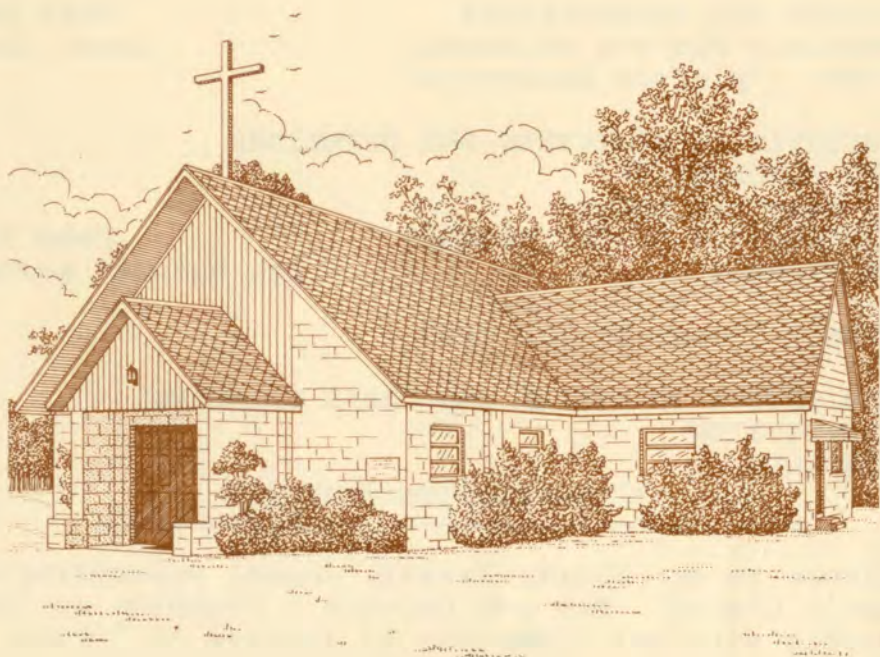


*Welcome to
Homecoming*



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

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING
POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
October 3, 1993
Robert L. Reynolds, Jr., Pastor
Sophia Bamford, Pianist

PRELUDE

THE INVOCATION

*HYMN: "Amazing Grace" 43

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS John Keen

MEMORIALS FOR THE DECEASED Hazel Combs

*HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" 64

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER John Keen

THE MESSAGE Dr. Harold Lawrence

*HYMN: "Blest Be The Tie" 87

*INVITATION TO DINNER AND TABLE BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*CONGREGATION STANDING

Welcome to our Thirty-Seventh Annual Homecoming at Pope's Chapel! May you receive a blessing as you worship with us! Everyone is invited to "Dinner on the Grounds" following the Worship Service.

Flowers have been placed at the altar this morning to the Glory of God in memory of John W. Boyd, Sr. and John W. Boyd, Jr. by Gail, Tonya, Misha, Shana, and Whitney Boyd.

Flowers have been placed on the piano this morning to the Glory of God in memory of Thomas B. Pullen by Farmer and Hazel Combs.

We welcome to Pope's Chapel our speaker, Dr. Harold Lawrence, who resides in Milledgeville, Ga., as the Pastor of the Milledgeville First United Methodist Church, with his wife, Linda, and their three children. Dr. Lawrence's association with Pope's Chapel goes back to 1974 when he was Pastor of the Tignall Charge for four years.

He has authored a multitude of published works and articles which include "The Adventures of Roger Dodger", "Southland and Other Poems of the South", "A Tribute to John Wright Boyd, Sr.", and our very own "Records of the Tignall Charge". He is currently on the SEJ Commission on Archives and History and continues to write the column "One Hundred Years Ago this Week" for the Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

We give thanks for another life with special ties to Pope's Chapel. It is a reminder of our Christian legacy and our responsibility to pass on the Christian faith to others.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2:00 p.m.

HYMN: "The Church in The Wildwood"	121
SECRETARY'S REPORT	Shana Boyd
TREASURER'S REPORT	Hazel Combs
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS	Tom Wiggins
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
OTHER BUSINESS	
HYMN: "God Be With You"	277
CLOSING PRAYER	

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1993

President	Marjorie Gibson
Vice President	John Keen
Secretary	Shana Boyd
Treasurer	Hazel Combs
Ushers	David Sale - David Chafin

Nominations:

Eugenia Bohler, Tom Wiggins, Elizabeth Chafin

Table Committee:

Malcolm Chafin, Farmer Combs, Jimmy Wheatley

Guest Registry:

Linda Bunch, Elaine Wheatly, Rhonda C. Keen



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.