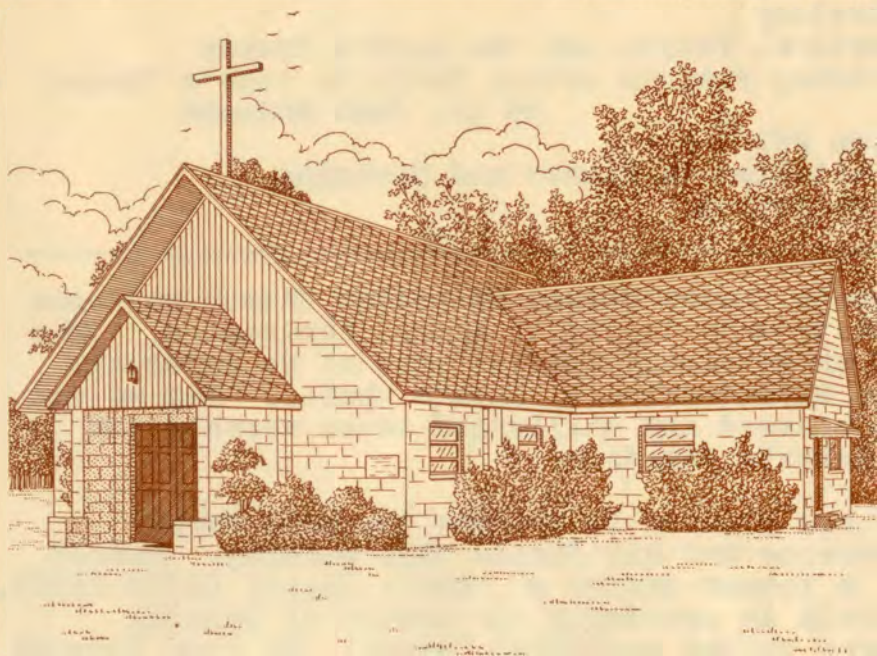


*Welcome to  
Homecoming*



*Pope's Chapel  
United Methodist Church  
(Signall Charge)*

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786

Thirtieth Annual Pope's Chapel Homecoming  
Bicentennial - October 5, 1986  
John Pike, Pastor

Song Leader-Rev. David Page Pianist-Angie Page

Invocation

\*Hymn #121

Welcome - Recognitions - Memorial by Hazel Combs

\*Dedication Service - Rev. John Pike

Scripture Lesson - Haggai 2:1-3

Message - "Former Glory" - Rev. Harold Lawrence

\*Affirmation of Faith - "The Apostles Creed"

Offering

\*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

"Bishop Francis Asbury Revisits Pope's Chapel -  
by Dr. John McGowan

\*Hymn #87

\*Invitation to Dinner and Blessing

\*Benediction

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Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes you to this Thirtieth Annual Homecoming. This is an extremely special year as we celebrate the Bicentennial of Pope's Chapel. May we all be blessed and challenged as we worship and celebrate together.

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Harold Lawrence and his family this morning. Harold is a former pastor of Pope's Chapel (1975-1978). Harold is presently the pastor of Cumming First United Methodist Church. We look forward to his message this morning.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. John McGowan and his wife Martha to Pope's Chapel. Dr. McGowan is the pastor of First United Methodist Church in Douglas, Georgia. We look forward to his presentation as he makes Bishop Asbury come alive during the service.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Mr.&Mrs. Frank Rucker by their daughters Mrs. Pearl Bufford, Mrs. Annie\_Laura Satterfield, Mrs. Mary Stephens, Robert and Jewell Butler, and Genie and Clarence Bohler.

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of the members of Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church by Mr. & Mrs. Al Suttles.

Flowers on the piano are given to the glory of God and in memory of C.B. Wheless and Thomas Pullen by Farmer and Hazel Combs.

Afternoon Session: 2:00 p.m.

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" - #43

Business Session:

Secretary's Report - Elizabeth Chaffin

Treasurer's Report - Hazel Combs

Report of Nominations

Election of Officers

Hymn: "A Charge to Keep I Have" - #74

Closing Prayer

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Officers of Homecoming Association:

President - Tim Suttles

Vice President - Tom Wiggins

Secretary - Elizabeth Chaffin

Treasurer - Hazel Combs

Nominations -

Ushers: David Sale, Malcolm Chaffin

Table Committee: Farmer Combs, Malcolm Chaffin,  
David Sale

Guest Table: Elizabeth Chaffin, Elaine Wheatley



#### POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Society, which was later organized into Pope's Chapel Church, was first organized in August 1786 by Thomas Humphries at the home of James Marks located in what is now Elbert County about 1½ miles Northeast of Old Baker's Ferry on Broad River. When Elbert County was formed in 1790 from Wilkes County, it left most of the church members in Wilkes County, so the church was relocated into Wilkes County, south about 2 miles from Broad River, on property owned by John Landrum adjoining his homeplace on the east side of Baker's Ferry Road. It was in this location that it received its name, in honor of Rev. Henry Pope, who provided most of the timber used in the building. Bishop Francis Asbury delivered the Dedication Sermon there in 1805. In 1852 the church was again relocated about 2 miles south to its present location. In 1871 Trustees of the church were Benjamin W. Fortson, M. T. Cash, Augustus A. Neal, and James W. Boyd. A second structure was erected in 1897 in which two stained glass windows were installed as a memorial to Benjamin Winn Fortson and his wife Hannah Rebecca Ogilvie by their children. The Dedication Sermon was delivered by Lundye Harris in 1898. This building was severely damaged by a windstorm and a third building, presently in use, was erected in 1957.

