

Pope's Chapel
United Methodist Church
(Signall Charge)

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786

**Pope's Chapel
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50th Annual Homecoming**

October 1, 2006
Marvin Mason, Pastor
Dr. Sophia Bamford, Pianist

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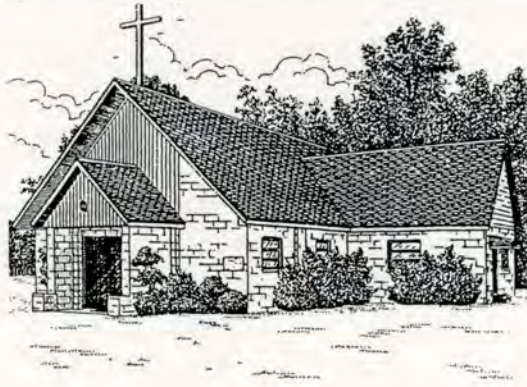
Officers and Committees for 2006

President:	Ben Norman
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Secretary:	Nanci Norman Faulk
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Table Committee:	Malcolm Chafin, George Smith, John Keen and Jimmy Norman



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.



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Dear Friends,

Some come from far, some come from near.....this gathering has taken place for fifty years. The family names are numerous, each generation paying tribute to God in this special place. Please keep this tradition alive at Popes Chapel by attending the 50th annual Homecoming Day Celebration on Sunday, October 1, 2006. Worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch under the oaks. The guest speaker will be Reverend Marvin Mason who is currently the pastor of Independence United Methodist Church, Tignall, Ga. A short business session will follow at 2:00 p.m.

I'll be there remembering all who came before me in the past. Please make your plans to join me on this special 50th celebration of Homecoming at Popes Chapel.

*May God make safe to you each step,
May God make open to you each pass,
May God make clear to you each road,
And may He take you in the clasp of His own two hands*

Sincerely,

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Historic Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church

Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church homecoming set for Oct. 1

Historic Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church, located near Broad River in the northern part of Wilkes County, will be having homecoming at the church Sunday, October 1.

This homecoming will be the 50th annual celebration.

Pope's Chapel dates back to 1786 when a society was organized and later became Pope's Chapel Church.

The morning worship service will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will be followed by lunch under the big oak trees.

Ben Norman, president of the 2006 homecoming committee, will welcome those present and recognize special guests.

Warren Fortson will conduct a special memorial service for deceased members.

Ethan and Mason Jones will present special violin music titled "Ashokan Farewell" in memory of their great-grandfather, John Wright Boyd. Dr. Sophia Bamford will be pianist for the day.

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Following the dinner, the afternoon session will be held at 2 p.m., beginning with the hymn, "The Church in the Wildwood." Reports will be given and officers for 2007 will be elected.

In addition to President Norman, other officers and committees are Betty Slaton, vice-president; Nanci Norman Faulk, secretary; Malcolm Chafin, treasurer; David Sale and David Chafin, ushers; Tom Wiggins, Elizabeth Chafin, and John Keen, nominations; and Malcolm Chafin, George Smith, John Keen, and Jimmy Norman, table committee.

All former members, their families, relatives, and friends are encouraged to be present for the homecoming service and the business session in the afternoon.

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Hymn

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Bishop Asbury preached at Pope's Chapel in the Spring of 1803 to a Sunday congregation of a thousand people.

Stith Mead remained presiding elder during this time and until 1805. Russell and Milligan preached on Broad River Circuit from 1803 to 1805.

There is no complete record of presiding elders after this for a while, but W.M. Kennedy preached here in 1806 and 1807, Abda Christian in 1808, Osborn Rogers in 1809 and 1810, and James Russell in 1811 and 1812. There was no Conference in 1813, but in 1814 Joseph Tarplay was sent here. In 1815, Tarplay was made presiding elder and Abney P. Jones was sent as preacher. Tarplay and Jones remained until 1818. Jonathan L. Jerry became preacher in 1819, Isaac Smith in 1820 and 1821, Samuel K. Hodges followed for three years, 1822, 1823 and 1824. William Parks preached in 1825 and 1826, Benjamin Pope in 1827 and 1828. (He was a grandson of Henry Pope, for whom the church was named). Lovick Pierce, assisted by William Parks, preached in 1829 and 1830.

At this time Georgia became a separate Conference again.

For a time thereafter information is not clear, but we will state the preachers as best we can from this time until 1839. Stephen Olin Preached in 1831, W.J. Parks in 1832 and 1833, Isaac Boring in 1834 and 1835, G.W. Pierce in 1836 and A.H. Mitchell in 1837 and 1838.

The record from 1839 to 1884 was furnished us by Mr. Emory F. Boyd, a former member of Pope's Chapel, from a record kept by his grandfather, Benjamin W. Fortson. Benjamin W. Fortson was born in

Elbert County in 1808 of a Baptist family. He was converted at a Methodist meeting when fourteen years old and afterwards joined the Methodist church. In early manhood he moved to Wilkes County and became a member of Pope's Chapel Church and was a pillar of that church from then until his death in 1884.

James E. Evans was presiding elder from 1839 to 1842. Alfred T. Mann preached in 1839, Thomas C. Benning in 1840 and 1841, and Josiah Lewis in 1842.

There is no record of presiding elders from 1842 to 1845, but John Knight preached in 1843, A. J. Leet in 1844, and James Jones in 1845. George F. Pierce was presiding elder from 1845 through 1847. Josiah Lewis was presiding elder from 1848 through 1851. Joseph H. Echols preached in 1848, Adolphus Orr in 1849 and W. H. Evans in 1850 and 1851. John W. Gleen was presiding elder from 1852 through 1855.

John L. Dunn was preacher in 1852. (In 1852 Pope's Chapel was moved from the Baker's Ferry Road to its present location.) Wesley P. Arnold preached in 1853 and 1854 and Richard Lane in 1855, William Norman in 1856, and John Talley in 1857 and 1858, while John L. Dunn was presiding elder in 1856 and 1857. There is no record of presiding elder from 1858, but in 1859, J. O. A. Clark became presiding elder and remained so until 1862. Alfred T. Mann preached in 1858, T. T. Christian in 1859, and J. M. Dickey in 1860 and 1861. R. W. Bigham was presiding elder from 1862 to 1864. F. F. Reynolds preached in 1863 and 1864. No record of presiding elders from 1864 to 1869. Lewis L. Ledbetter preached in 1865 and 1866, Walter R. Branham in 1867 and John W. Heidt from 1868 to 1870.