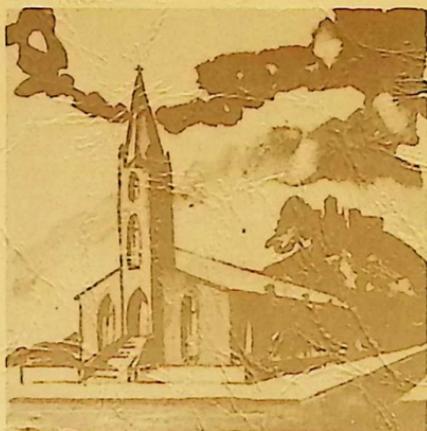


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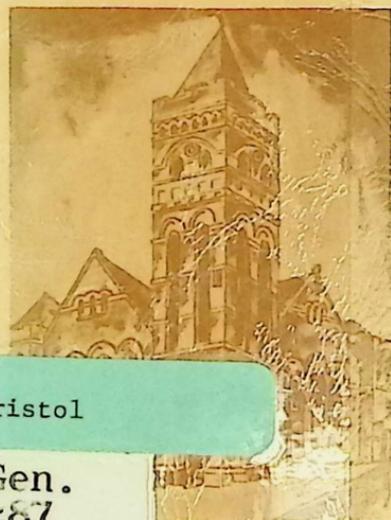
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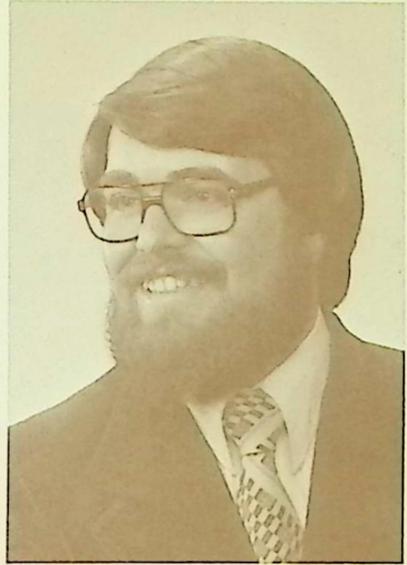
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GORDON A. STERCHI
Minister



JAMES L. PHILPOTT
Associate Minister



L. SCOTT ALLEN
Bishop, Holston Conference



E. E. WILEY, JR.
Superintendent, Abingdon District

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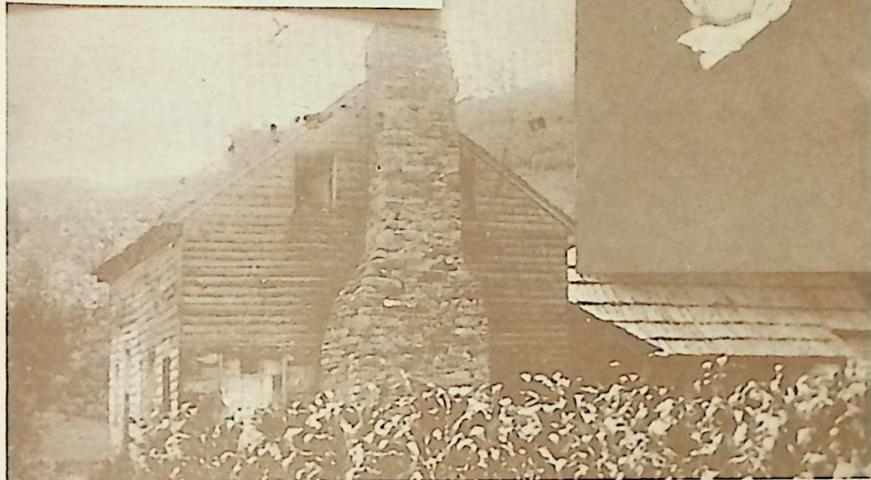


The Edward Cox House, off Highway 11-E, South of Bristol, built in the 1770's. Home of Sallie and Edward Cox and is a Methodist Shrine. Cox, a farmer and Revolutionary War Soldier, was an ardent and influential Methodist layman. Prior to coming to the Holston Country Cox was converted in Baltimore by Bishop Francis Asbury who became his lifelong friend. Asbury often visited in the Cox home.



Acuff Chapel, situated on 11-W, 13 miles West of Bristol, generally believed to be the oldest Methodist Church built in Tennessee. A "Class" was organized South of Blountville in 1785 and named Acuff Chapel. Here Bishop Asbury preached. It is designated a Methodist Shrine.

The residence of Mrs. Eliz. Russell from 1788 to 1812, sister of Patrick Henry.



Home of General and Mrs. William Russell built at "Salt Lick" in 1788. Madam Russell, sister of Patrick Henry, was converted at the Keywood Conference in 1788 (the first Conference in Holston Territory) and became known as the Mother of Methodism in Southwest Virginia.



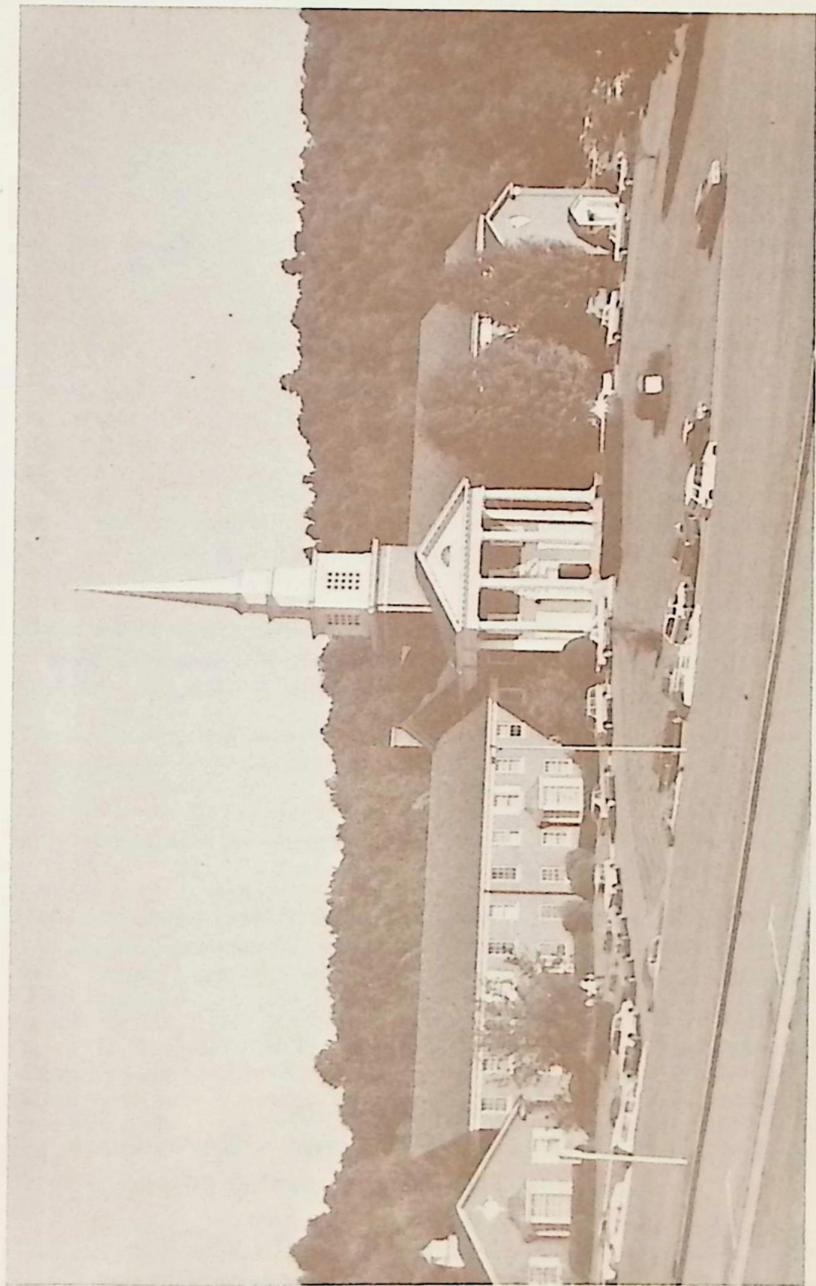
Francis Asbury, 1745-1816, the real founder and first Bishop of the Methodist Church in North America. At 26, Asbury was commissioned a missionary to North America by John Wesley, whose rigid follower he was. Elected General Superintendent at Christmas Conference 1784. In 1787, he became Bishop. In 1788, Asbury traveled to the Holston Country where he held the first Methodist Conference in the West at Keywood, near Emory, Virginia.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
1856	REV. JOHN BORING	1894-97	REV. J. H. KEITH
1857	REV. JOSIAH TORBETT	1897-1901	REV. C. O. JONES
1859	REV. WILLIAM ROBESON	1901-05	REV. W. S. NEIGHBORS
1860	REV. T. K. CATLETT	1905-08	REV. JOHN C. ORR
1861	REV. P. S. SUTTON	1908-11	REV. M. P. CARRICO
1862	REV. A. D. STEWART	1911-15	REV. J. A. BAYLOR
1863	REV. JOHN A. WAGG	1915-17	REV. J. S. FRENCH
1864-66	REV. W. E. MUNSEY	1917-20	REV. JOHN C. ORR
1866	REV. W. H. BATES	1920-23	REV. N. M. WATSON
1867	REV. C. T. CARROLL	1923-30	REV. J. S. FRENCH
1868-70	DR. DAVID SULLINS	1930	REV. JOHN C. ORR (part year only)
1870	REV. W. W. BAYS	1930-31	REV. C. T. TALLEY
1871	REV. G. TAYLOR	1931-36	REV. R. N. HAVENS
1872	DR. DAVID SULLINS	1936	REV. D. TRIGG JAMES (1 month, August)
1873	REV. R. H. PARKER	1936-45	REV. J. S. FRENCH
1874-78	REV. J. TYLER FRAZIER	1945-55	DR. W. F. BLACKARD
1878	REV. E. W. MOORE	1955-59	DR. H. OLIN TROY
1879-82	REV. R. H. PARKER	1959-63	DR. C. P. HARDIN
1882	REV. D. ATKINS	1963-65	DR. W. M. SEYMOUR
1883	REV. H. W. BAYS	1965-70	DR. E. E. WILEY, JR.
1884-86	REV. J. H. KEITH	1970-75	DR. EDGAR A. ELDRIDGE
1886-88	REV. R. N. PRICE	1975-	DR. GORDON A. STERCHI
1888	REV. GEO. D. FRENCH		
1889-92	DR. FRANK RICHARDSON		
1892-94	REV. D. VANCE PRICE		

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

1951-56	W. C. MASON, JR.	1966-68	ALBERT C. MEHAFFEY
1956-60	CHARLES J. HURLOCK	1968-72	HAROLD B. BROWN, JR.
1960-64	ELDON A. MOORE	1972-74	GEORGE E. ODLE
1964-66	JAMES R. GREEN	1974-	JAMES L. PHILPOTT



STATE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



In celebration of the American Revolution Bicentennial—the 200th year of the emergence of America as a nation—it is interesting to note that the beginning and growth of Methodism has been consistent with that of our country.

In the 1770's Methodism came to the Holston Country and State Street United Methodist Church has been a vibrant contributor to its rich history since the organization of the first "gathering" over one hundred and twenty years ago.

The following reprint of the Story of State Street United Methodist Church presents a review of its progress to 1956—the One Hundredth anniversary of its beginning.

During the subsequent twenty years the children's wing has been added and furnished at a cost of \$114,786.55.

Ministers during this interim have been Reverends H. Olin Troy, C. P. Hardin, W. M. Seymour, E. E. Wiley, Jr., Edgar A. Eldridge and currently Gordon A. Sterchi. Associate Ministers have been Reverends W. C. Mason, Jr., Charles J. Hurlock, Eldon A. Moore, James R. Green, Albert C. Mehaffey, Harold B. Brown, Jr., George E. Odle, and James L. Philpott.

*Historical Committee
State Street United Methodist Church*

(Mrs. Nat) Amelia Slack Copenhaver
(Miss) Constance King
(Mrs. A. L.) Mary Dean Snodgrass
(Mrs. John) Amelia Osborne Stone

Then and Now

Methodism came to the Holston country just thirty-four years after its origin, in England, in 1739. It was, at that time, John Wesley, an ordained minister of the Church of England, had gathered around him a group of young men who came to be known as the "Holy Club." Their strict rule of conduct and the methodical manner in which they performed their religious duties, led to their being called, in derision, "Methodists." He proceeded, with consuming zeal and indefatigable energy, to organize like religious societies throughout the British Isles. By 1774, the movement had attained such importance that he established the custom of having a yearly conference of all the ministers in these societies, thus originating the idea of "Annual Conferences," which are now a part of the constitutional system of The Methodist Church. Too, from his early plan for the government of the societies two distinctive features of Methodist polity were derived — preachers must itinerate and go from place to place according to their appointments, and local houses of worship are held under deeds which require the local charges to receive the ministers appointed to them. In Methodism, two names are immortal — John Wesley and Francis Asbury. Wesley achieved his fame in the Old World and Asbury in the New. Naturally, it is with Asbury we feel the more intimately associated. Asbury had volunteered as a missionary to North America and was commissioned by Wesley, even though he was the youngest applicant. He arrived in America late in October 1771 and immediately set the pace which he kept for nearly an half century as America's most famous itinerant.

Methodism was introduced into the Holston country (named for Stephen Holston, who explored these parts in 1748, and whose name is given to the river, the mountains, and valleys which form the magnificent natural setting for the cradle of Methodism in the "new west"), with the advent of Edward Cox, who had been converted in Baltimore County, Maryland, under Bishop Asbury. McFerrin tells us Cox was an active exhorter and must have been instrumental in the conversion of some of his neighbors, and, possibly, in the organization of a society before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

Edward Cox had come to this region in 1773, lived where Bristol is now located for two years, then, entered a claim on the north bank of the Holston River in what is now Sullivan County. In 1775, Cox returned to Maryland to marry Sallie Meredith, a young lady of superior intellect and of great fortitude, who had also been converted under Asbury and received into the church. They returned to this country of Holston on horseback and took up their abode in the log house just off the Bluff City Highway, north of the river. It is still in an excellent state of preservation and is occupied. The home was open, at all times, to religious meetings which were conducted by Cox, as a layman. Among the first preachers to come through was Bishop Asbury, who always stayed in this home. It is noted in his journal that he tarried and rested here in 1788 on his way to the first conference held west of the Alleghenies, at Keywoods.

THE FIRST ORGANIZATION

This region, in these early days, was neither a conference nor a circuit. The preachers appointed were merely designated "To Holston." Thus, for eighty years, Methodism flourished throughout this locale. It was at the con-

ference, in Jonesboro, in 1855, that Bishop Paine admitted into the Abingdon District, in the Holston Conference, on trial, George W. Miles. At the Knoxville Conference, 1856, Rev. Miles was assigned to the Blountville Circuit. The building of the railroads to Bristol had been instrumental in increasing the interest in the development of the youthful cities of Bristol, Tennessee, which had been incorporated February 22, 1856, and Goodson, Virginia, incorporated March 5, 1856. So eagerly had the early Methodist families anticipated a house of worship that a group of nine men, William F. Butler, Jesse Aydelott, John Fleming, John Moore, Daniel W. Crumley, William W. James, Fleming Crumley, William H. Snodgrass, and Hardy Pool, were appointed trustees by Rev. Miles in order to secure property. Col. S. E. Goodson made available to them a lot for such a building, in 1855, for the sum of \$1.00. It became the site of the first Methodist Church building and was located on a rise off Beaver Creek on what is now the northeast corner of Lee and Scott Streets. In 1856, Rev. Miles designated the home of Jesse Aydelott, on what is now the southeast corner of Scott and Moore Streets, a preaching place, and a society of nineteen was organized, thus forming the first authorized Methodist congregation in Bristol. Rev. John Boring was appointed pastor.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

In 1858, this first church building for Methodists in Bristol was completed. The Rev. Josiah Torbett had been appointed pastor in 1857 and was followed, in this church by the Reverends William Robeson, T. K. Catlett, P. S. Sutton, A. D. Stewart, John A. Waggs, W. E. Munsey, W. H. Bates, C. T. Carroll, David Sullins, H. W. Bays, G. Taylor, David Sullins and R. H. Parker. In 1860, Bristol had become a station. In October, 1864, the first Holston Methodist Conference was held in Bristol in this church. Those pastors, assigned to this first little church were among the most remarkable in the Holston Conference in the furtherance of Methodism. They were not without a sense of humor as attested by this excerpt from Dr. David Sullins' account of early Bristol, as he recalled his first ministry in 1868-70: "I found a small membership of earnest Christians worshipping in a little house on Lee Street, north of the creek where the colored people now have a church, (John Wesley Methodist). This location put us almost out of town. Like many of our churches in new towns, it was built out of town on a lot given to us by someone who expected to increase the value of his other lots by having a church nearby. And to our embarrassment, there was a debt of eight hundred dollars on the house. But we had a plucky little band, mostly of poor people who had come up to the new railroad town to grow with it."

THE MAIN STREET CHURCH

Even so, it was during this initial pastorate of Dr. Sullins, in Bristol, in 1869, that the property on Main and James Streets was purchased for the sum of \$250.00, and, in 1876, the handsome brick one-storied edifice was completed for the second Holston Conference meeting in Bristol. This structure cost \$8,000.00. Many are the stories told by present Bristol residents who recall, with clarity, the days of this Main Street Methodist Church. One remembers the old church had three sections of benches and two 'amen corners'. On the left, as one

entered, was the men's side: the right was for the women and girls. In the middle section sat the married couples and, in the back, a few men and boys, and, of course, — girls. The boys always gathered to see the long line of Sullins girls march in, wearing their black uniforms. They sat in the right 'amen corner'. Miss Zollie Sullins and Miss Mollie Harrison (later, Mrs. G. M. Peavler) were among the first organists. The choir was made up largely of the Gale and DeVault families — Mr. and Mrs. M. T. DeVault and Prof. and Mrs. W. B. Gale. Miss Emma Gale, for awhile, was organist, as was Mrs. Timmie DeVault and Mrs. Anson King, all deceased. Later, Miss Madeline Hobson (Mrs. Charles Bennett) was the popular alto soloist. The Methodist Church had the first pipe organ in Bristol. Among the early organ pumpers were David Sullins DeVault, the late John Calvin Layman and Walter E. Allen. The former recalls he was paid twenty-five cents a Sunday, and, oftentimes, would fall asleep on the job. When chided, he averred he could not stay awake for that amount, whereupon his salary was increased to fifty cents. Still later, Professor Eugene Parsons, of Sullins, played the organ and presented in the choir, a lovely Sullins lass, Leta Montague, who, at the age of fourteen, sang her way into the hearts of all who heard her. Now, as Mrs. Wilbur Sevier, she laughingly recalls the remuneration accorded her as the first paid chorister in Bristol — \$1.00 each Sunday. This was a tribute from Mr. R. M. Crumley, who was an ardent enthusiast of beautiful music.

A faithful member of the church was Aunt Rachel Boyd, Negro nurse of the DeVault family. She came to the church regularly with the family, and, because she was slightly deaf, a chair was placed for her near the pulpit. Her husband was janitor of the new church. At the time the congregation moved to Main Street, there were enough Negro members to form a separate congregation and the church building on Scott and Lee Streets was given to them, and is now the John Wesley Methodist Church. For this period the pastors of the Main Street Church were brilliant and godly men. They were: Reverends J. Tyler Frazier, E. W. Moore, R. H. Parker, D. Atkins, H. W. Bays, J. H. Keith, R. N. Price, George D. French, Frank Richardson, D. Vance Price, J. H. Keith, C. O. Jones, and W. S. Neighbors.

In 1902 the Main Street building was demolished.

THE STATE STREET CHURCH

The imposing structure now housing the Sanctuary and adult Sunday School was completed in 1904 and in the fall of 1905 was host to the Holston Conference. This edifice was notable as the largest and best equipped church of any within the bounds of Holston Conference. The cost of the church building was approximately \$25,000.00. The membership at that time was a little more than eight hundred.

One of the most acceptable and commendable features of the State Street Church, through the years, has been the superior and unexcelled musical portion of the worship services. Among the coterie of organists who have appeared at the console are: the late Mary Lynn Haynes, Mrs. W. S. Barker, Edith Kelly (now Mrs. Arthur Hooks), Mrs. Harry Daniel (now Mrs. Thomas F. Staley), Mrs. Louise Findley (now Mrs. DeWitt Miller), Mrs. J. H. Williamson, Evelyn Good, and Miss Elizabeth Henley. Rarely, in the annals of any church, has the musical program been of such import and sponsored by such masters of this art.

The choir directors have been the late Julian Moorman, DeWitt Miller, Karl Harmeling and the present director, Raymond Kreiner.

The Baraca Class, at State Street, has been one of the most forceful in Methodism, through the years. From 1914 to 1916 it became famous for having attained the largest membership of any Baraca Class in the world. The late Judge Joseph L. Kelly was the teacher. Without a doubt, the person who, more than any other member of the church, extended the right hand of fellowship to old and new members alike, was the late Rial Millard Crumley. During his more than half century of service he was faithful in his official duties, the most notable being the secretary of the Baraca Class which roll he kept correctly from memory each Sabbath. Mr. Crumley is credited with having secured over five hundred members for this class during his period of service. As church secretary, he was commended, widely, for his excellent records and his unofficial arts stemming from his love of people.

Throughout this fifty-year period the church was served by: Reverends John C. Orr, M. P. Carrico, J. A. Baylor, J. S. French, John C. Orr, N. M. Watson, J. S. French, C. T. Talley, R. N. Haven, D. Trigg James, J. S. French, W. F. Blackard, H. Olin Troy, and W. C. Mason, Jr., Associate Pastor.

DR. J. STEWART FRENCH

The most renowned among these pastors was Dr. J. Stewart French. He served State Street on three appointments. At the 1934 General Conference, the judicial power was taken from the bishops and vested in a Judicial Council, composed of five clerical and four lay members. Dr. French was honored with an appointment to this Council and served as secretary. The members were all men of outstanding ability. The lay members were lawyers of high rank in their profession and the clerical members, men of unusually high scholarly attainments and profound students of Methodist constitutional history. In the unification proceedings of the Methodist Churches, foreseeing that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, would adopt the Plan of Union, and the probability of subsequent appeals, Dr. French had carefully devised an opinion on the legality of the Plan. His opinion was approved, without change, and presented as the decision of the Judicial Council on the constitutionality of the action of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in adopting the Plan of Union. This opinion is noted in Church annals as one to which was given exceptional thought and peerless thinking. The keen judgment and brilliant intellect of Dr. French were recognized in every phase of his long ecclesiastical service.

In 1927, during one of the interims in which Dr. French served as pastor, the addition of the very fine educational building was made at a cost of \$30,000.00. This was during the superintendency of Mr. Walter E. Allen, who served in this capacity for twenty-six years.

In 1937 the church was the recipient of a noteworthy memorial gift of the magnificent organ from the family of the late James A. Stone.

Within the past decade, much thought was given to the need for a larger, more modern facility to house the growing State Street Methodist Church.

THE NEW STATE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

The new State Street Methodist Church and parsonage are located in the Spring Garden section of Bristol, Virginia, one and one-half miles from the down-town business section of the city and two blocks from the Lee Highway

to Abingdon. They are on a tract of nine and one-half acres, fronting on Valley Drive, Green Hill Road and Long Crescent Drive. The parsonage was formerly the home of the president of Sullins College, and through the interest of the Martin family and Sullins College in the new Church, the entire property was made available to the Church for \$43,000. It is estimated that the present value of the land and parsonage today would be at least \$90,000.00.

On June 20, 1953, during the pastorate of Dr. William F. Blackard, the Church Building Committee approved the plans of Mr. Allen Dryden, architect. Since the starting goal of \$200,000.00 had been achieved, Mr. Arthur Kingsolver, contractor, was secured to supervise the work. On September 27, 1953, the ground breaking ceremony was held and the actual work was started the following week. It is interesting to note that forty thousand cubic yards of excavation was necessary to produce the present graceful shape of the grounds.

The church building is composed of three basic sections, the main sanctuary, fellowship hall, and narthex, as one; the educational wing, as a second; and the chapel, the third. The architectural style of the building is Georgian Colonial.

The nave is fifty-four by ninety feet, with an arched ceiling thirty-five feet high. The main floor of the nave will seat seven hundred twenty-eight and the balcony one hundred ninety-five. The choir seats forty. The stained glass palladian window in the Sanctuary was designed by the George Payne studios in Paterson, N. J. and was made and assembled in England. The center section is a full length figure of Christ, and the two side sections have eight symbols representing eight of the Beatitudes found in the Sermon on the Mount. This window and the altar window in the chapel have been made possible through the contributions of members and friends of the congregation in memory of loved ones who have been called to the Church Triumphant. The large windows in the nave are vari-colored pastel shades of Colonial Antique glass. The large organ in the Sanctuary was moved from the old church and was completely rebuilt and a new harp section added. It is estimated that this organ today would cost \$25,000.00. The chapel and chapel parlor, located directly off the narthex, were designed so that the six beautiful windows in the old church could be used in it. The chapel will seat one hundred thirty-five, and by using the chapel parlor, one hundred fifty.

The fellowship hall on the ground floor is designed for recreational activities, dramatic plays and, when used for banquets, will seat two hundred. The kitchen is located adjacent to the fellowship hall, as is the Scout room.

The educational unit has approximately thirty-two thousand five hundred square feet of floor area. The nursery, kindergarten, primary, and intermediate departments and church offices are located on the first floor — the junior, senior and adult classrooms and the Sunday School offices and youth lounge are located on the second floor.

The entire building is three hundred feet in length and contains six hundred seventy-five thousand cubic feet—the cost, not including the land or parsonage, is about \$600,000.00. It is expected that after the old church site has been sold there will be remaining about \$100,000.00 unpaid on the entire property.

The building is built of Charleston Colonial oversized red brick with a straw-colored mortar. The roof is a vari-color shaded pattern of clay tile made by Lodiwici. All of the exterior woodwork and windows are made of clear heart

redwood lumber. The steeple, which is one hundred forty-two feet from the ground floor, is covered with stainless steel and is mounted with a stainless steel cross. One hundred fifty tons of structural steel and reinforcing iron has been used in the building.

The heating plant is fired with two oil burning furnaces set so that either or both can be used at one time. The building is divided into seven heating zones so that any one of them can be heated independently of the other zones. The educational unit is heated by hot water and the Sanctuary and chapel units are heated by forced air. The Sanctuary, chapel, and office units are designed for air conditioning, which can be added, later, by installing a cooling unit.

Available parking is estimated to take care of more than three hundred cars.

As we come together on Sunday, May 6th, in this year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-six, it is fitting that we glimpse, in retrospect, the one hundred years of growth, as a church membership, furthering the program of Methodism in the Holston.

Even more, we are grateful for the opportunities to worship together and to know that, during the century, there have abided within our portals the stalwart Christian leaders, consecrated and potential messengers of God's kingdom.

As we worshipfully begin the second century, in praise for our manifold blessings, may we each feel the urgent challenge, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing . . ."

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DEEDS TO CHURCH PROPERTIES

This deed, made the 13th day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five between Samuel E. Goodson of the County of Washington and State of Virginia, of the first part and John Fleming, John H. Moore, Fleming Crumley, Daniel W. Crumley, Wm. W. James, Wm. F. Butler, Wm. H. Snodgrass, Jessee Aydelott and Hardy Pool of the second part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of one dollar to be paid Samuel E. Goodson in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, both given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed, and conveyed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, release, confirm, and convey unto them the said Trustees and their successors, in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, either in law or equity, which he, the said Samuel E. Goodson hath, in, to, or upon, all and singular, a certain lot, situate lying and being in the town of Goodsonville, known in plan of said Town as No. 103, containing and laid out, one quarter acre. To have and to hold the said lot of ground as aforesaid to them, the said Trustees and their successors in office forever in trust for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, according to the rule and discipline which, from time to time, may be agreed upon and adopted by the ministers and preachers of the said Church at their General Conference and in further trust and confidence that they shall at all times, forever, hereafter, permit such ministers and preachers belonging to the said Church, as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the General Conferences of the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, South, doth by these presents warrant and forever defend all and singu-

lar the beforementioned and described lot with appurtenances thereunto belonging unto them the said Trustees and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him, the said Samuel E. Goodson, his heirs and assigns and from the claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In testimony whereof the said Samuel E. Goodson have hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

SAM'L. E. GOODSON

Sealed and delivered in presence of us:

JOS. R. ANDERSON

JAS. A. CRABTREE

JOS. W. MORGAN

This deed from Samuel E. Goodson to John Fleming and other Trustees of the M. E. C. S. was acknowledged in the clerk's office of Washington Co. on this, the 10th day of September, 1855, before Jacob Lynch, Clerk of the said County, by the said Goodson as his act and deed and admitted to record.

JACOB LYNCH, CC

This Deed made this the 26th day of June A. D. 1869 by and between Joseph Johnston of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Mary A., his wife, on the one part, and W. W. James, Jesse H. Pepper, Thomas Johnston, E. G. F. Hughes, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the town of Goodson, Washington County, Virginia, and their successors in office on the other part:

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and fifty (\$250.00) Dollars which is agreed to be paid in the following manner in three equal instalments, notes being executed for the same bearing even date with this deed, the first due six months after date, the second twelve months after date, and the third eighteen months after date, and for the full payment of the said several notes, a lien is hereby retained, said Joseph Johnston and Mary A., his wife, do hereby sell and convey to the said parties of the second part with general warranty, two certain lots or parcels of land in the town of Goodson, Washington County, Virginia, known in the Lithographed plan of said town, made by Morgan May 15, 1860, as lots numbers 28 & 29, and containing one fourth of an acre, more or less, and bounded on the easterly side by the property of Musselwhite, on the South by Main Street, and on the West by the property now owned by Martin Fleenor. Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year first above written.

S / JOSEPH JOHNSTON (SEAL)

S / MARY A. JOHNSTON (SEAL)

Recorded October 8, 1869, Deed Book 27, Page 708.

THIS DEED made and entered into this the first day of August, 1937, between the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, a Corporation, party of the first part, and H. H. Adair, R. L. Pennington, C. S. Carter, W. R. Stone, and J. D. Taylor, Trustees of State Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Bristol, Virginia, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part doth grant and convey unto the said second parties, with covenants of general warranty, a certain lot of land, situate in Bristol, Virginia, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the south side of Goode Street, corner to the other property of the said second parties, and which beginning point is 131.7 feet east of King Street, and running thence south with line of property of said second parties, 52.77 feet to the north side of a private alley, thence west with said alley 41.7 feet to a stake, corner to lot owned by Strauss; thence with the Strauss line N 1 26 E 52.46 feet to a point on Goode Street, and which point is 90 feet east of King Street, thence with said Goode St., S 89 19 E 41.7 feet to the point of BEGINNING, and being part of the lot of land conveyed to the said first parties by John A. Coke, Jr., and Donald T. Stant, Trustees, by Deed dated April 3, 1936, and of record in DB 75, page 48.

This conveyance is made upon the trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship, for the use of the ministry and membership of the State Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline usage and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and by the Annual Conference, within whose bounds the said premises are situated. It is agreed that the taxes against said lot for the year 1937 are to be pro-rated between the parties as of this date.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said party of the first part has caused its name to be signed hereunto by its duly authorized Vice-President, with its corporation seal attached, duly attested by its Secretary, this the day and year first above written.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF VIRGINIA
By J. T. LAWRENCE
Vice-President

Corporation Seal

Attest: HILL MONTAGUE, JR.

Secretary

Recorded, Bristol, Virginia, Deed Book 58, page 480.

THIS DEED made and entered into this the 10th day of December, 1947, between H. G. Lavinder and Kate H. Lavinder, his wife, parties of the first part, and C. S. Carter, T. S. Curtin, H. H. Adair, S. T. Bowman, H. G. Lavinder and J. E. Long, Trustees of State Street Methodist Church, of Bristol, Virginia, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars, cash in hand paid and the receipts of which is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said second parties a certain lot of land situate in Bristol, Virginia, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeast corner of King Street and Wood Street (or Goode Alley) and running thence south with said King Street 50 feet to a private alley; thence east with said alley 90 feet to a stake; thence north 50 feet to a stake on Wood Street; thence west with said Wood Street 90 feet to the point of BEGINNING, together with the right to the use of said private alley and being the same property conveyed to the said H. G. Lavinder by H. G. Peters, Jr., Trustee, by Deed dated February 11, 1941, and of record in Deed Book 63, page 449 in the Clerk's Office of Bristol, Virginia.

To have and to hold said lot of land, together with improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, unto the said second parties, their successors and assigns in fee simple forever.

In trust that said premises shall be used, kept and maintained as a place of Divine Worship of the Methodist Ministry and members of the Methodist Church, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the Grantee and the Grantors reserve no right or interest in said premises. It is agreed that this conveyance is made with covenants of general warranty and against all encumbrances.

It is further agreed that all taxes against said property for the year 1947 are to be paid by the said first parties.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said parties of the first part have placed hereunder their hands and seals this the day and year first above written.

H. G. LAVINDER

KATE H. LAVINDER

Recorded, Bristol, Virginia Deed Book 79, page 414.

THIS DEED made and entered into this 11th day of July, 1952, by and between SULLINS COLLEGE CORPORATION, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, party of the first part, and S. T. BOWMAN, W. E. ALLEN, DR. J. E. LONG, H. G. LAVINDER, C. S. CARTER and THOMAS S. CURTIN, TRUSTEES OF STATE STREET METHODIST CHURCH of Bristol, Virginia, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$18,000.00) DOLLARS, cash in hand paid to the party of the first part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the party of the first part does hereby bargain and sell, grant and convey unto the parties of the second part all that certain tract or parcel of land together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate almost entirely within the city limits of the City of Bristol, Virginia but partly outside of said city limits and in Washington County, Virginia, and more particularly described according to a "Map showing the proposed new site for State Street Methodist Church, Spring Garden section, Bristol, Virginia" made by Wise Engineering Company and dated June 9, 1952 as follows:

BEGINNING at a monument at the Northeast corner of Valley Road and Crescent Road and running thence with the North line of Valley Road as follows: S 86° 57' W 33.37 feet to a monument; S 84° 28' W 62.15 feet to a monument; S 77° 40' W 105.97 feet to a monument; S 69° 02' W 105-93 feet to a monument; S 60° 31' W 105.73 feet to a monument; S 51° 30' W 103.21 feet to a monument; thence S 46° 13' W 52.41 feet to a monument; S 42° 37' W 33.49 feet to a stake in the Northeast line of Greenhill Road; thence leaving Valley Road and with the Northeast line of Greenhill Road N 51° 19' W 296.95 feet to a pipe in the East line of Overhill Road; thence leaving Greenhill Road and with the East line of Overhill Road N 1° 00' E 143.63 feet to a pipe, a corner with a 1.755 acre tract; thence with said 1.755 acre tract two calls as follows: S 86° 57'

E 257.78 feet to a pipe; N 8° 12' E 301.09 feet to a pipe; thence leaving said 1.755 acre tract and with the line of other property of the party of the first part N 89° 28' E 463.84 feet to a pipe in the West line of Crescent Road; thence with said West line of Crescent Road S 10° 19' W 75.45 feet to a pipe and thence S 2° 26' E 299.54 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6,980 acres and being part of the property conveyed to the party of the first part by the following deeds: From John K. Hines dated September 12, 1941 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Virginia in Deed Book 189, page 427, and from J. M. Barker, Jr. and wife, and Henry N. Barker and wife, dated July 22, 1938, and of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 172, page 59.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the parties of the second part and their successors, in trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship of the Methodist ministry and members of The Methodist Church; subject to the Discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference and by the Annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated. This provision is solely for the benefit of the grantee, and the grantor reserves no right or interest in said premises.

This conveyance is made with covenants of general warranty and free from encumbrances except for a right-of-way for an electric power line granted to the Virginia Power Board by deed dated February 23, 1948 and of record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court for the City of Bristol, Virginia in Deed Book 80, page 642 and except for a right-of-way for a water pipe line granted to the City of Bristol, Virginia of even date herewith.

It is expressly understood and agreed that this conveyance is made subject to restriction contained in the aforementioned deed dated July 22, 1938 from J. M. Barker, Jr. and others that no residence shall be erected on the property which shall cost less than \$3,000.00.

It is further expressly understood and agreed that should a church not be erected upon the property herein conveyed the said property shall be used for residence purposes only and no duplex or multiple family dwelling house or apartment building shall be erected thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the party of the first part has caused its corporate signature to be subscribed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its secretary this the day and year first above written.

Corporate
Seal
affixed.

SULLINS COLLEGE CORPORATION

By: S/WILLIAM T. MARTIN

President

ATTEST:

S/AMELIA B. MARTIN, *Secretary*

Recorded, Bristol, Virginia, July 14, 1952.

Deed Book No. 94, Page 452.

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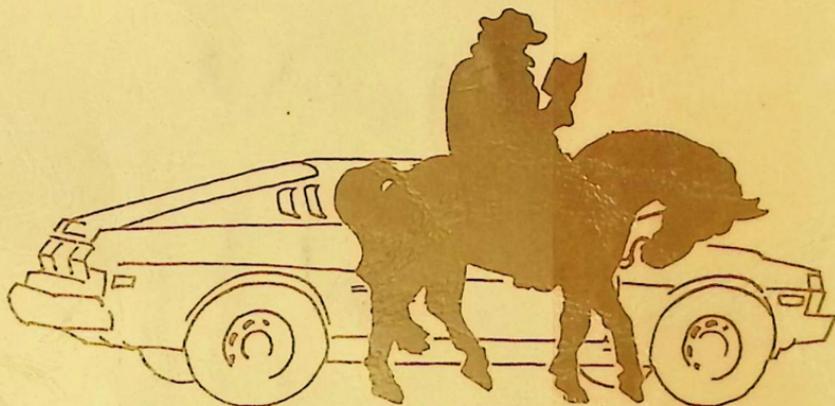
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