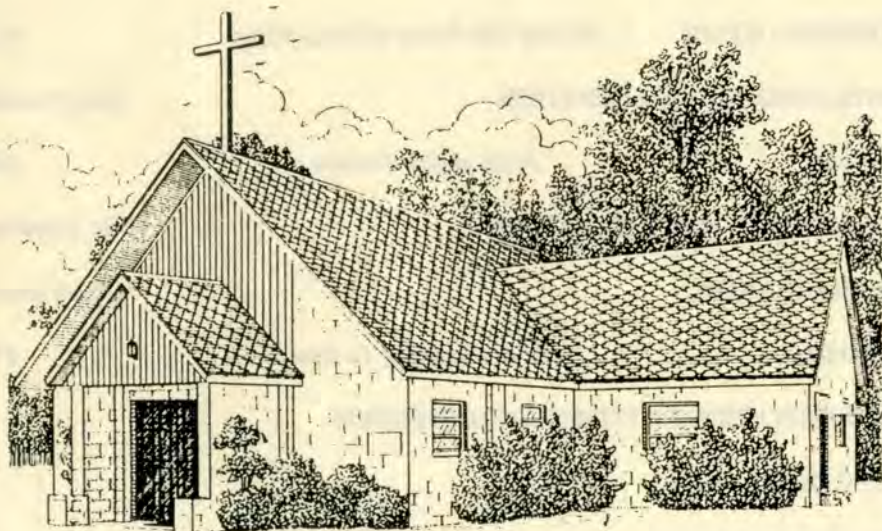


*Welcome to
Homecoming*



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

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786

Pope's Chapel
United Methodist Church
Forty-First Annual Homecoming

October 5, 1997
Jerry Kane, Pastor
Dr. Sophia Bamford, Pianist

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name* #14

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION Ben Norman

HYMN *Faith of Our Fathers* #86

MEMORIALS FOR THE DECEASED Dr. Bamford

SPECIAL MUSIC Gary Smith

HYMN *We're Marching To Zion* #75

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Ben Norman

MESSAGE Rev. Bobby Sunderland

CLOSING HYMN *Take the Name of Jesus With You* #38

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Welcome to our Forty-First Annual Homecoming at Pope's Chapel. We pray God's rich blessings on you. Everyone is invited to "Dinner on the Grounds" immediately following the service.

Flowers have been placed on the piano in memory of those who have passed away since last homecoming: Hazel Combs, Farmer Combs, Horace Norman, Robert Butler, Minnie Fortson Truitt, Arbie Rousey, Marjorie Deane Ewing Boyd, Gene Gibson, Claude Baugh and Albert Suttles.

Flowers placed on the altar, are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Combs by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Chafin and family, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Norman by Mr. and Mrs. Landis Faulk, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Norman and their families.

This morning we welcome Rev. Bobby Sunderland as our speaker. Rev. Sunderland is pastor of the Woodbury Baptist Church in Woodbury, Georgia and is retired from the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta where he first served as Director, Mass Evangelism Department and then Coordinator, Total Church Life, Church Growth and Associational Evangelism. Earlier, he was Crusade Director and Associate Evangelist of Larry Jones Evangelistic Association and held pastorates in Oklahoma.

He is a graduate of Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma and holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Rev. Sunderland and his wife Wanda, live in Woodbury, Georgia.

AFTERNOON SESSION

HYMN	<i>The Church In The Wildwood</i>	#121
SECRETARY'S REPORT		Emory Boyd
TREASURER'S REPORT		Malcolm Chafin
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS		Tom Wiggins
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS		
OTHER BUSINESS		
HYMN	<i>God Be With You</i>	#277
CLOSING PRAYER		

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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 1 1/2 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.

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News from **Tignall**

By DULCIE BROWN

Pope's Chapel homecoming this Sunday

Don't forget to come to the "Church in the Wildwood's" homecoming Sunday, October 5. Last year this church could boast of having its own church mouse running around the sanctuary.

This will be the 41st consecutive homecoming. Sunday School will be at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Jerry Kane teaching the lesson. Church will begin at 11:30 with Rev. Bobby Sunderland bringing the message.

Bring a covered dish and join this group of old-timers for a wonderful day.

— October 2, 1997



Annual homecoming set Sunday at Pope's Chapel

The 41st annual homecoming at Pope's Chapel Methodist Church, one of North Georgia's most historic churches, will be held Sunday, October 5, 1997.

The church, first organized in August 1786, played a key role in the establishment of Methodism in Georgia and had an active congregation for over 200 years. Pope's Chapel no longer has regular services, but homecoming is scheduled on the first Sunday in October of

each year to celebrate its rich heritage of service.

The October 5 schedule begins with Sunday School at 10:30, followed by the morning worship service at 11:30. Rev. Bobby Sunderland will deliver the sermon and Gary Smith will lead the singing.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the homecoming celebration, including "dinner on the grounds" immediately following the service.

— October 2, 1997