Education. Miss Elizabeth McChesney, who was at one time a member of this church, has served the Kingdom faithfully as a home missionary in Abingdon Presbytery for many years.

THE WOMEN OF CENTRAL CHURCH



J. D. TADLOCK
MEMORIAL WINDOW
Given by the
Ladies' Aid
Society.

No history of Central Presbyterian Church would be complete without giving due credit to the women of the church.

While the little congregation was struggling for its very existence the women were loyal—they looked after the cleaning of the church, repairing, painting, and contributed to the pastor's salary. In fact, they have been active in every movement for the advancement of the church. Central

Church would not be the active, progressive force it is today if it were not for the loyal, untiring efforts of the women.

The women were organized prior to 1890 but the record of their activities has been lost, probably in the fire of 1903. The first records of the Ladies' Aid Society, as the first organization was called, are for 1890 at which time there were twenty-one members on the roll. The treasurer's books show that the Society paid \$50.00 that year on the pastor's salary and \$5.00 for cleaning the church. The expressed object of the Society at this time was "to lend assistance to the Deacons in paying the pastor's salary and in keeping the church cleaned and repaired." When the new church was built in 1904, the Society purchased the pipe organ, the colored glass windows, the carpets, and the memorial window

to the Rev. James D. Tadlock. Later the first individual communion set used by the Church was presented to the congregation by the Society.

In June 1905 the Women's Missionary Society was formed for the purpose of studying and assisting the Missionary work of the Church. These two women's organizations worked together from then until they were merged and formed into the Woman's Auxiliary in 1918, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Matthews. One of the outstanding accomplishments of the women during this period was purchase of a manse at 708 Fairmount Avenue, which manse was occupied by Mr. Matthews and his family while he was the pastor here. In 1921, this manse was found to be too small. It was sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase of the manse at 408 Lee Street.

In 1948 the General Assembly changed the name of the Woman's Auxiliary to "The Women of the Church." As such it continues to play a leading role in the life and work of Central Church.

Among those who have rendered loyal service as president of the women's organizations are: Mrs. W. K. Vance, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. Sam Campbell, Mrs. Carl Matthews, Mrs. H. E. Graves, Mrs. Floyd Roberts, Mrs. Donald McIver, Mrs. Robert Kelly, Mrs. Bruce Jones, Mrs. W. S. Wiley, Mrs. D. D. Vance, Mrs. J. K. Brown, Mrs. John Clark, and Mrs. Fred Vance. The record of the faithful women who have served Central Church would be incomplete without giving due credit to Miss Branch Keebler and Mrs. Mary Lee Winston Gannon, who rendered constant and loving service to the Church in ways too numerous to record.

Aside from contributing to the work of the home church, the women's organizations have contributed generously to many outside causes and to the general benevolence of the Church. Nor has their contribution to the physical welfare of the church exceeded their contribution to the spiritual welfare. The spiritual life of the church has always had a high place in their work. Prayer and Bible Study have been among their primary activities, and it has often, if not usually, been true that the woman's organization was the group in the church which was best informed about the life and work of the Church at large.

SERVICE FLAGS



The young men of Central Church have rendered gallant service in both World Wars. In the first war thirty-four young men went from our church into the service of their country and two of these made the supreme sacrifice, Graham Vance, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Vance, and Joseph S. Bachman Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Bachman. The service flag was purchased and the stars sewed on by the women of the church.

In World War II, the service flag of Central Church contained eighty-seven stars, four of them gold stars. The young men who gave their lives in defense of their country in this war were: W. Guy Abel, Elvin

H. Hearst, Jr., S. Bruce Jones, Jr., and William B. Peters. Their records are untarnished and it is fitting that this history record their sacrifice for an example to those who follow.

ELDERS OF CENTRAL CHURCH 1875 - 1950

NAME	Date Ordained	NAME	Date Ordained
E. B. McCLANAHAN	Jan. 26, 1875	ROBT. W. KELLY	March 18, 1923
J. H. WINSTON	Jan. 26, 1875	KING A. HAGEY	March 18, 1923
V. DORIOT	Jan. 26, 1875	JNO. W. FLANNAGAN	Jan. 16, 1927
ISAAC E. CHAPMAN	Jan. 28, 1877	FRED V. VANCE	Jan. 16, 1927
N. M. TAYLOR	April 7, 1878	(Rotation of Officers Begun)	
ROBT. A. WOOD	Oct. 14, 1883	C. E. PARKS	April 2, 1933
I. F. STRAWANSKI	Nov. 23, 1890	T. J. BURROW	April 2, 1933
DELAWARE KEMPER	Nov. 23, 1890	E. W. KELLY	March 25, 1934
C. P. PEPPER	Sept., 1898	D. A. PATTERSON	March 25, 1934
S. M. CAMPBELL	Nov. 10, 1901	S. A. WAGNER	March 25, 1934
J. H. McILWAINE	Nov. 10, 1901	E. A. WOLFE	March 25, 1934
THOS. S. HALL	Sept. 14, 1902	W. H. SCATES	March 31, 1935
S. R. McCHESNEY	Sept. 14, 1902	J. W. SANDERS	March 31, 1935
JOS. A. COX	Sept. 13, 1903	R. G. JONES	March 31, 1935
R. H. WATKINS	Sept. 13, 1903	DR. E. H. HEARST	March 28, 1936
J. FRED JOHNSON	Sept. 13, 1903	S. H. BEATY	March 28, 1937
J. H. McCUE	June 19, 1904	R. C. STOOT	March 28, 1937
CLARENCE F. GRAHAM	July 15, 1904	S. P. CARMACK	March 28, 1937
A. DAVID EDMONDSON	July 15, 1904	W. J. SMITH	March 26, 1939
W. J. FICKLE	Feb. 11, 1906	F. B. KINDER	March 26, 1939
R. G. HANSON	Feb. 11, 1906	J. T. HAMRICK	March 26, 1939
J. B. PRESTON	Feb. 11, 1906	GEO. D. FELIX	March 31, 1940
J. W. CURE	March 15, 1908	C. N. SHAVIS	March 30, 1941
T. W. PRESTON	Sept. 26, 1909	DR. D. D. VANCE	March 29, 1942
A. W. McCLURE	Sept. 26, 1909	FRED A. LONG	March 28, 1943
S. G. EDMONDSON	Sept. 26, 1909	FEY ROGERS	March 25, 1945
H. P. WYMAN	April 18, 1915	PAUL V. DALTON	April 13, 1947
C. S. BAUMGARDNER	April 18, 1915	T. T. HAMMACK	April 13, 1947
A. BEASLEY	April 18, 1915	F. B. YOUMANS	April 4, 1948
FLOYD ROBERTS	April 18, 1915	T. J. LEONARD	April 4, 1948
FRANK WINSTON	March 18, 1923	J. G. WYMAN	April 4, 1948
W. H. ROBERTSON	March 18, 1923	J. R. NEEL	April 4, 1948

DEACONS

NAME	Date Ordained	NAME	Date Ordained
DR. C. T. PEPPER	Jan. 26, 1875	*S. R. McCHESNEY	Nov. 10, 1901
DR. A. I. DUNN	Jan. 28, 1877	TILDEN SCHERER	Sept. 14, 1902
A. M. SLOAN	April 7, 1878	IRBY K. RHEA	Sept. 14, 1902
JOHN BARNES	April 7, 1878	HENRY ROBERTS	Sept. 14, 1902
JAS. S. LEWIS	Oct. 14, 1883	C. H. McCHESNEY	Sept. 14, 1902
R. C. CHAPMAN	April 24, 1887	A. W. McCLURE	Sept. 13, 1903
R. G. HANSON	April 24, 1887	C. A. BLAKE	Sept. 13, 1903
JOHN B. BAUMGARDNER	Sept. 9, 1888	W. I. BRUNNER	Sept. 13, 1903
JAS. H. McCUE	Sept. 9, 1888	H. B. EDMONDSON	June 19, 1904
CHAS. R. PEPPER	Nov. 10, 1890	*S. P. CARMACK	June 19, 1904
CHAS. S. CARRINGTON	Nov. 10, 1890	*ROBT. W. KELLY	July 15, 1904
S. N. BUFORD	Nov. 10, 1890	JESSE K. SALMON	July 15, 1904
*FRANK WINSTON	Oct. 7, 1897	C. W. WARDEN	Feb. 4, 1906
W. H. T. SQUIRES	Oct. 7, 1897	*T. W. PRESTON	Feb. 4, 1906
*SAML. M. CAMPBELL	August, 1898	C. E. ALLISON	Feb. 4, 1906

DEACONS (continued)

NAME	Date Ordained	NAME	Date Ordained
ARCHER BISHOP	March 29, 1908	J. B. HUDDLE	March 25, 1934
L. B. TURNBALL, JR.	March 29, 1908	G. M. WARREN	March 25, 1934
F. M. DAVIS	March 29, 1908	W. G. WERTH	March 25, 1934
*FRED VANCE	Sept. 26, 1909	R. W. KELLY, JR.	March 31, 1935
W. J. BROWN, JR.	Sept. 26, 1909	BRADLEY ROBERTS	March 31, 1935
CABELL SCOTT	Sept. 26, 1909	W. G. SNAPP	March 28, 1936
D. H. GUBER	Sept. 26, 1909	W. C. HARDIN	March 28, 1936
W. R. STOVER	Sept. 26, 1909	J. W. BENNETT	March 28, 1937
A. GRAY GILMER	April 18, 1915	GORDON HACY	March 28, 1937
E. WHITE	April 18, 1915	H. K. GROSECLOSE	March 20, 1938
C. H. SMITH, JR.	April 18, 1915	CLYDE E. SNODGRASS	March 20, 1938
J. R. FLEENOR	March 16, 1919	RANDOLPH ROBERTS	March 20, 1938
S. E. GRANT	March 16, 1919	T. P. SHELBORNE	March 26, 1939
*K. A. HAGEY	March 16, 1919	B. A. FLESHMAN	March 26, 1939
A. M. MORRISON	March 16, 1919	M. R. McDANIEL	March 26, 1939
W. H. ROBERTSON	March 16, 1919	J. G. BARNES	March 26, 1939
J. D. INGHAM	March 18, 1923	*FRED A. LONG	March 31, 1940
*J. R. NEEL	March 18, 1923	W. E. RUTHERFORD	March 31, 1940
*J. W. SANDERS	March 18, 1923	J. W. McCAULEY	March 31, 1940
H. N. BROYLES	March 18, 1923	W. A. BONHAM	March 31, 1940
*T. J. BURROW	March 18, 1923	H. H. HARKRADER	March 30, 1941
D. W. WAGNER	March 18, 1923	H. L. JONES	March 30, 1941
SAML. A. WAGNER	Jan. 16, 1927	*J. G. WYMAN	March 30, 1941
HUGH M. GREY	Jan. 16, 1927	J. M. GRAY	March 29, 1942
D. W. COMERFORD	Jan. 16, 1927	J. R. FLEENOR	March 29, 1942
JNO. D. FAUST	Jan. 16, 1927	FRANK WINSTON	March 29, 1942
WALTER J. BOGGS	Jan. 16, 1927	JOE E. STOVER	March 28, 1943
L. W. ARTHUR	Jan. 16, 1927	DEE WEBSTER	March 28, 1943
J. K. BROWN	April 14, 1929	WM. WHEATLEY	March 28, 1943
W. L. CARMACK	April 14, 1929	PAUL V. DALTON	March 26, 1944
J. F. DRUGAN	April 14, 1929	JOHN W. DUNGAN	March 26, 1944
*J. T. HAMRICK	April 14, 1929	JAS. M. HOLMES	March 26, 1944
C. A. JONES	April 14, 1929	O. T. POWELL	March 26, 1944
*R. C. JONES	April 14, 1929	H. W. BROOME	March 25, 1945
*F. B. KINDER	April 14, 1929	T. I. CUPP	March 25, 1945
M. L. McCLELLAN	April 14, 1929	ALEX McIVER	March 25, 1945
C. H. McNEW	April 14, 1929	J. W. NICAR	March 25, 1945
J. M. MARTIN	April 14, 1929	E. C. GRIMES	March, 1946
M. I. MORGAN	April 14, 1929	A. G. STUART	March, 1946
F. B. PRESTON	April 14, 1929	C. R. BARNES	March, 1946
J. J. SHANKEL	April 14, 1929	J. H. TIPTON	April 13, 1947
*R. C. STOOTTS	April 14, 1929	D. W. GASTEIGER	April 13, 1947
*J. C. WYMAN	April 14, 1929	C. D. RICHARDS, JR.	April 13, 1947
J. C. YORK	April 14, 1929	LOUIS HIPP	April 13, 1947
G. G. FEAZELL	April 14, 1929	FRANCIS W. FLANNAGAN	April 4, 1948
(Rotation of Officers Begun)		C. R. MASON	April 4, 1948
E. W. KELLY	April 1, 1933	FRANK WINSTON, JR.	April 4, 1948
W. C. CARMACK	April 1, 1933	C. ERSKINE PARKS, JR.	April 4, 1948
E. B. BROUGHTON	April 1, 1933	H. H. HAYNES, JR.	March 27, 1949
S. E. HARKRADER	March 25, 1934	GRANT JOHNSON	March 27, 1949
*S. H. BEATY	March 25, 1934		

*Later ordained elder



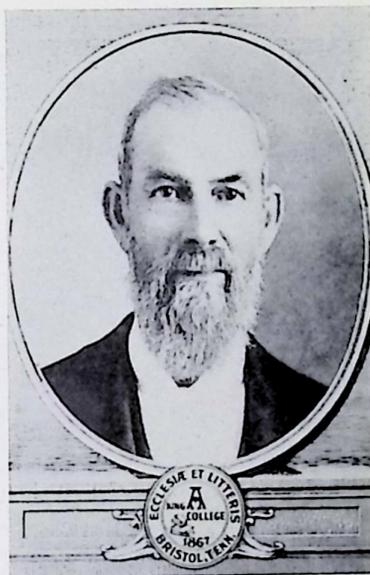
CHURCH STAFF

Seated: Mrs. David Ross, Assistant Organist; Mrs. Henry Roberts, Organist; Mrs. Jack Hyder, Choir Director. Standing: Mr. E. A. Andrews, Jr., Director of Religious Education; Rev. Ben L. Rose, Pastor; Mrs. Hellon Coffey Andrews, Church secretary; Insert: Mr. Lewis Goodell, Superintendent of Building.

MINISTERS OF CENTRAL CHURCH
1875 - 1950

JAMES DOAK TADLOCK
1875-1877

Born in Greene County, Tenn., Aug. 1825; Educated at Washington College, (Tenn.) and Princeton Theological Seminary; Served as evangelist and teacher in Holston Presbytery; President of King College 1868-1885; Stated Supply for Second Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Va., 1875-77; Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Columbia Theological Seminary 1885-1898. Died at Bristol, Tenn., 1899.



JAMES DOAK TADLOCK



JAMES W. ROGAN

JAMES W. ROGAN
1878-1882

Born about 1854; Ordained 1876 by Knoxville Presbytery; Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Va., 1878-1882; Pastor of Thomasville, Ga., 1883-84; Pastor First Church, Savannah, Ga., 1885-91; In U.S.A. Church 1892-1916; His last charge Red Bank, N. J.; Died Nov. 7, 1916.



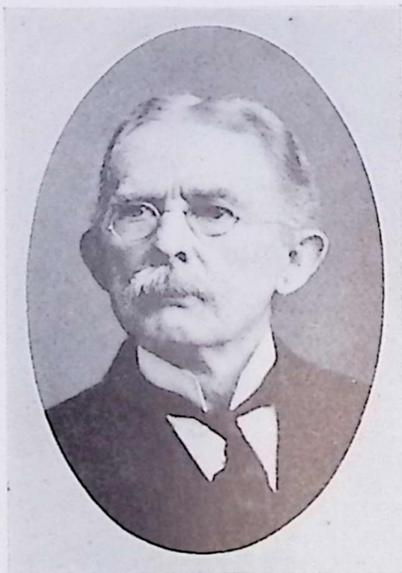
BENJAMIN WATKINS MEBANE

BENJAMIN W. MEBANE
1882-1885

Born at Greensboro, N. C. May 26, 1850; Educated at Davidson College, N. C. and Union Theological Seminary (Va.); Held various charges in Abingdon Presbytery; Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Va., 1882-1885; Served various churches in North Carolina. Died at Mt. Airy, N. C. 1915.

JESSE ALBERT WALLACE
1885-1889

Born at Soddy, Tennessee, 1846; Educated at King College and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Held pastorates in Knoxville and Holston Presbyteries; President of King College, 1885-1898, Member of faculty King College until his death; Stated Supply Central Presbyterian Church 1885-1889. Died at Bristol, Tenn. 1912.

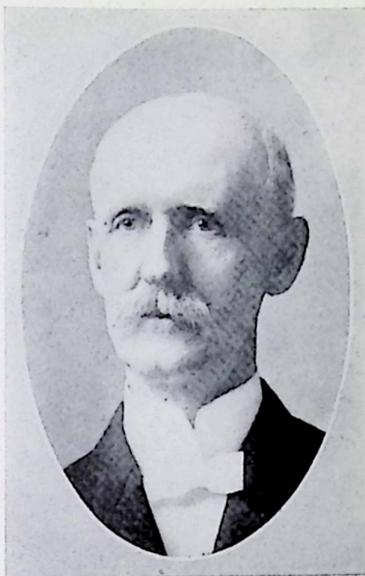


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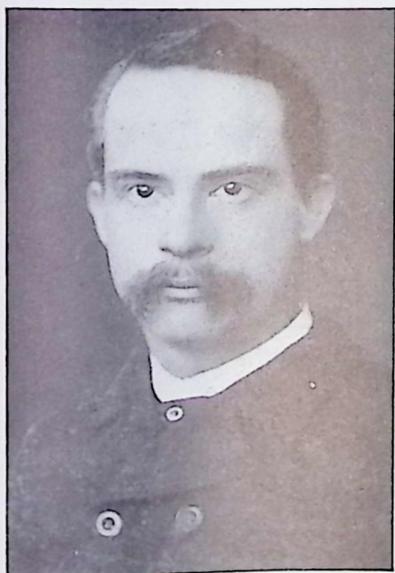
SAMUEL RHEA PRESTON

1890-1891

Born at Abingdon, Virginia, 1849; Educated at Emory and Henry College, King College and Columbia Theological Seminary; Pastor of churches in Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia; President Plummer College, Wytheville, Virginia, 1886-1890; Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, 1890-1891; Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina, 1895-1899; President Chicora Female College, Greenville, South Carolina, 1899-1906; Maintained a home in Bristol, Virginia, then moved to Decatur, Georgia; Died there December 6, 1929.



SAMUEL RHEA PRESTON



BALDWIN ALEXANDER PENDLETON

BALDWIN A. PENDLETON

1892-1893

Born Richmond, Virginia, 1856; Educated at Richmond College and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Served various charges in Virginia and West Virginia; Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia, 1892-1893; Served various churches throughout South; Stated Supply McMinnville, Tennessee, 1908-1915; Died at Richmond, Virginia, 1920.



COCHRAN PRESTON

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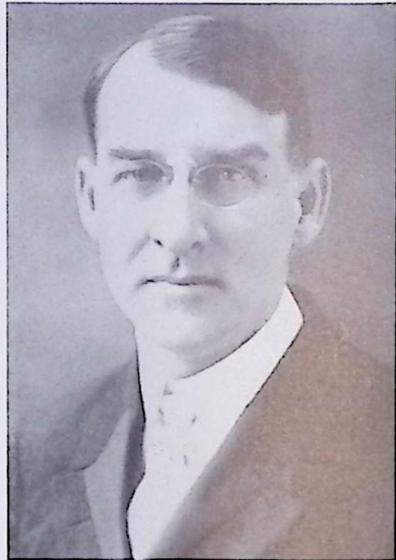
1897-1899

Born Charlottesville, Virginia, 1871; Educated at Hampden-Sydney College and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Pastor Second Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia, 1897-1899; Served various churches in Virginia, Tennessee, and Arkansas; Died at Seven Mile Ford, 1935.

WM. HENRY T. SQUIRES

1901-1909

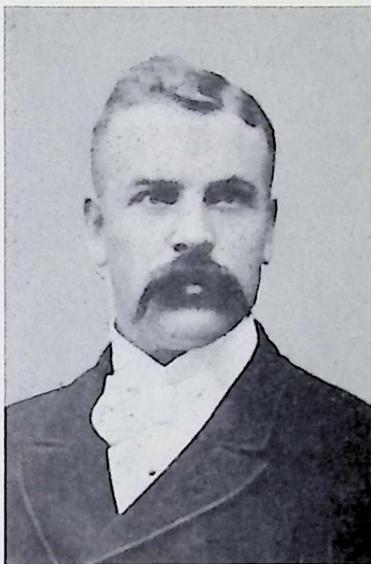
Born in Petersburg, Virginia, 1875; Educated at McCabe's University school, Hampden-Sydney College, and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Virginia, 1901-1909; Pastor of Knox Presbyterian in Norfolk, Virginia, 1909-1929; Stated supply Ingle-side Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia, 1930-1948; He was the author of numerous historical books and articles on religious subjects; Died at Norfolk, Virginia, 1948.



WILLIAM HENRY TAPPEY SQUIRES

ADOLPHUS KISTLER
1910-1917

Born Wurtenburg, Germany, 1864; Educated at Southeastern Presbyterian University and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Ordained 1892 by St. Louis Presbytery; Pastor Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 1905-1910; Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia, 1910-1917; First Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, 1917-1925; Died 1925.



ADOLPHUS KISTLER



CARL STANLEY MATTHEWS

CARL STANLEY MATTHEWS
1918-1921

Born at Winnsboro, South Carolina, 1873; Educated at Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary; Ordained by Hanover Presbytery; Pastor Pulaski, Virginia, 1908-1918; Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia, 1918-1921; Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky, 1921-1928; Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, North Carolina, 1928-1933; Died there 1933.



DONALD McIVER

DONALD McIVER
1921-1946

Born 1873, Gulf, North Carolina; Educated at University of North Carolina, Yale University Divinity School; Ordained 1900 Mecklenberg Presbytery; Pastor Wadesboro and Moreen, North Carolina, 1900-1906; Burlington, North Carolina, 1906-1921; Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia 1921-1946; Retired January 1, 1946; Lives on Taylor Street, Bristol, Tennessee.

BENJAMIN LACY ROSE
1946-

Born at Fayetteville, North Carolina, 1914; Married Anne C. Thompson of Richmond, Virginia; Educated at Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary (Virginia); Ordained 1938, Wilmington Presbytery; Pastor Chinquapin, Beulaville, and Bethel Churches in North Carolina, 1938-1941; Chaplain in U. S. Army, 1941-1945; two years overseas in European Theatre; Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Virginia, March 10, 1946-



BENJAMIN LACY ROSE

CHURCH DIRECTORY, 1949-50

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: REV. BEN L. ROSE.....	3039
Director of Religious Education: E. A. ANDREWS, JR.....	2655
Secretary: MRS. HELLON COFFEY ANDREWS.....	2655
Director of Music: MRS. JACK HYDER.....	1562-W
Organist: MRS. HENRY ROBERTS.....	1801
Assistant Organist: MRS. DAVID ROSS.....	3069-W
Church Treasurer: W. E. RUTHERFORD.....	375
Sexton: LEWIS GOODELL	

THE ELDERS

1950	1951	1952
P. V. DALTON	T. J. LEONARD	S. P. CARMACK
T. T. HAMMACK	J. R. NEEL	C. E. PARKS
C. A. JONES	F. EY ROGERS	R. C. STOOTS
J. W. SANDERS	J. G. WYMAN	D. D. VANCE

J. G. WYMAN, *Clerk*

THE DEACONS

1950	1951	1952
D. W. GASTEIGER	HENRY GROSECLOSE	T. J. CUPP
M. R. MCDANIEL	FRANCIS W. FLANNAGAN	H. W. BROOME
C. E. PARKS, JR.	R. W. KELLY, JR.	J. FRANK DRUGAN
C. D. RICHARDS, JR.	C. R. MASON	HENRY H. HAYNES
J. H. TIPTON	FRANK WINSTON, JR.	GRANT JOHNSON
		JOHN W. NICAR

TRUSTEES

BRADLEY ROBERTS	DR. D. D. VANCE	J. FRANK DRUGAN
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THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent.....	GEORGE M. WARREN, JR.	Secretary-Treasurer.....	S. A. WAGNER
Assistant-Superintendent.....	JOSEPH B. VANPELT		
Teachers:	MRS. C. E. THOMASON, MRS. J. R. SWARTZ, MRS. HELLON COFFEY ANDREWS, ELIZABETH GRAYSON, MRS. W. E. RUTHERFORD, MISS SANDY BUCHANAN, MRS. FLOYD ROBERTS, MRS. HAROLD TIPTON, MR. TOM DANIEL, MRS. ROBERT DAVENPORT, MR. FRANCIS FLANNAGAN, MR. GRANT JOHNSON, MRS. BEN L. ROSE, MRS. BLAIR GIBSON, MRS. J. G. BARNES, and MISS MARY GOODELL.		

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Teacher.....	JUDGE FLOYD ROBERTS	President.....	BUDDY JONES
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CHURCH NURSERY

Director.....	MRS. WILLIAM McLELLAN		
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THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

President.....	SALLY JACKSON	Secretary.....	PAT RANKIN
Vice-President.....	JOHN YOST	Treasurer.....	MARTHA NEWLAND
Adult Advisor.....	MRS. R. H. BASSETT		

SENIORS

President.....	RICHARD SNAPP	Treasurer.....	ELEANOR HUDDLE
Secretary.....	ANN NICAR	Adult Advisor.....	ANDY ANDREWS

PIONEERS

President.....	BARBARA McLELLAN	Treasurer.....	ALICE ROBERTS
Secretary.....	BILLY FLANNAGAN	Adult Advisor.....	MRS. HELLON ANDREWS

JUNIORS

President.....	ANN McIVER	Treasurer.....	GENIE VANCE
Secretary.....	MARGARET BLEVINS	Adult Advisor.....	MISS MARGARET MEANEY

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

President.....	MRS. LESLIE BLEVINS	Treasurer.....	MRS. C. W. McCRARY
1st Vice-President.....	MRS. C. E. PARKS	Historian.....	MRS. FRED VANCE
2nd Vice-President.....	MRS. FLOYD ROBERTS	Pastor's Aid.....	MRS. W. E. RUTHERFORD
Secretary.....	MRS. GENE SMITH	Cor. Sec.....	MRS. R. E. COCKE
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THE FUTURE

This is a history of which we can be proud. Those who have gone before have left to us a noble heritage. But although Central Church has a glorious past, her *future* depends upon what we do with the present. Let us make it our prayer that our Church, filled with the Spirit of Christ, may be a willing instrument in God's hands for the accomplishment of *even greater things* in His Kingdom.

“Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our strength while life shall last,
And our eternal home.”



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