

**New Hope  
United Methodist Church**



HISTORY

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SERVED 1783 - 1979*

## HISTORY OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

New Hope Methodist Church, which now is known as New Hope United Methodist Church, was one of the earliest churches founded in North Carolina. And even before it was founded officially in 1779, people in this community were meeting in the name of the Lord and conducting worship services. These were held first under a large oak tree about a mile from the site of this present structure before the year 1778. But let us go back further and find a little history to pave the way for this coming together of a group of people to worship their Lord.

In 1771, John Wesley sent Frances Asbury as a missionary to America. In 1777, Asbury and John B. Davis of this community, met in Hillsboro, North Carolina, which at the time was the capital of Orange County. Then Caswell County was a part of Orange County. John B. Davis was a very devout man and he and Asbury, having this common bond, became very close friends. Both of these men played an important role in the early organization of New Hope Church. These two men were drawn together by circumstances stemming from an incident that occurred in Hillsboro. At this time, John B. Davis was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and Asbury had been arrested by the British soldiers in Hillsboro for his friendliness or sympathy with the colonies. Asbury was fined by the British and released. He went home with his friend, John B. Davis, and stayed at his home, working as a missionary in what is now Caswell County. Thereby, was the beginning of the laying of the foundation of New Hope Church as services were held now in the home of Mr. Davis. Before, as has been noted, services were conducted outside under a large oak tree. This group, under the guidance of Missionary Asbury, and through the hospitality extended by Mr. Davis, was invited and did meet in the shelter of his home. This was only a temporary arrangement, and in 1778, the building of a log church was begun. It was located about a mile from the home of John B. Davis. This was considered the first church, and to place it in our minds today, it was built on the site where S. H. Crumpton, Jr. now has his brick home. At that time, the property on which it was erected belonged to Thomas Moore. Mr. Moore was one of the

men who helped build the first log church. He was the great grandfather of Julian Moore who now resides in Yanceyville, Carolyn Moore Upchurch Thomas, of Milton, Warner Moore of Milton, and other children of the family of John W. Moore, which you may know.

When the first log church was completed, dedication services were held and in 1779, it was given the name New Hope Church. All close descendants of John B. Davis were worshipers and members of this first church.

In 1803, the log church was torn down and moved to a new church site, which was established north of the present structure, beyond the spring, below the old grave yard.

This building was used until 1860, when a new church was built on the site of the present church. Mr. Tom Jones, father of Gertie, Giles, Mary Jane, Margaret, John and George Anna Graves, bought the lumber from the old church that had been built in 1860, and moved the lumber to his home near Hamer, which is on the road from Doug Fowlkes' home to Max Smith's place. Mr. Jones paid \$50 for the old church lumber and from this he built a stable, which stood for years across the road from the old Jones place.

In 1906, Mr. W. H. Humble contracted to build the present New Hope Church for \$2500. He had a carpenter named Mr. Hall and the two men boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Taylor. Mr. W. C. Taylor, a boy of 5 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, walked with Daisy Dixon, the Taylor's cook, to carry lunch to Mr. Hall and Mr. Humble, who were working on the church. Mr. Taylor recalls each day they worked he carried a 4-pound lard bucket filled with fresh buttermilk, and Daisy carried a woven basket with hot food in it.

Money from the Harrelson fund helped build the present church. Mr. Harrelson, a bachelor, contributed to this building and several other churches. He was a native of Caswell County, but is not buried at New Hope. The rough lumber for the construction of the present church was donated by Mr. Jim Satterfield, father of John, Burton, Clarence, and Emily Satterfield. This present church was dedicated on the 4th Sunday in July, which was July 22, 1907. Rev. J. A. Dailey was Pastor at the time of dedication.

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NEW HOPE - PURLEY

1974- Clay Smith  
 1972-74 Lewis Dodson  
 1971-72 H. W. Burnside  
 1967-71 Howard A. Elam  
 1966-67 Clyde E. Johnson  
 1965-66 C. O. Stokes  
 1963-65 Robert T. Sharp

1898-99 W, E. Nicholson  
 1895-97 E. W. Fox  
 1894 W. B. Moore  
 1893 E. E. Rose  
 1889-92 J. H. Shore

LEASBURG CIRCUIT

MILTON CIRCUIT

1961-63 J. F. Ameling  
 1961-62 R. W. Stewart, Associate  
 1959-61 Z. V. Cowan  
 1940-59 W. F. Meacham  
 1946-49 M. R. Chambers  
 1945 To Be Supplied  
 1942-44 J. E. Carter  
 1940-42 F. M. Patterson  
 1939-40 D. I. Garner  
 1935-38 A. M. Williams  
 1932-34 R. J. Lough  
 1931 M. F. Hodges  
 1929-30 H. E. Lance  
 1925-28 W. C. Jones  
 1922-24 J. Bascomb Hurley  
 1920-21 A. J. Hobbs, Jr.  
 1919 B. O. Merritt  
 1915-18 J. E. Blalock  
 1911-14 S. F. Nicks  
 1910 T. C. Ellers  
 1908-09 W. T. Usry  
 1906-07 M. D. Giles  
 1902-05 J. A. Dailey  
 1900-01 N. C. Yearby

1887-88 D. L. Earnhardt  
 1883-86 L. L. Nash  
 86 E. H. Davis  
 1881-82 H. H. Gibbons  
 1877-80 R. A. Willis  
 1875-76 T. J. Gattis  
 1871-74 J. W. Jenkins  
 1867-70 J. H. Wheeler  
 1866 Lemon Shell  
 1865 No Conference  
 1864 James P. Simpson  
 1863 To Be Supplied  
 1861-62 T. B. Kingsbury  
 1859-60 Alfred Norman  
 1857-58 James P. Simpson  
 1855-56 John W. Lewis  
 1854 Peter H. Joiner

CASWELL CIRCUIT

1853 William Carter  
 1851-52 William M. Jordan  
 1850 Addison Lea  
 1848-49 James Reid  
 1946-47 R. P. Bibb  
 1844-45 James L. Nicholson

1843	Alfred Norman	1805	Ira Ellis
1841-42	Henry Speck		Dempsey Clayton
1840	William Anderson	1804	Samuel Garrard
1839	John A. Miller		Ira Ellis
1838-39	John Hank	1803	Daniel Ross
1837	Peter Doub	1802	Joseph Pinnell
1836	J. Bethel	1801	Billy Corr
1834-35	William Anderson	1800	John Ray
1932-33	George W. Dye		John Gamewell
1831	Benton Field	1799	Banister Meador
1830	John H. Watson		Samuel Hooser
1828-29	Benton Field	1798	Lewis Garnett
1827	William Holmes		John Turner
1826	George Stevens	1797	Edmund Ellis
1825	Joshua Leigh		Hill Jones
1824	Joakim Lane	1796	John Weeks
1822-23	Russell B. Foster		Roger Hancock
1821	William H. Starr	1795	Samuel S. Steward
1820	Lewis Kimball		William Wells
1819	Amos C. Treadway	1794	Francis Parker
1818	Allen Bernard		Arthur Lipsey
	Richard Carson	1793	F. Killinsworth
1817	William Peebles		George McKenney
	Edward W. Ward	1792	Jonathan Bird
1816	Lewis Skidmore		John Sproul
1815	William M. Elliott	1791	Enoch George ***
1814	Samuel Hunter		Henry Hill
1813	Samuel Garrard	1790	Henry Merritt
1812	Henry Warren		Simon Carlisle
	Jesse Branch	1789	Thomas Ware
1811	Charles Callaway		Henry Ledbetter
	Ewen Johnson	1788	Isaac Lowe
1810	John Early	1787	Terence Burns
	Ethelbert Drake	1786	Sihon Smith
1809	John C. Jones	1785	Elijah Ellis
	Jacob Hill	1784	Richard Swift
1808	Daniel Kelly	1783	Peter Moriarty
	Thomas Shands		Jesse Lee
1807	Humphrey Wood		
	Edward Cannon		
1806	Thomas Mann		
	T. Pinnell		
	B. Duvany		

\*\*\*Enoch George was elected  
Bishop in 1816