



Independence



Rock

*The Tignall
Charge
United
Methodist
Church*



Pope's Chapel

*Invitation To Dinner and Table Blessing

*The Benediction

Postlude "Credo" - J. Haydn

*Congregation Standing

We welcome everyone to our worship service celebrating the ministry of Pope's Chapel. May our worship remind us how God has used and continues to use Pope's Chapel in the building of God's Kingdom.

We extend a special welcome to Dr. Joe and Harriette Bowen. We appreciate the fine leadership of Dr. Bowen and we look forward to his message this morning.

Thank you to everyone who has made this day possible.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and,


- in memory of Troy Heater by Mrs. Troy Heater and sons,
- in memory of Thomas M. Pullen and Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Pullen by Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Chafin,
- in memory of Mr. & Mrs. C. V. Wheless and C. V. Wheless, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Farmer Combs.

INDEPENDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Tignall, Georgia
According to tradition, was established in 1783 as a nondenominational church. When it became Methodist is unknown, however, in 1827, it was on the Little River circuit. Originally located on south side of Independence St. (old road leading from Mallorysville to Washington), it was moved across the road to present location when land was deeded on Sept. 12, 1840 by Thomas Wootten to Trustees, John T. Wootten, Jarvis Seale and Wm. L. Wootten. In 1868 Rev. John W. Heidt, Pastor, proceeded in having present Sanctuary erected. Completed in 1870, it was dedicated in 1871 by Bishop Geo. F. Pierce. In 1950 a church school annex was added. In 1974, adjoining Fellowship Hall was built and dedicated by Bishop Wm. R. Cannon. In 1982 additional Sunday School rooms were added and dedicated by Dr. Charles Hoover, District Supt. The original building was sold in 1868 and located on Huling Ave., Tignall, now known as Black Rock Methodist Church.

POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - The Methodist Society, which later became Pope's Chapel Church, probably started in either the home of Burwell Pope, or the home of his brother, Henry A. Pope, as early as 1786. They both had Methodist backgrounds in Wake Co., N. C. before moving to Wilkes County in 1784. On or before 1792 the church was established on property owned by Burwell Pope, which he sold to Thomas Landrum. In 1811 Thomas and his son John each deeded 1 acre to the church on the E/S of Bakers Ferry Rd., where a granite marker was placed in 1984. The trustees named were: Benjamin Taliaferro, Sr., John Pope, Thompson Watkins, Isham Watkins, Marshall Martin, Ludwell Fullilove, and Benjamin Taliaferro, Jr. On Nov. 25, 1850, Nimrod Waller deeded 2½ acres at present location to Trustees Nicholas Merriwether Taliaferro, Benjamin Winn Fortson, Marion T. Cash, Ennis Willis, Joseph Sheppard and Elkanah Boswell. In 1852 the church was moved to the location on Broad Road. In 1871 Trustees were Benjamin W. Fortson, Marion T. Cash, Augustus A. Neal and James W. Boyd. A second structure was erected in 1897 in which 2 stained glass windows were installed in their memory by the children of Benjamin W. Fortson and wife Hannah Rebecca Ogilvie. This building was damaged by a windstorm, resulting in a 3rd building, presently in use, being erected in 1957.

ROCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, organized in 1839, was first located on S/S of Hwy. #78, ½ mile East of Dry Fork Creek near 2 large rocks in West Wilkes County. About 1870 the church was moved East about 2½ miles to present location on N/S Hwy. #78 at Centerville (Triplett), ½ mile West of Rayle city limits. On Sept. 11, 1870, Mrs. Mary E. Turner Mattox, daughter of Luke Turner, Sr., Charter Member, and wife of John W. Mattox, gave 2 acres to church Trustees Wm. G. Turner, Wm. R. Perteet, L. W. Latimer, J. W. Mattox and Thomas R. Willis. On Aug. 7, 1875, Eugenia A. Turner, admrx of Luke Turner, Jr.'s estate, gave 2 acres "on which the Rock Church now stands", to Trustees J. W. Mattox, L. W. Latimer, F. G. Collier and W. R. Perteet. Since 1839 Rock has belonged to 5 different Methodist charges: Broad River 1839 to 1900; Centerville & Mission 1901 - 1902; Triplett 1903 to 1905; West Wilkes 1906 to 1922; Tignall 1923 to present. Extensive repairs were made in 1910 after the building was damaged by a cyclone.

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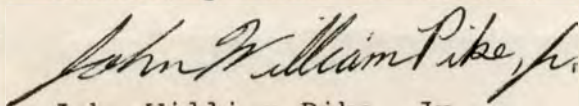
Dear Friends,

As you are no doubt aware, at the close of the Conference year (June 1989) Pope's Chapel will be discontinued as an active congregation. Although we all are saddened by this, we do have a great deal to celebrate as Pope's Chapel has been in ministry for two hundred three years. We are quite confident that Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church has had an impact upon your life that will always remain with you.

On June 11, 1989, we want to celebrate the ministry and influence of Pope's Chapel. You are invited to a worship of celebration at Pope's Chapel at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Joe Bowen, District Superintendent of the Augusta District will be our speaker. Following the service we will enjoy a covered dish dinner.

We hope to see you on June 11. Bring your covered dish and celebrate with us the ministry of this fine church.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



John William Pike, Jr.
Pastor, Pope's Chapel
United Methodist Church



Final service held

Approximately 140 people attended the final service held at the 203-year-old Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church June 12.

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Approximately 140 people gathered at Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Broad River area of Wilkes County Sunday, June 12, to celebrate its ministry of 203 years.

The service was the final service to be held at the church because the congregation has discontinued as an active congregation. The influence of the ministry of this old church was evidenced as people from many states throughout the Southeast were present.

The service was led by Rev. John Pike, pastor, with the message entitled "When the Church Comes Through" preached by District Superintendent

Dr. Joe Bowen. Dr. Bowen's message reminded the congregation that the church comes through when its people are compassionate, its members are committed, and God keeps covenant with the church.

The service was followed by a traditional "dinner-on-the-grounds" when family and friendship ties were renewed.

The property and assets of Pope's Chapel have been placed under the care and disposition of the Independence United Methodist Church Charge Conference. This allows Pope's Chapel to be used for special services at the discretion of the pastor of Independence

United Methodist Church in Tignall and the elected trustees.

Homecoming will be held on the first Sunday of October annually. The Homecoming Association, under the supervision of the Independence Charge Conference, will continue to be in effect.

Although Pope's Chapel will no longer be an active congregation the influence of this fine church continues through the former members, former pastors, and descendants of members of this church as the fruits of its ministry will always live in the hearts of those involved.