

*Welcome to
Homecoming*



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

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786

POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

53rd Annual Homecoming

October 4, 2009

11:00 A.M.

Virginia Best, Pastor

Linda Aycock Pianist

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Prelude

Invocation Rev. Virginia Best

\*Hymn "The Church in the Wildwood" 121

Welcome and Recognition William Dunn Wansley

\*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" 6

Memorials for the Deceased William Dunn Wansley

Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" 85

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Virginia Best

Special Music "Glorify Thy Name" Rev. Virginia Best

Introduction of Speaker William Dunn Wansley

Message Rev. Dan White

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace" 43

\*Blessing and Benediction Rev. Dan White

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Everyone is invited to "Dinner On the Grounds" immediately following the service.

Flowers are placed on the Altar in memory of
Louise and William "T" Wansley; Emily and Beverly Wansley;
and Jamie Thompson

by William, Stevie and Elizabeth Wansley

In memory of
Mary Nan and John Spence
by their children

Flowers are placed on the piano in memory of
Sophia Boyd Bamford
by the Homecoming Association

We welcome Rev. Dan White as our speaker for this 53rd Pope's Chapel Homecoming. A Georgia native, Rev. White is in his 39th year of pastoral work, has been an educator and is a free-lance Christian writer. He is the founding pastor of the North Columbia Church, a non-denominational church in Appling. He and his wife, Joyce have three grown children. The members of the North Columbia Church are worshipping with us today.

Afternoon Session

Opening Prayer

Secretary's Report

Nancy Norman Faulk

Treasurer's Report

Malcolm Chafin

Report of Committee on Nominations

Election of Officers

Other Business

Closing Prayer

Officers and Committees for 2009

President

William Dunn Wansley

Vice President

Shanna Boyd McGruder

Secretary

Nancy Norman Faulk

Treasurer

Malcolm Chafin

Ushers

David Sale & David Chafin

Nominations

Tom Wiggins, Elizabeth Chafin & John Keen

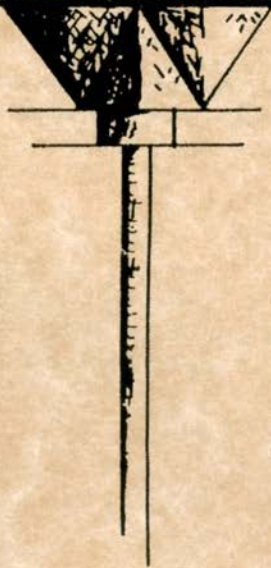
Table Committee

Malcolm Chafin, George Smith, John Keen, Jimmy Norman,
Jarrett Keen, and Grant, Miles and Chase Chafin



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Pope's Chapel
United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Change.....a simple word that packs a powerful meaning. Some change can be good while sometimes it is not so good. One constant in my life is Homecoming Day at Popes Chapel. Many people like myself are drawn to this special little church each October to celebrate its very existance. Time seems to roll back as the years have been kind and much remains unchanged. Sadly, some familiar faces will be missed but each generation is taught to carry on the tradition of worshipping at Popes Chapel on this day.

Please help me celebrate this year by attending on Sunday, October 4th - the 53rd annual Homecoming Day at Popes Chapel. Our guest speaker will be Reverend Dan White who resides with his family in Appling, Ga. Reverend White is also a published Christian author and former teacher who is in his 39th year of pastoral work. Worship service will begin at 11:00 am followed by lunch under the oak trees. A short business session will be held at 2:00 pm.

I'm looking forward to this day and hope that each and everyone of you will meet me there.

Sincerely,

Nanci Norman Faulk

2009

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2,000 people gathered to hear him speak.

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● Homecoming was held at Pope's Chapel Sunday with Rev. Virginia Besset, minister of Independence United Methodist Church, and Rev. Dan White of Appling speaking. Rev. White spoke about the history of the church and the area. The church was packed. Marjorie Sale Gibson of Dallas, Ga., came to visit her mother, Lois Sale, for the weekend and attended the homecoming Sunday. She gave me the names of her family members who attended. Lois was not able to be there but her sister, Evelyn Oglesby of Elberton attended along with her family members, Tommy and Jan Oglesby of Elberton and Brantley and Vee McIntosh of Dewy Rose. Marjorie and Peggy's brother and his wife, David and Gloria Sale of Dewy Rose were also present.

- October 8, 2009



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Windows
1270
Repairs 1400
3200

1232
Cost 15,000

Home 20000
15000
-9000

3500
690 in
900 None
Century 1599
-1195
roy Bathroom 2000
1400

938
25,000.00
2050
376 in
963 utility
527