

**Names:**

Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

First United  
Methodist Church

Lilley, Loy

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

church bulletin

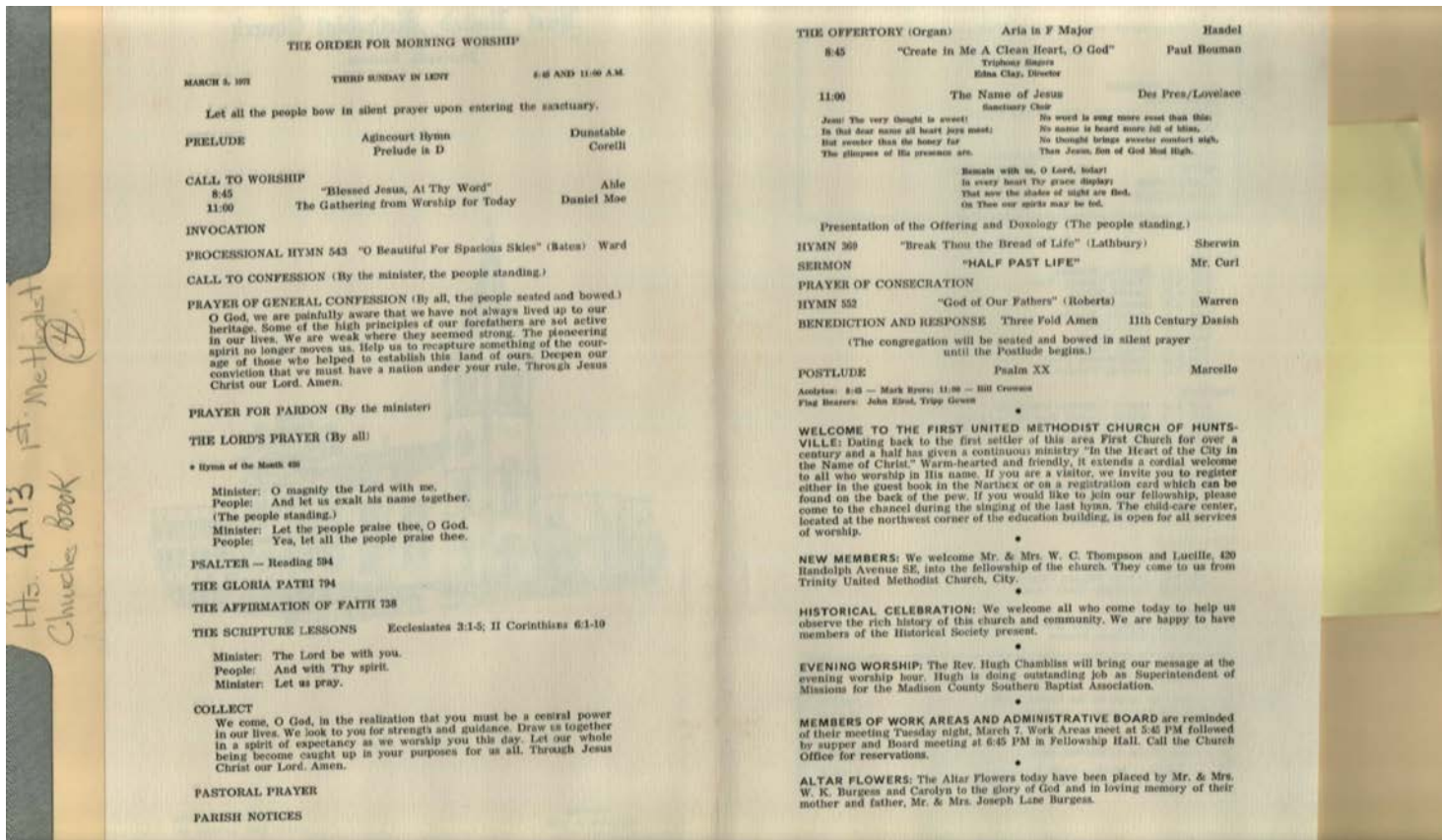
**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1972

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**Names:**

Burgess, Caroyne  
 Burgess, Joseph Lane  
 Burgess, W. K.

Chambliss, Hugh,  
 Rev.  
 Clay, Edna

Curl, William E.,  
 Rev.  
 Thompson, Lucille

Thompson, W. C.,  
 Mr. & Mrs.

**Places:**

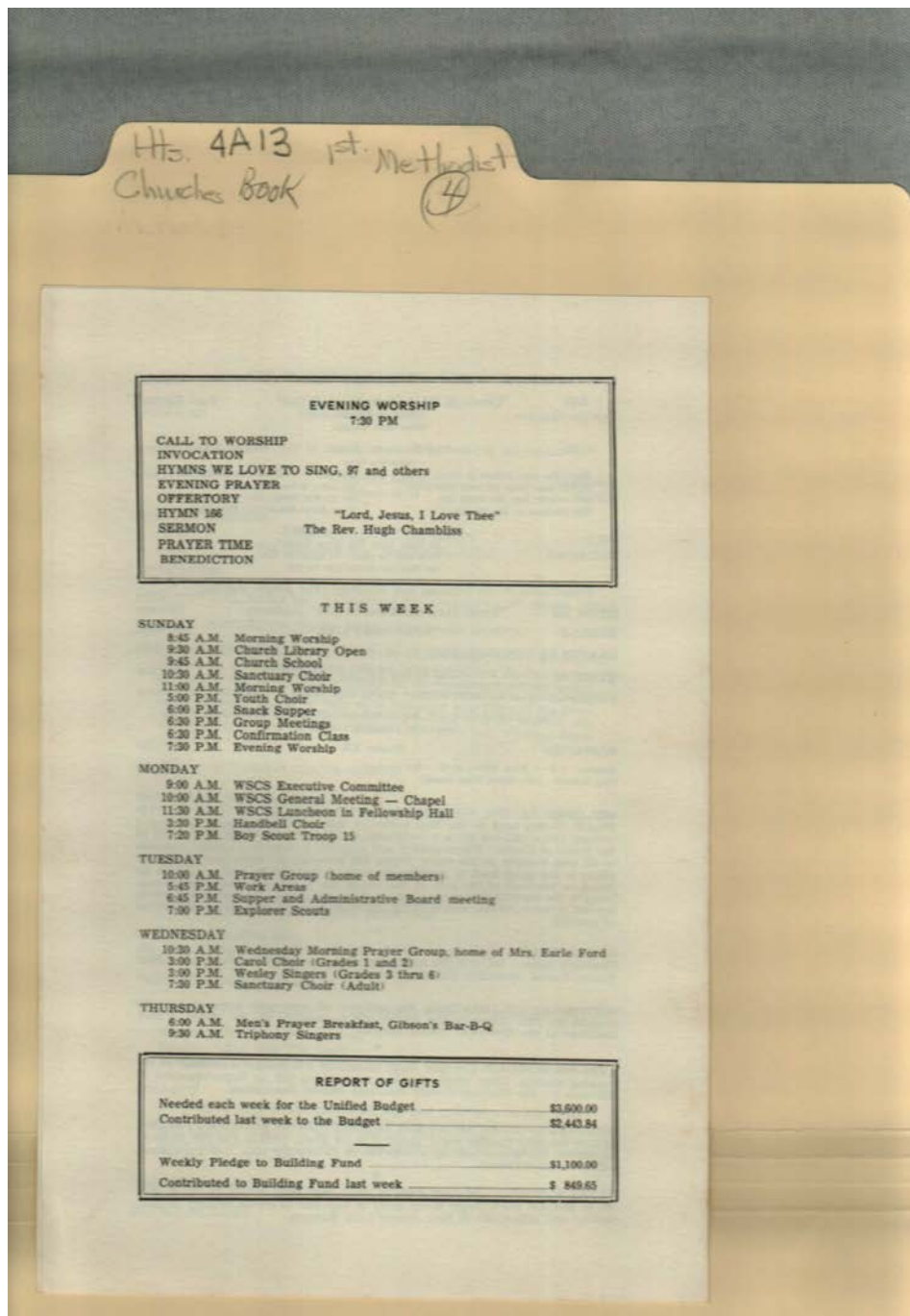
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

church bulletin

**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1972



**Names:**

Chambliss, Hugh,  
Rev.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

church bulletin

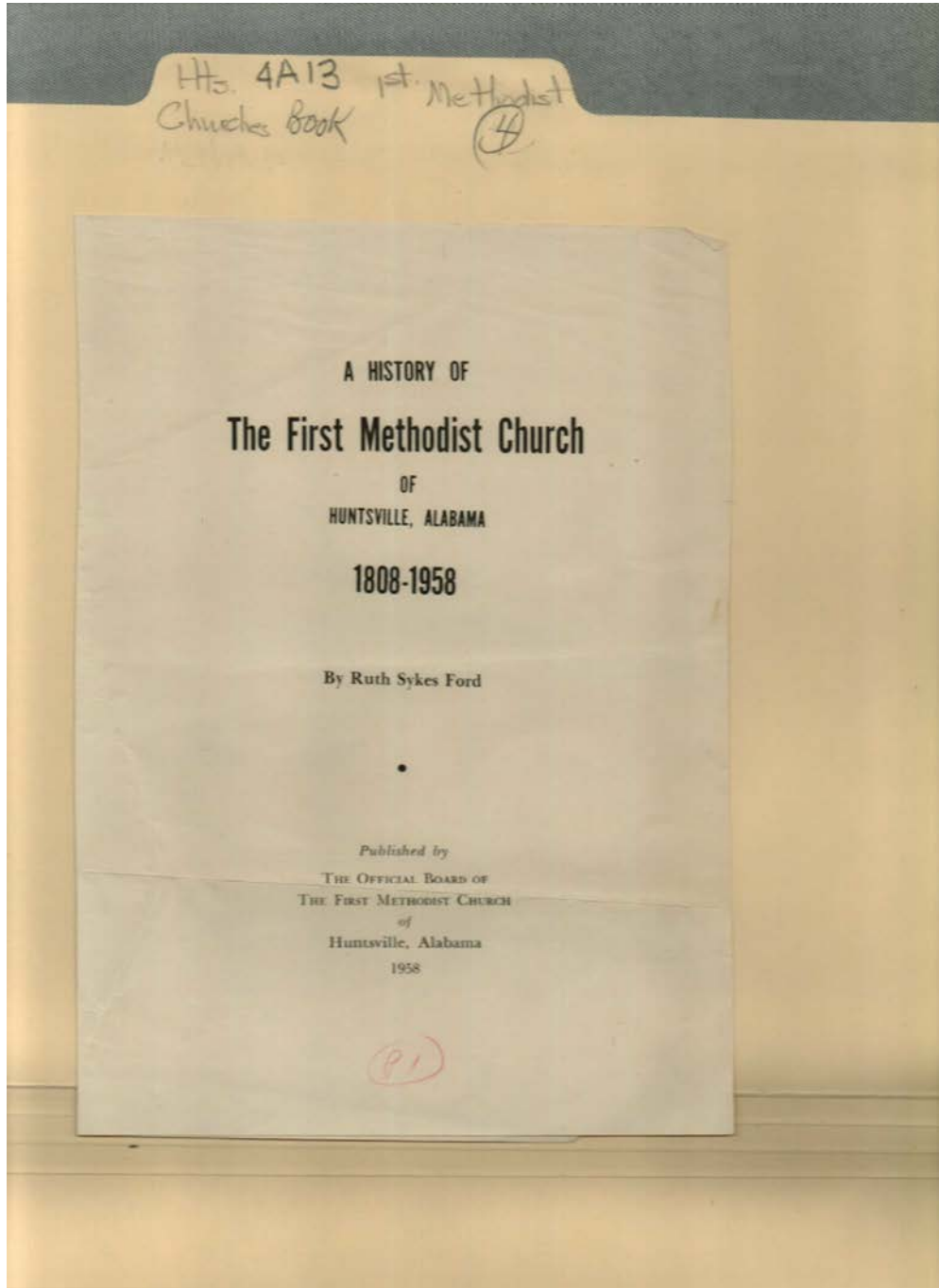
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Mar 5, 1972

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**Names:**

A History of the First  
Methodist Church

of Huntsville,  
Alabama

Ford, Ruth Sykes

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

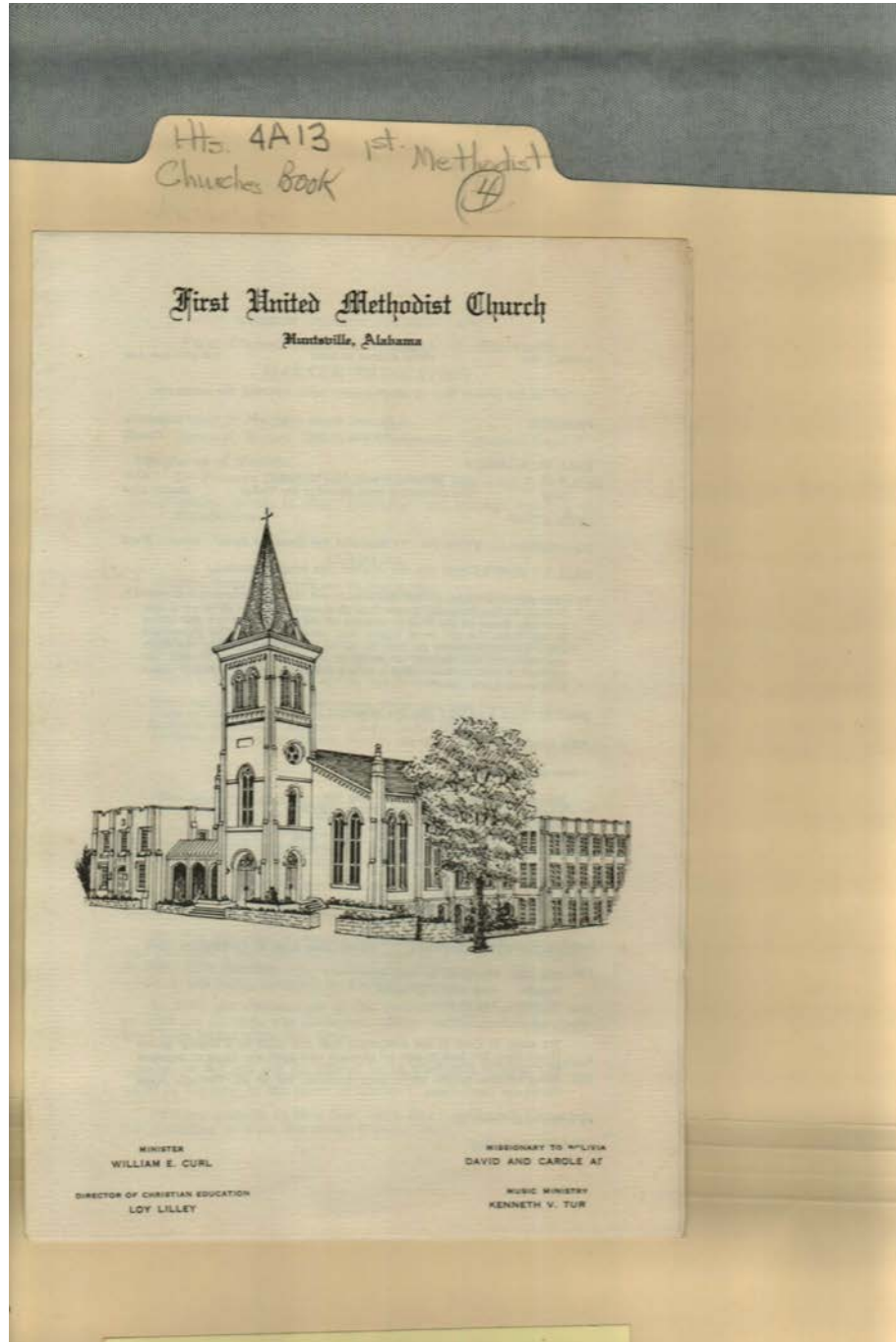
**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1958





**Names:**

Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

First United  
Methodist Church

Lilley, Loy

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

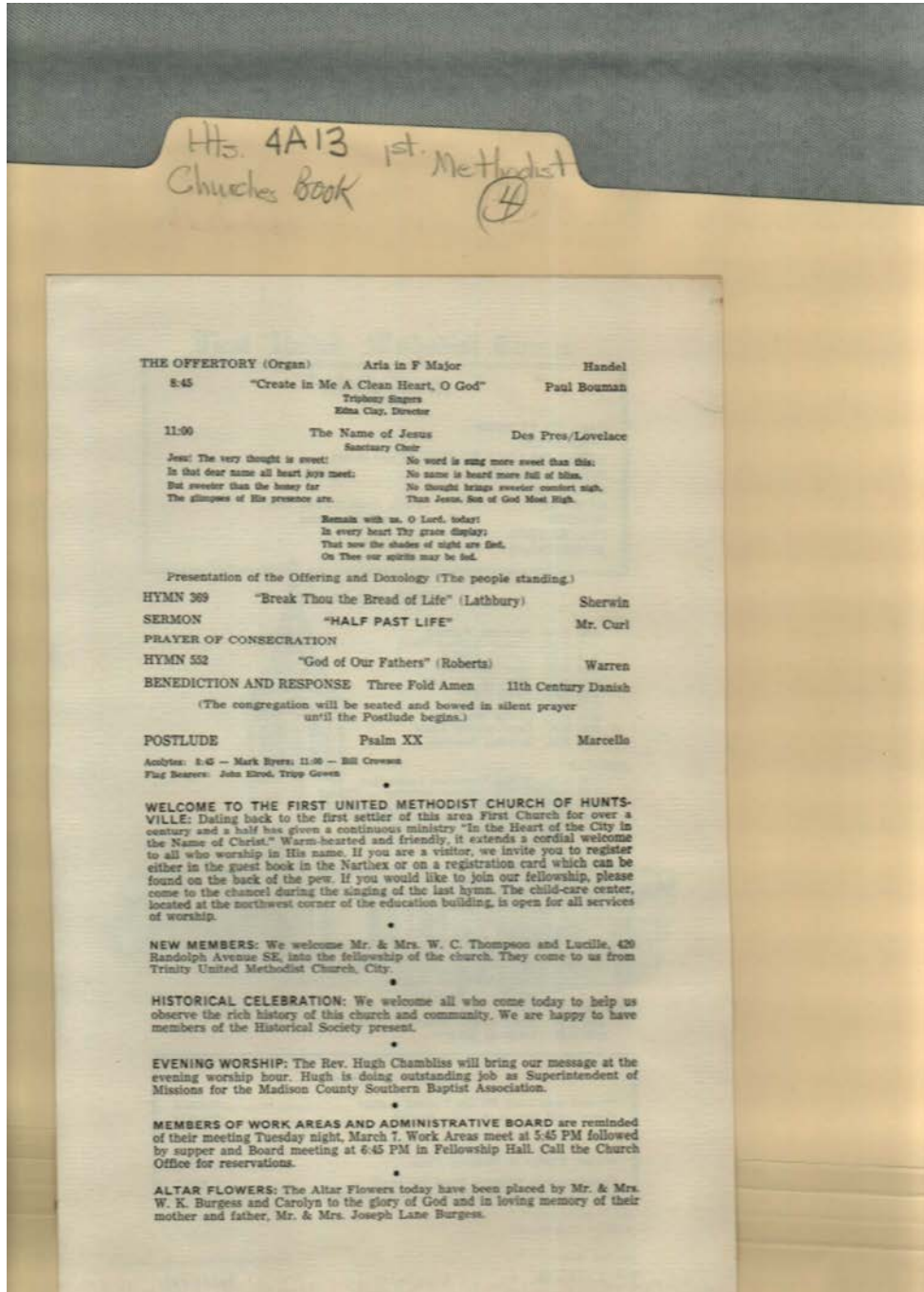
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church bulletin

**Dates:**

Mar 5, 1972





Hts. 4A13 1st. Methodist  
Churches Book (4)

**EVENING WORSHIP**  
7:30 PM

CALL TO WORSHIP  
INVOCATION  
HYMNS WE LOVE TO SING, 97 and others  
EVENING PRAYER  
OFFERTORY  
HYMN 186 "Lord, Jesus, I Love Thee"  
SERMON The Rev. Hugh Chambliss  
PRAYER TIME  
BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK

- SUNDAY**  
8:45 A.M. Morning Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church Library Open  
9:45 A.M. Church School  
10:30 A.M. Sanctuary Choir  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir  
6:00 P.M. Snack Supper  
6:30 P.M. Group Meetings  
6:30 P.M. Confirmation Class  
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship
- MONDAY**  
9:00 A.M. WSCS Executive Committee  
10:00 A.M. WSCS General Meeting - Chapel  
11:30 A.M. WSCS Luncheon in Fellowship Hall  
3:30 P.M. Handbell Choir  
7:20 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 15
- TUESDAY**  
10:00 A.M. Prayer Group (home of members)  
5:45 P.M. Work Areas  
6:45 P.M. Supper and Administrative Board meeting  
7:00 P.M. Explorer Scouts
- WEDNESDAY**  
10:30 A.M. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, home of Mrs. Earle Ford  
3:30 P.M. Carol Choir (Grades 1 and 2)  
3:00 P.M. Wesley Singers (Grades 3 thru 6)  
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir (Adult)
- THURSDAY**  
6:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Gibson's Bar-B-Q  
9:30 A.M. Triphony Singers

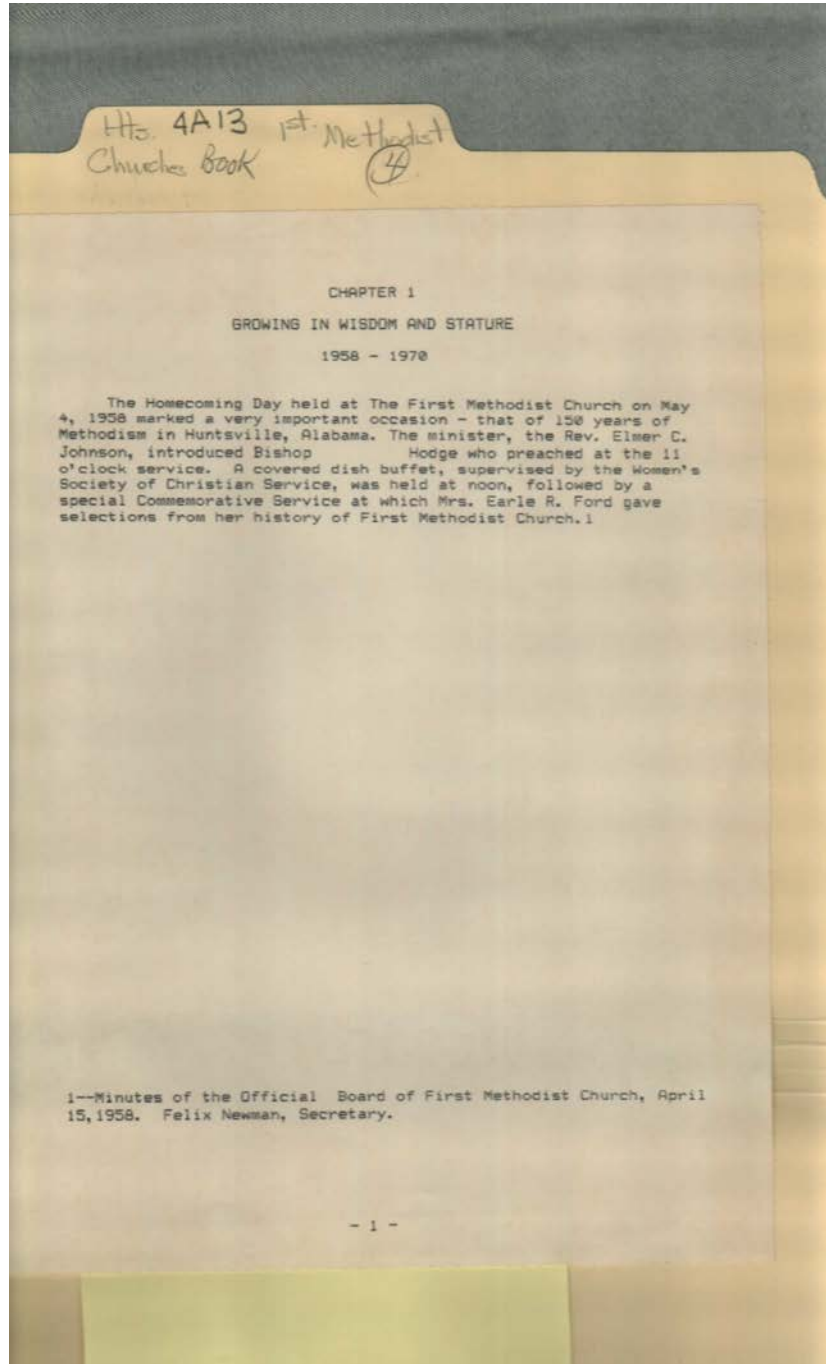
REPORT OF GIFTS	
Needed each week for the Unified Budget	\$3,600.00
Contributed last week to the Budget	\$2,443.84
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Weekly Pledge to Building Fund	\$1,100.00
Contributed to Building Fund last week	\$ 849.65



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**Names:**

Ford, Earl R., Mrs.  
Hodge, Bishop

Johnson, Elmer C.,  
Rev.

**Places:**

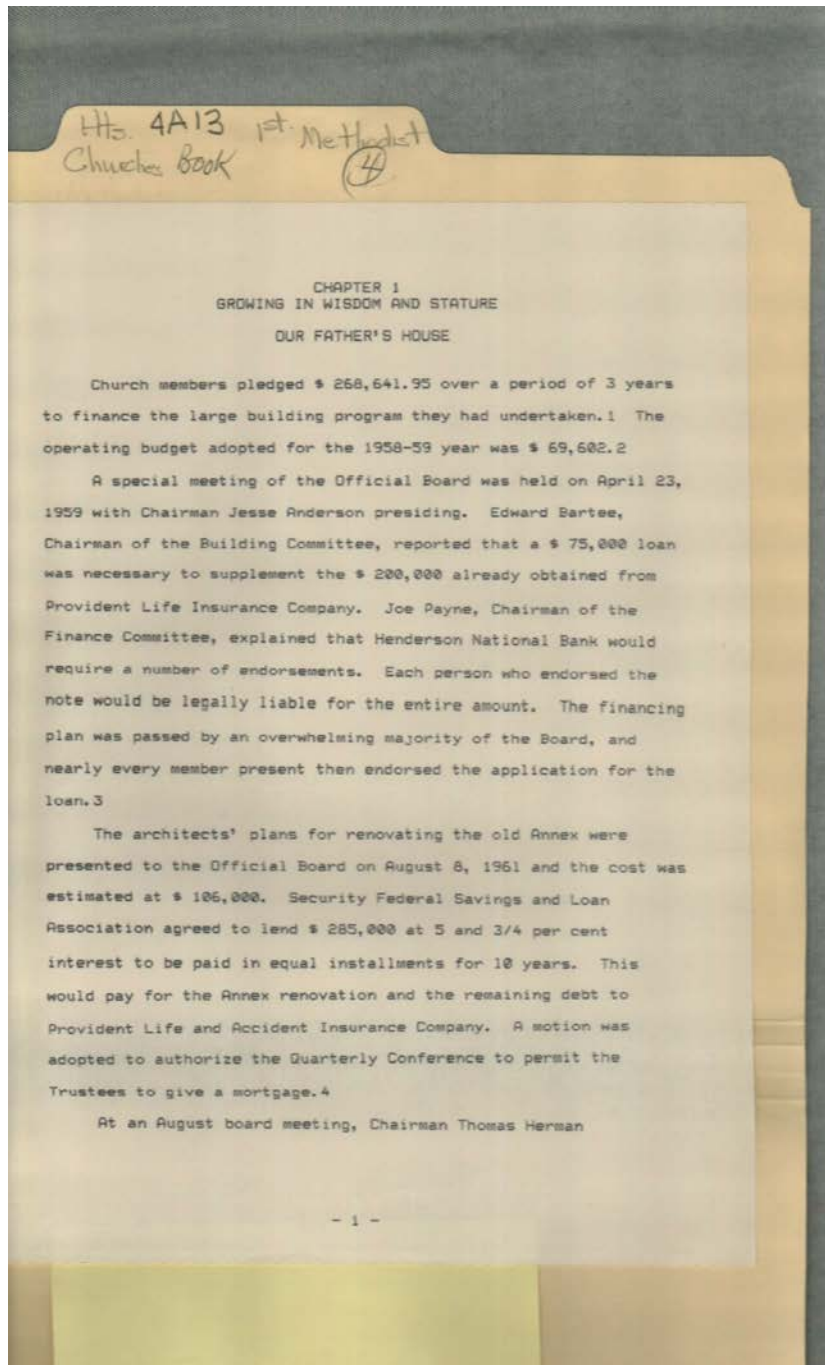
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1958



**Names:**

Anderson, Jesse

Bartee, Edward

Herman, Thomas

Payne, Joe

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

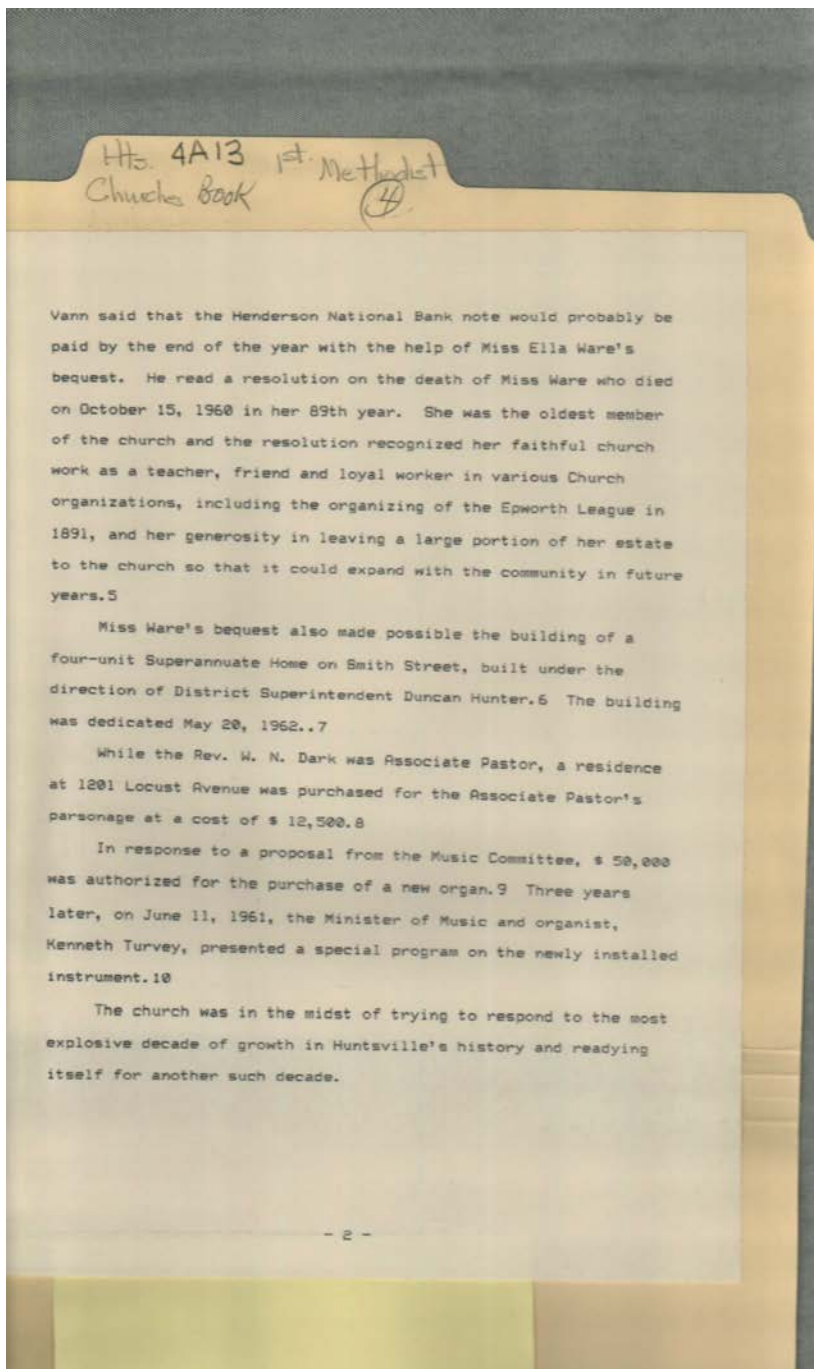
1959

1961

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**Names:**

Dark, W. N., Rev.

Hunter, Duncam

Turvey, Kenneth

Ware, Ella

**Places:**

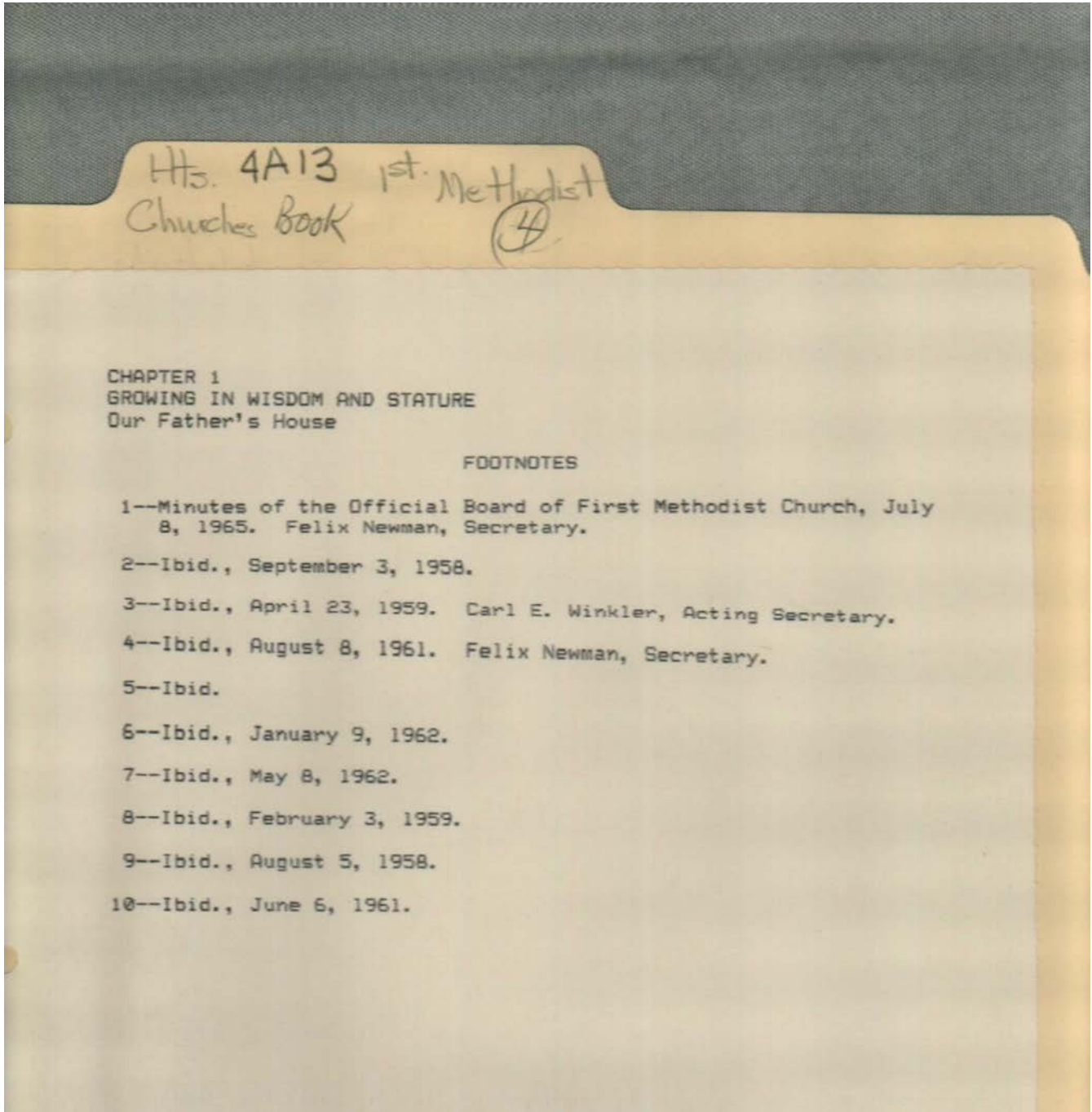
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1960



**Names:**

Newman, Felix

Winkler, Carl E.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

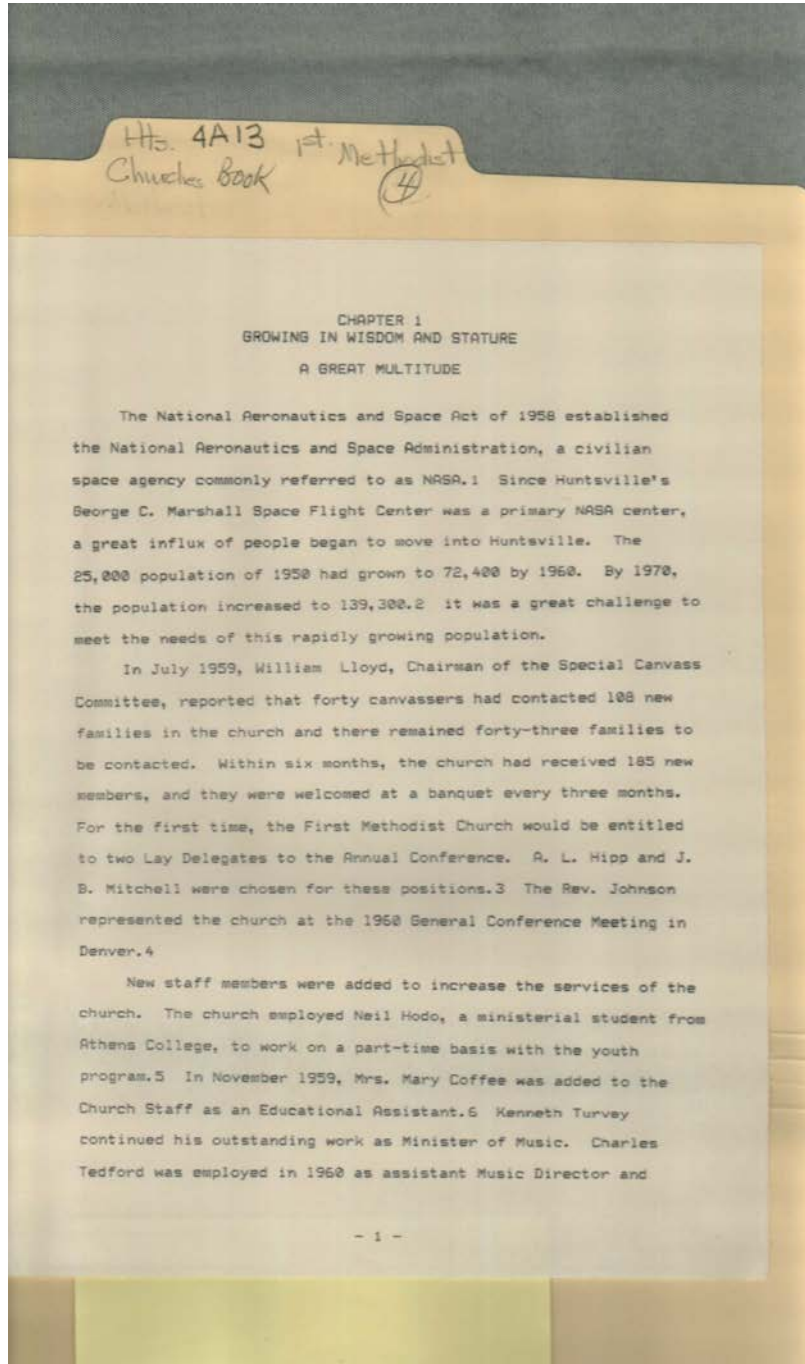
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**Dates:**

1959

1965





**Names:**

Coffee, Mary, Mrs.  
Hipp, A. L.  
Hodo, Neil

Johnson, Elmer C.,  
Rev.  
Lloyd, William

Mitchell, J. B.  
NASA  
Tedford, Charles

Turvey, Kenneth

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1958

1959

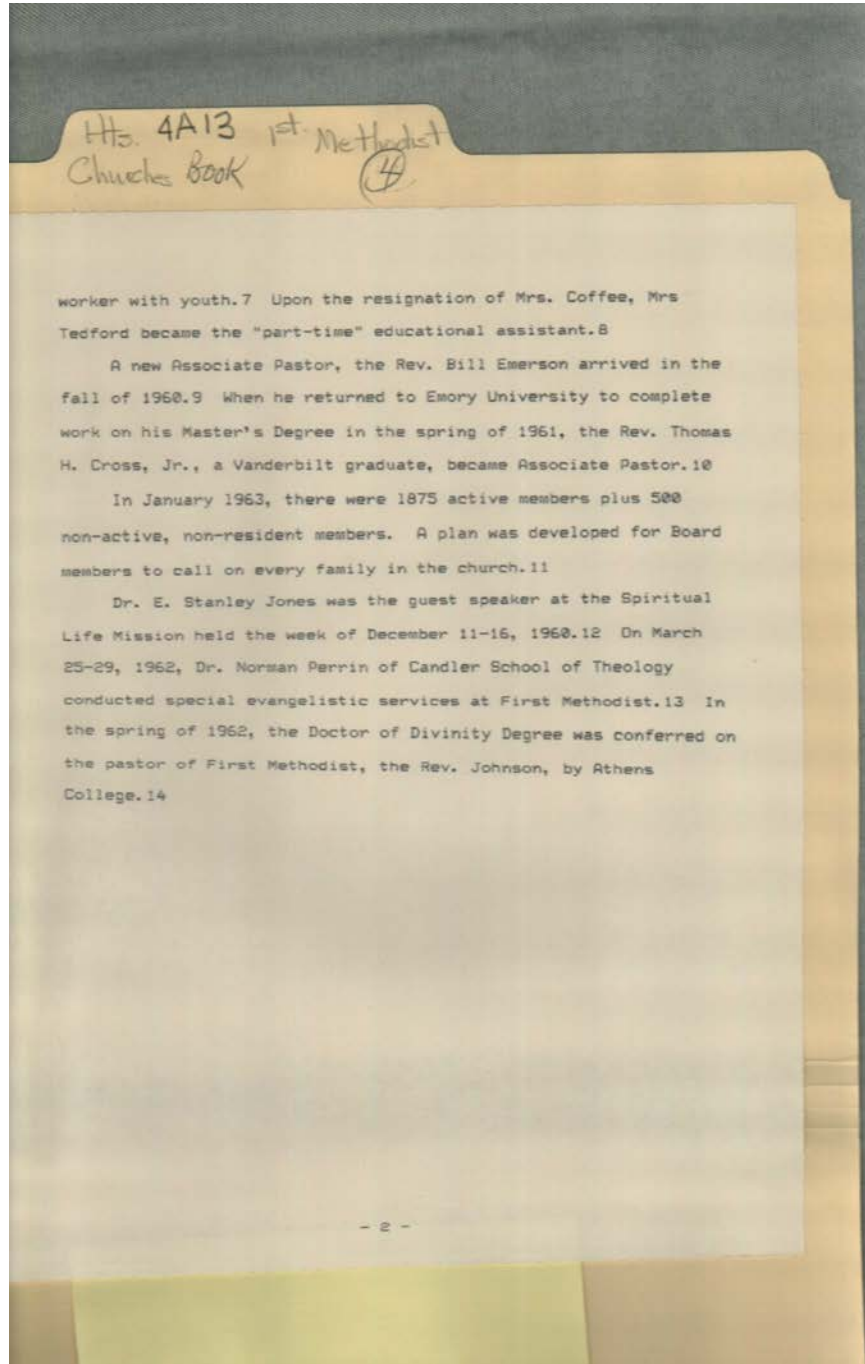
1960

Nov, 1959

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**Names:**

Coffee, Mary, Mrs.  
Cross, Thomas H., Jr.,  
Rev.

Emerson, Bill, Rev.  
Johnson, Elmer C.,  
Rev.

Jones, E. Stanley, Dr.  
Perrin, Norman, Dr.

Tedford, Charles,  
Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

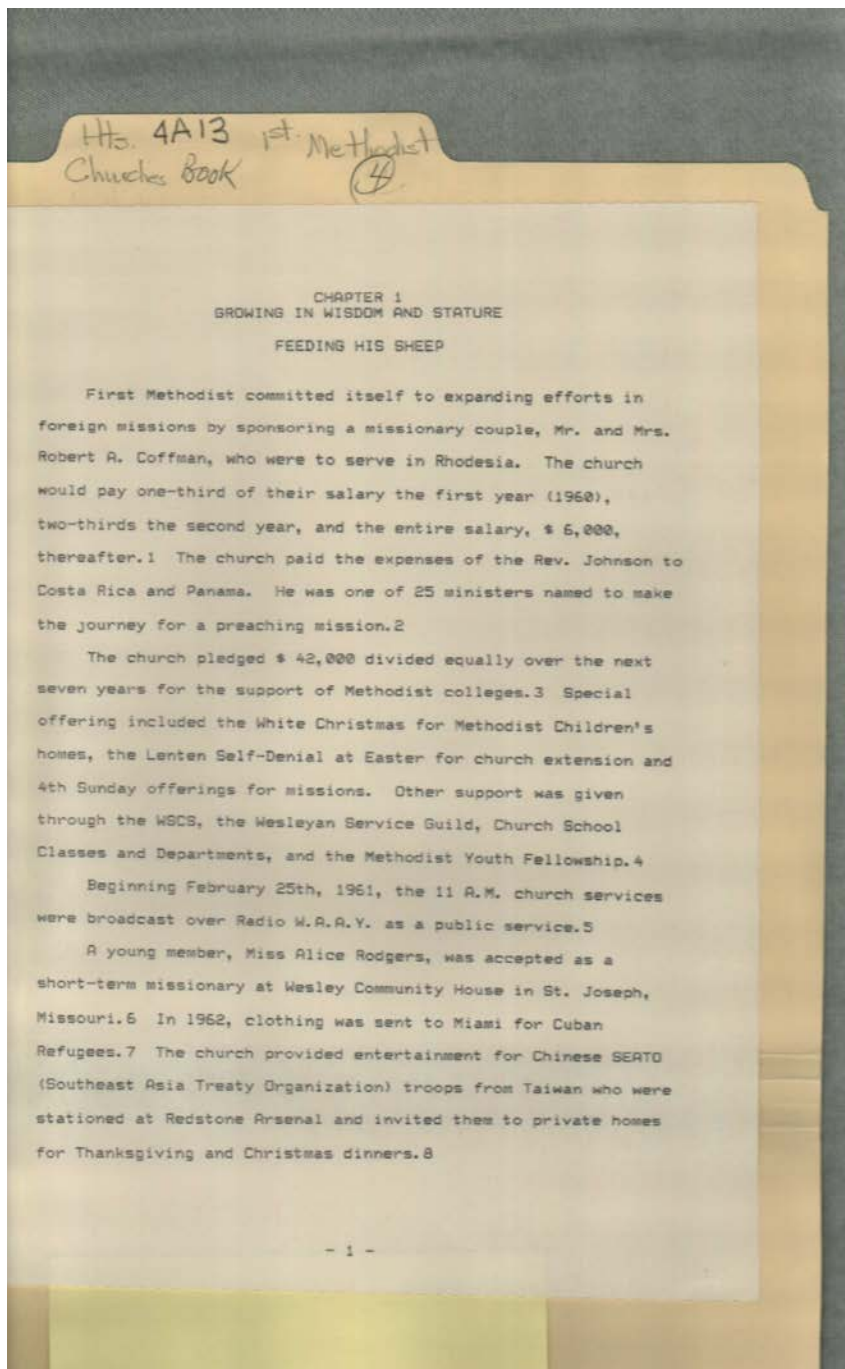
history

**Dates:**

1960

1961

1962



**Names:**

Coffman, Robert A.,  
Mr. & Mrs.

Johnson, Elmer C.,  
Rev.

Rodgers, Alice, Miss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

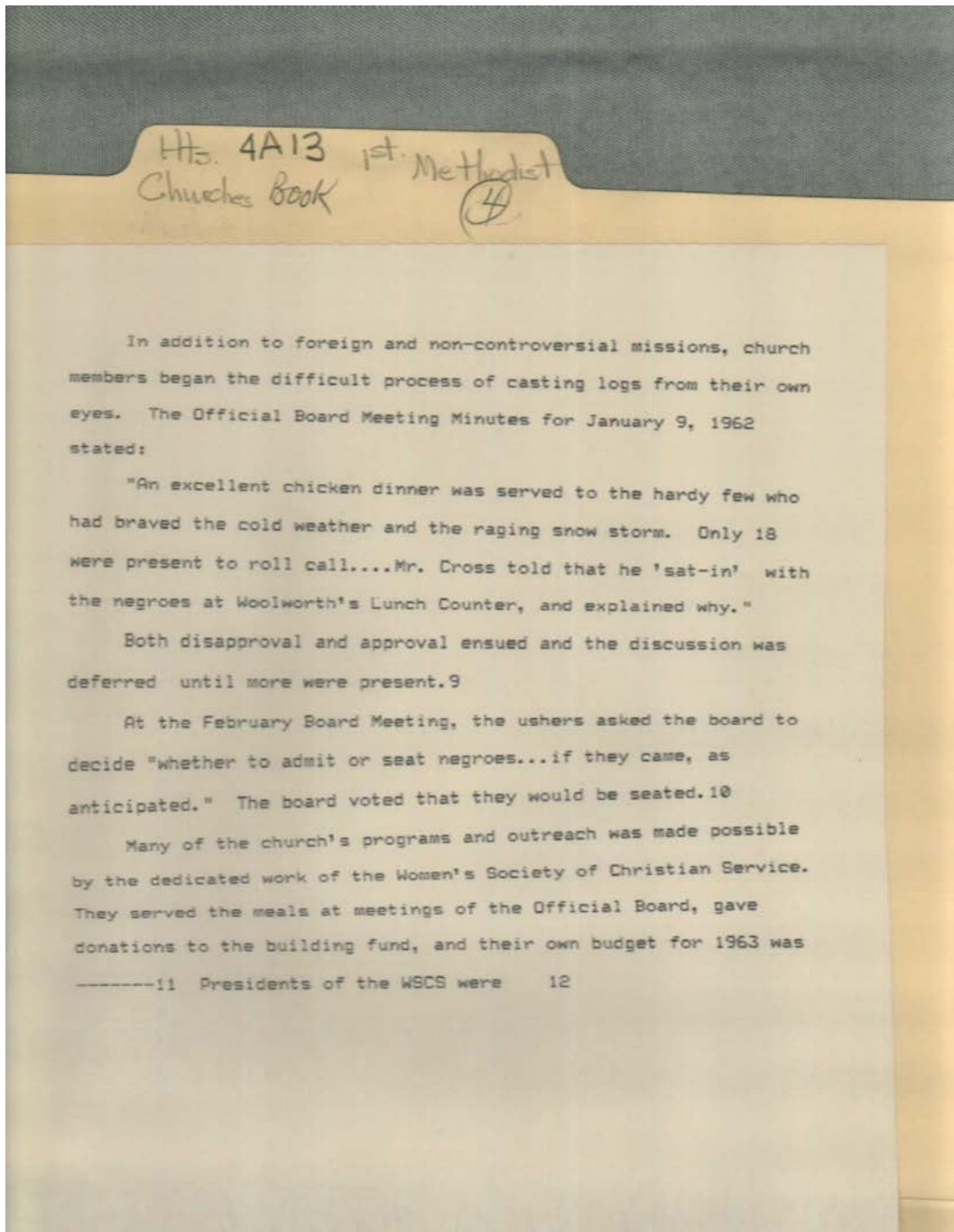
Rhodesia

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1960



**Names:**

Cross, Mr.

Woolworth's Lunch  
Counter

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

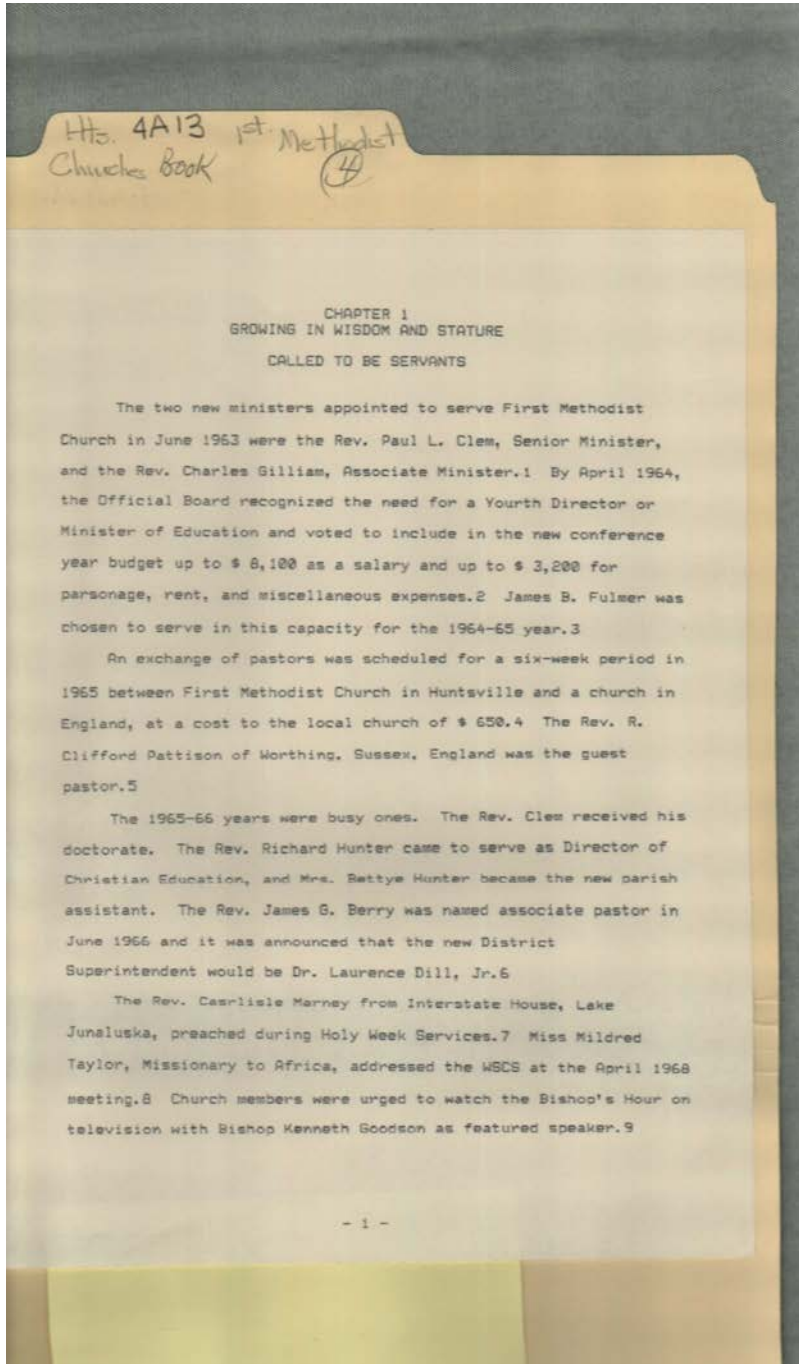
**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

Jan 9, 1962





**Names:**

Berry, James G., Rev.  
Clem, Paul L., Rev.  
Clifford, R., Rev.

Dill, Laurence, Jr.,  
Dr.  
Fulmer, James B.  
Gilliam, Charles, Rev.

Goodson, Jenneth,  
Bishop  
Hunter, Bettye, Mrs.  
Hunter, Richard, Rev.

Marney, Carlisle,  
Rev.  
Taylor, Mildred, Miss

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

Worthing, Sussex,  
England

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1865

1963

1964

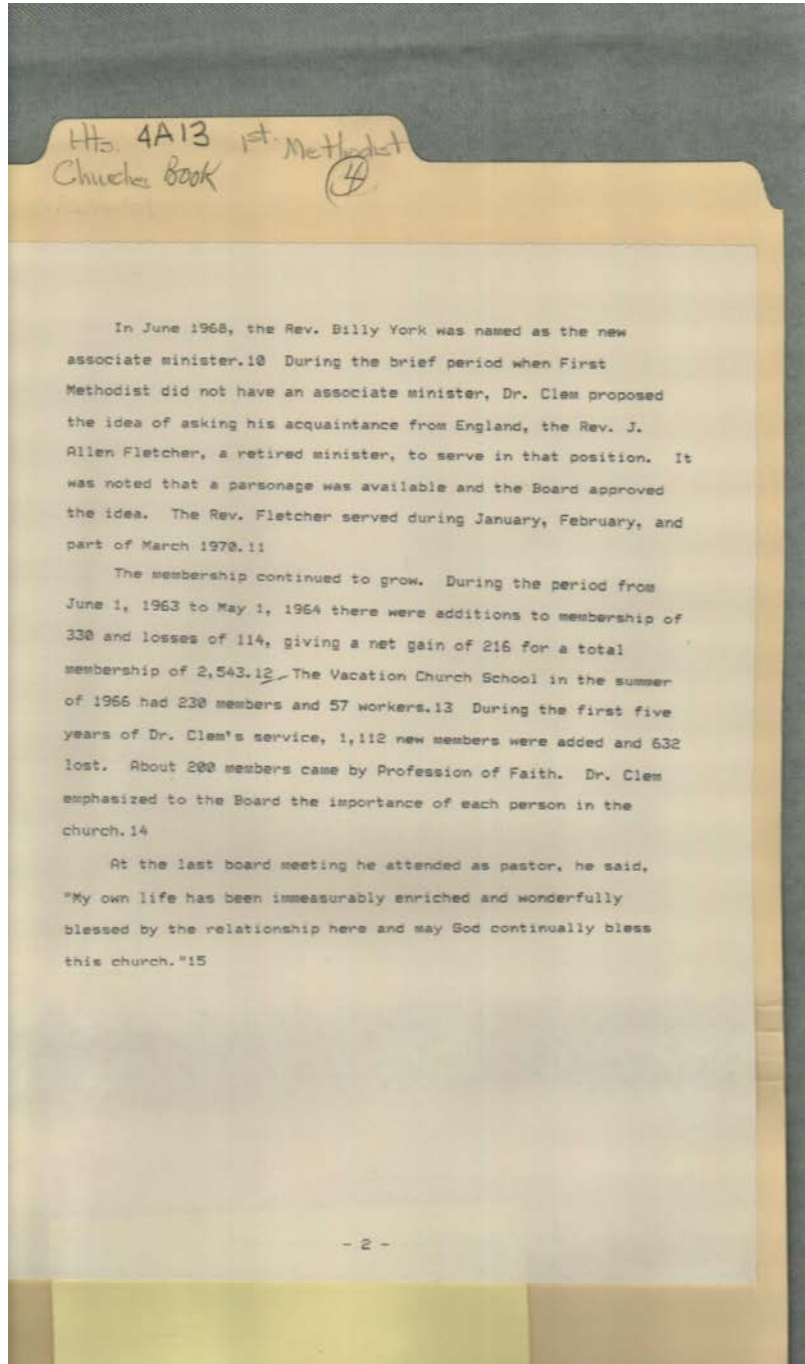
1965



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**Names:**

Clem, Paul L., Rev.

Fletcher, J. Allen,  
Rev.

York, Billy, Rev.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

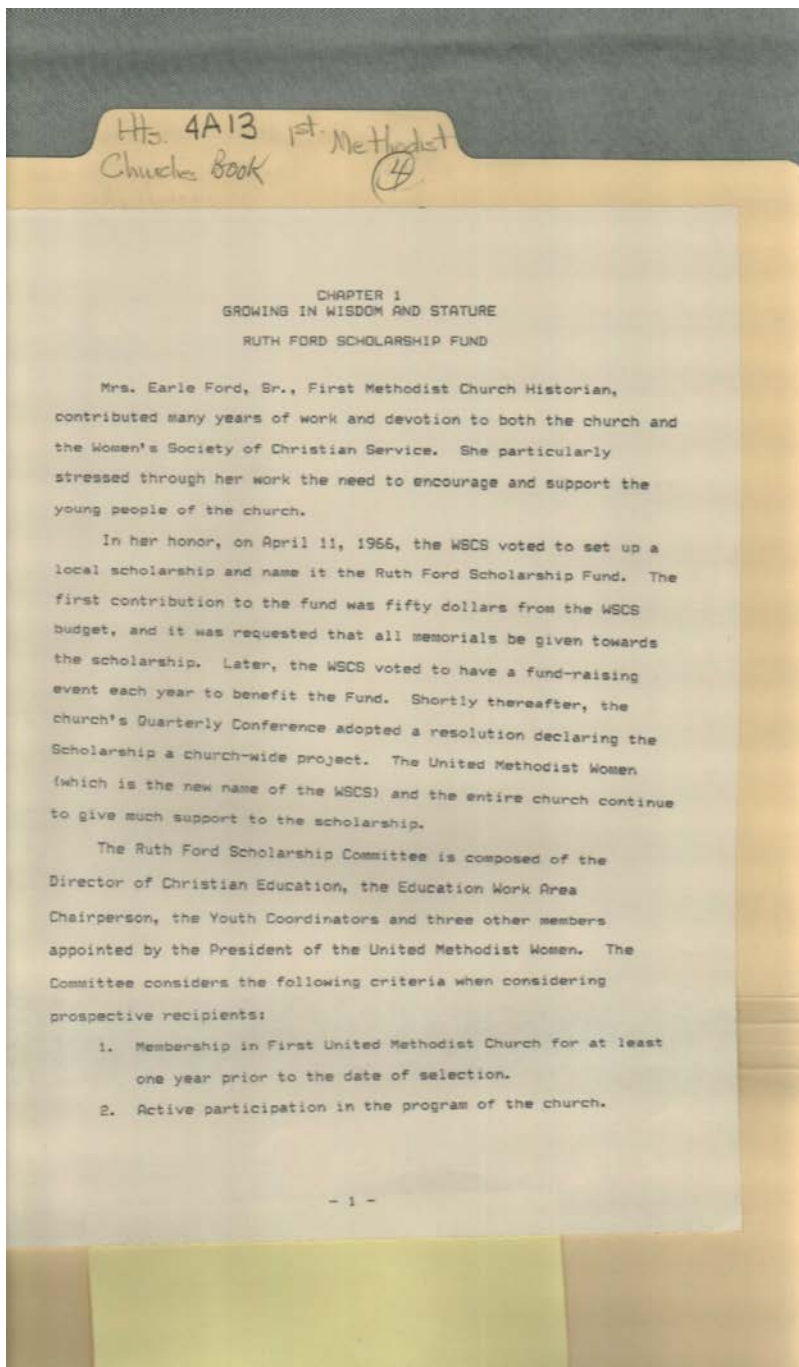
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**Dates:**

1970

June, 1968



**Names:**

Ford, Earl, Sr., Mrs.

Ford, Ruth

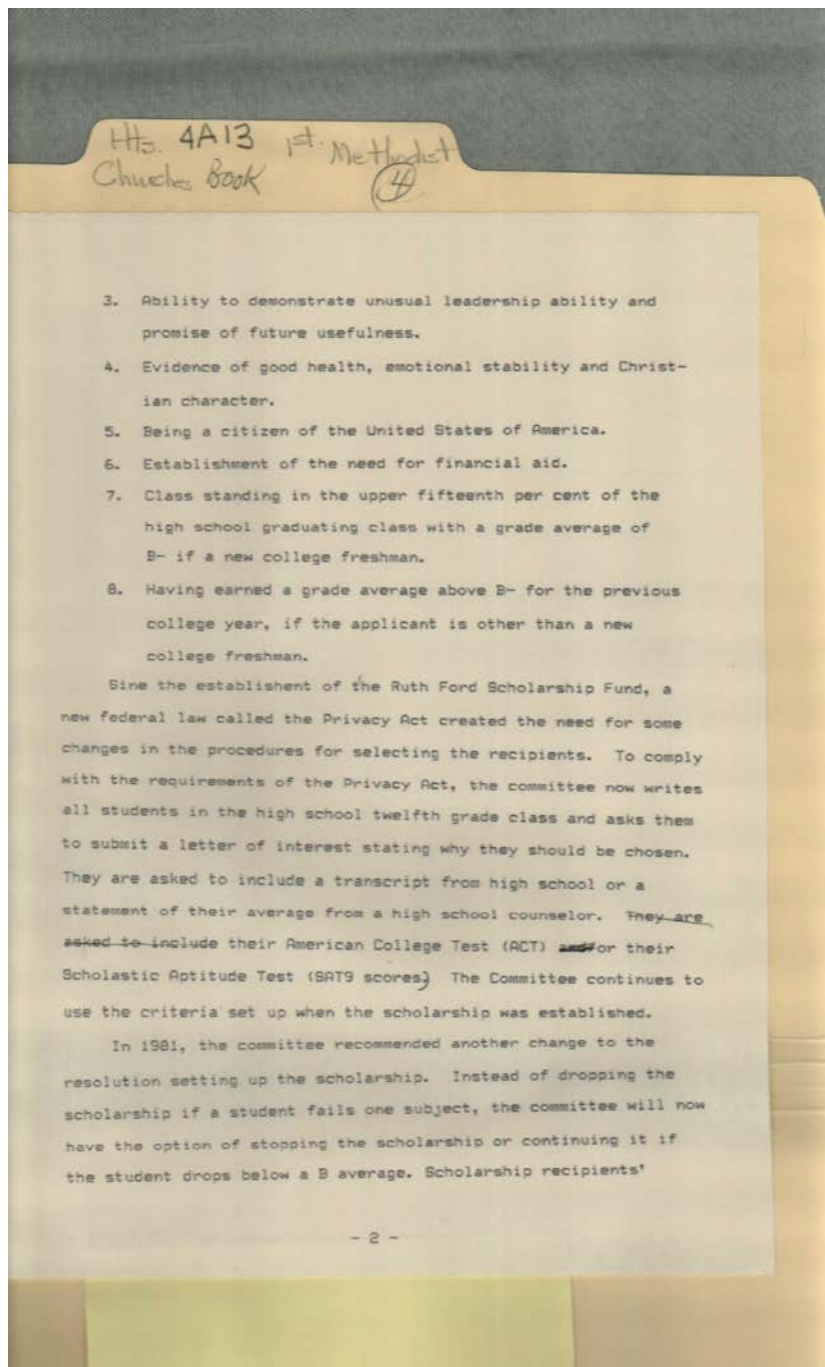
**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history





**Names:**

Ruth Ford  
Scholarship Fund

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

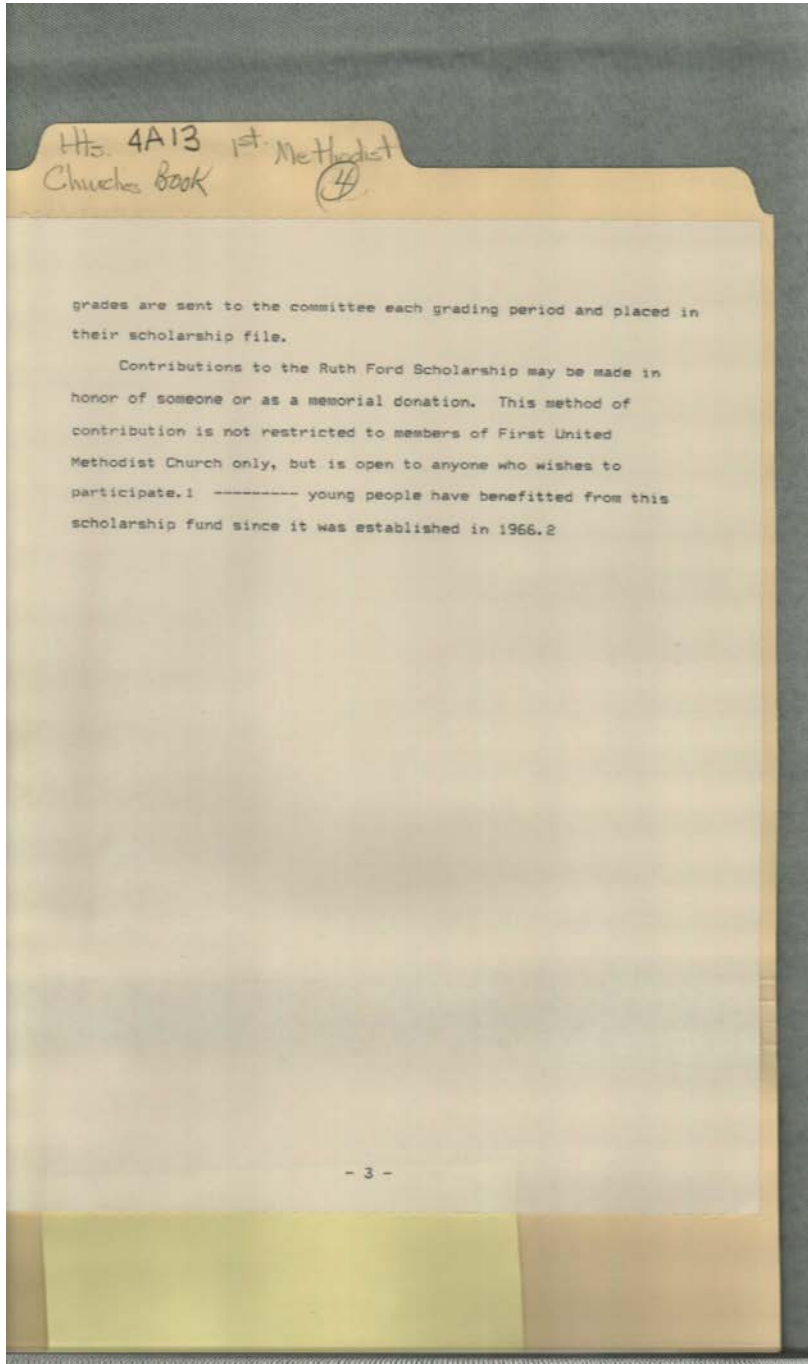
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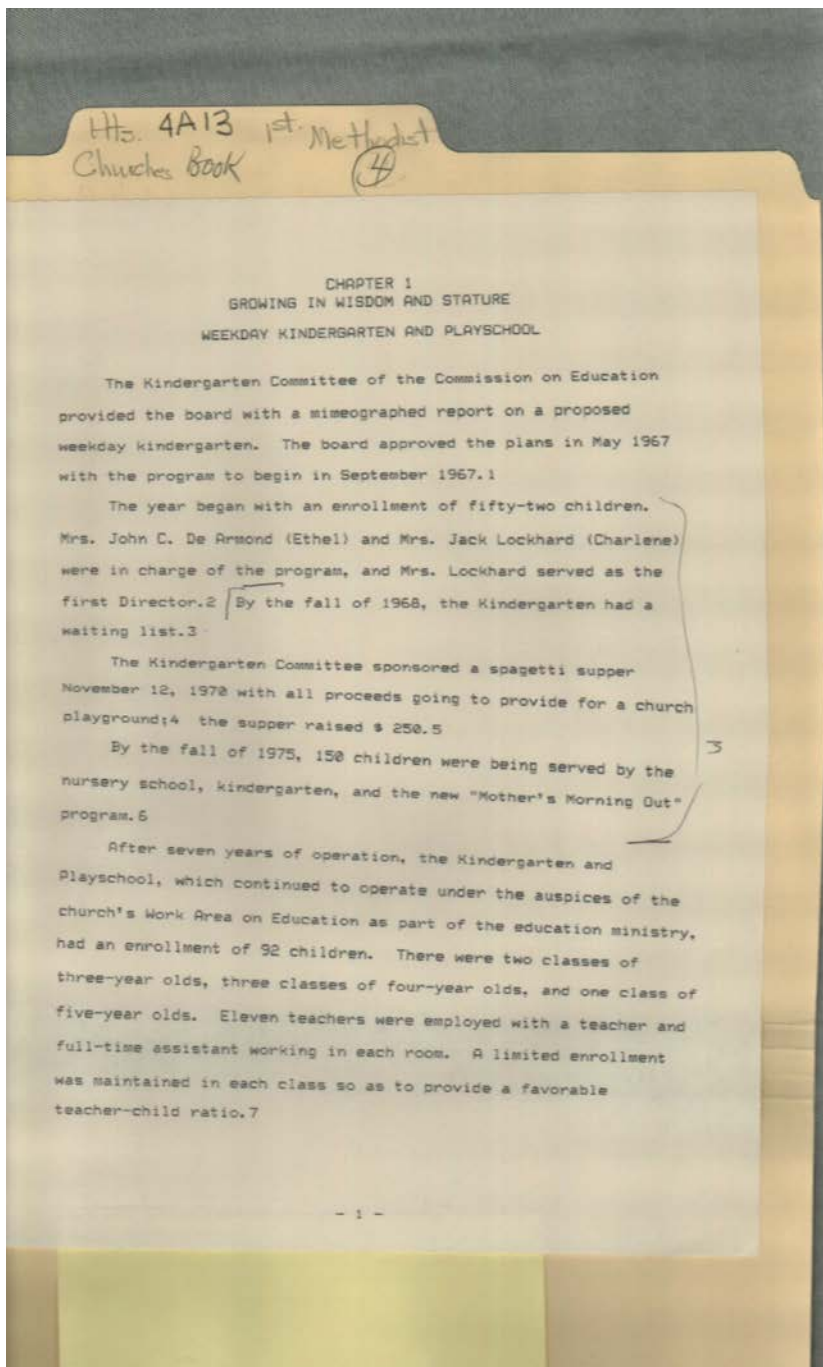
Ruth Ford  
Scholarship Fund

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history



**Names:**

De Armond, Ethel,  
Mrs.

Lockhard, Charlene,  
Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

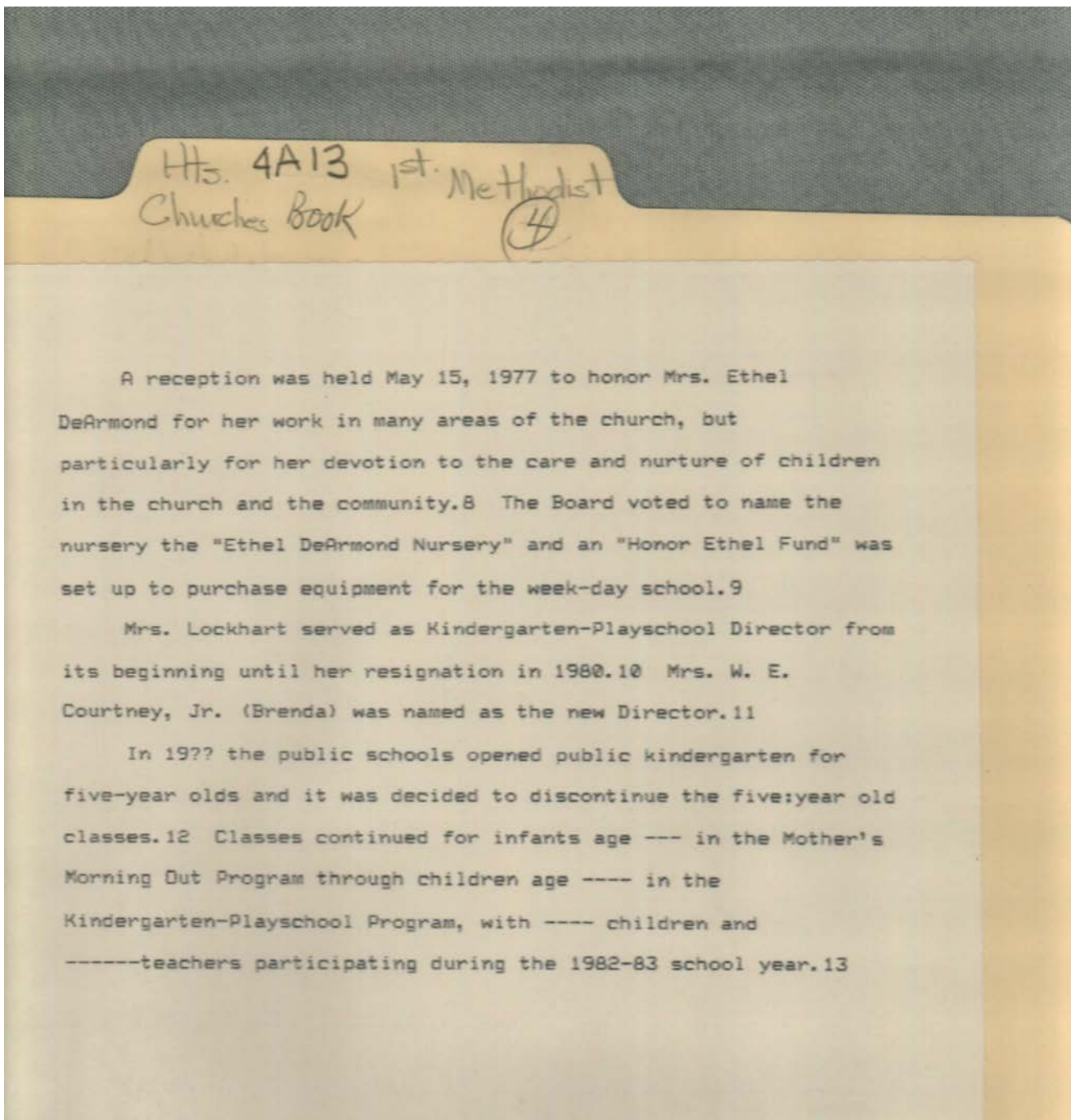
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history

**Dates:**

1867

1967



**Names:**

Courtney, Brenda,  
Mrs.

De Armond, Ethel,  
Mrs.

Lockhard, Charlene,  
Mrs.

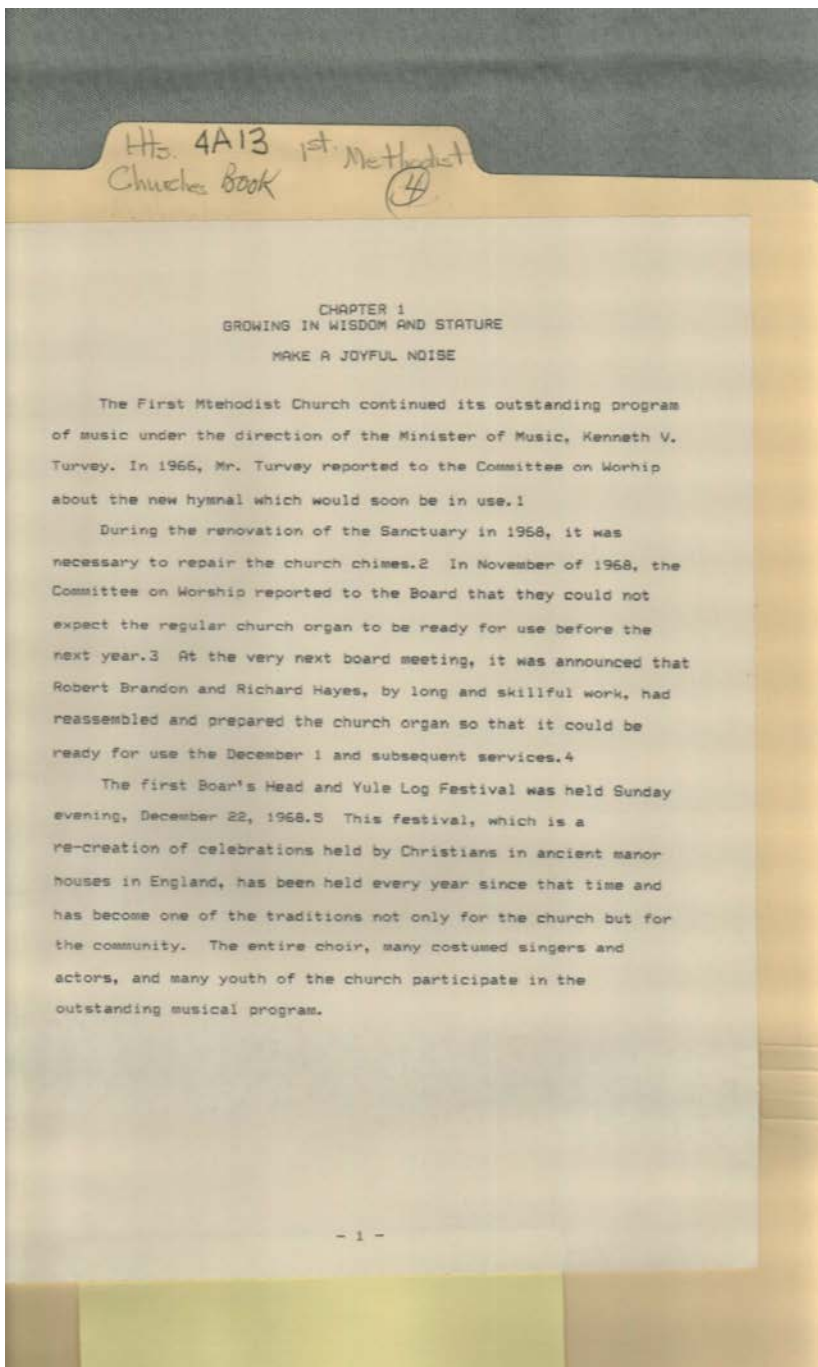
**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history





**Names:**

Brandon, Robert

First United  
Methodist Church

Hayes, Richard  
Turvey, Kenneth V.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

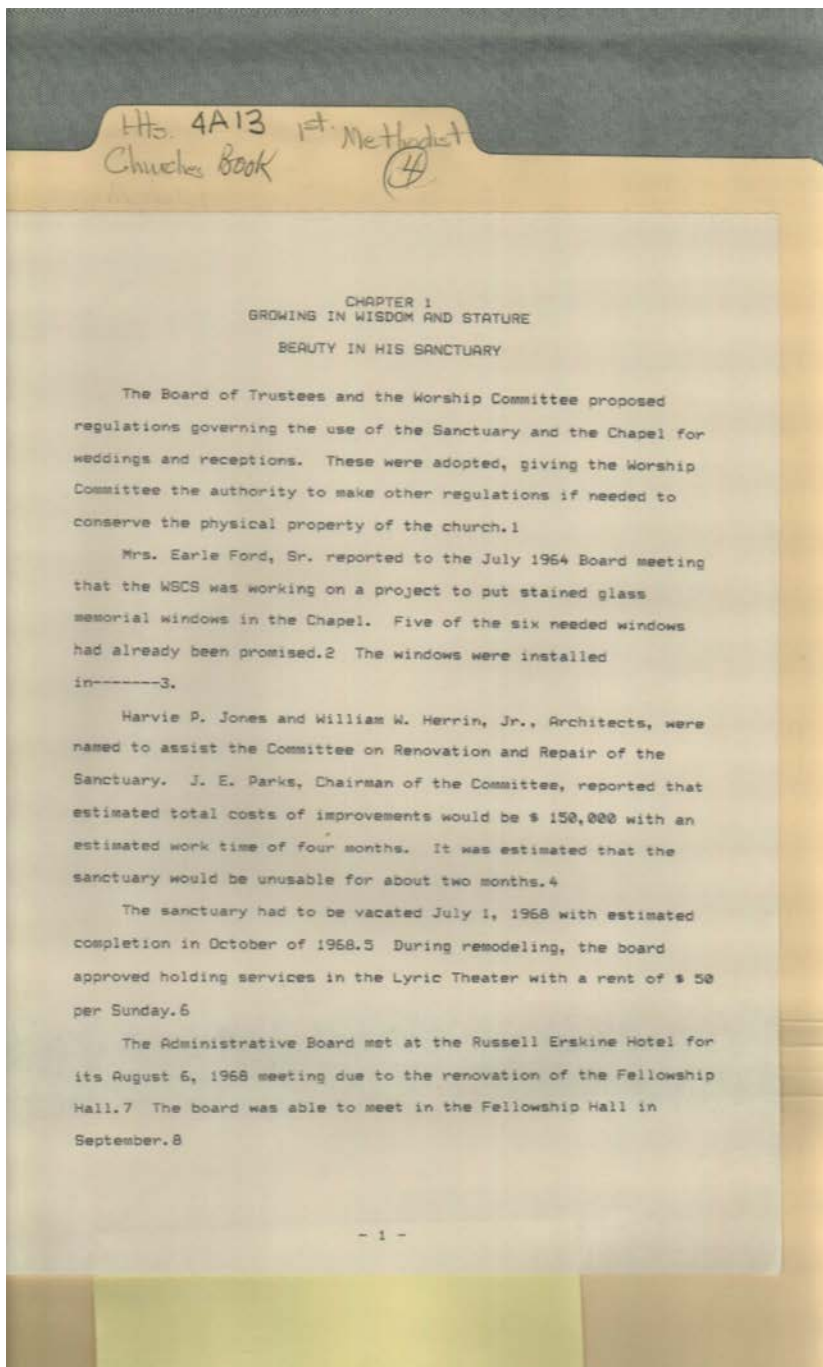
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**Dates:**

1966

1968



**Names:**

Ford, Earl, Sr., Mrs.

Herrin, William W.,  
Jr.

Jones, Harvie P.  
Parks, J. E.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

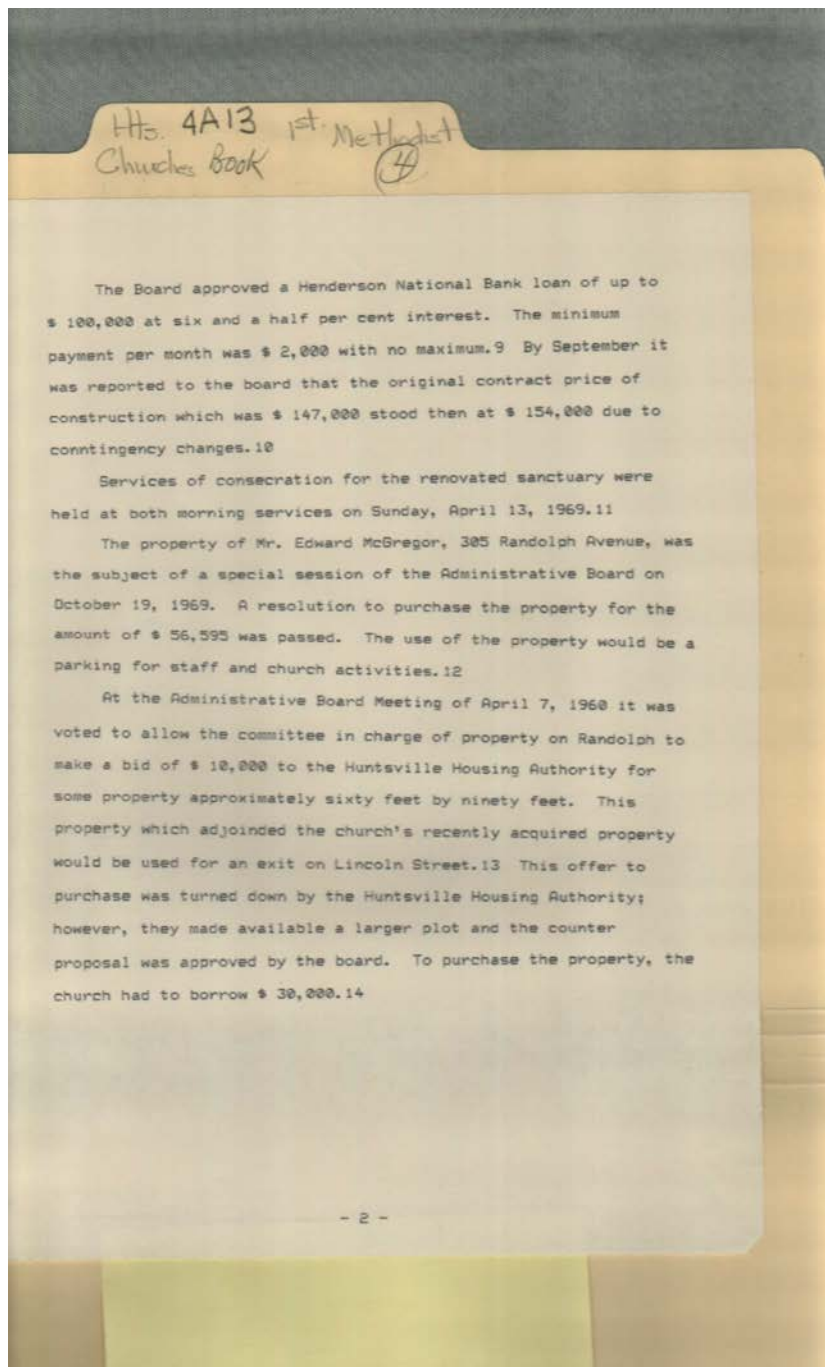
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**Dates:**

1964

1968



**Names:**

McGregor, Edward

**Places:**

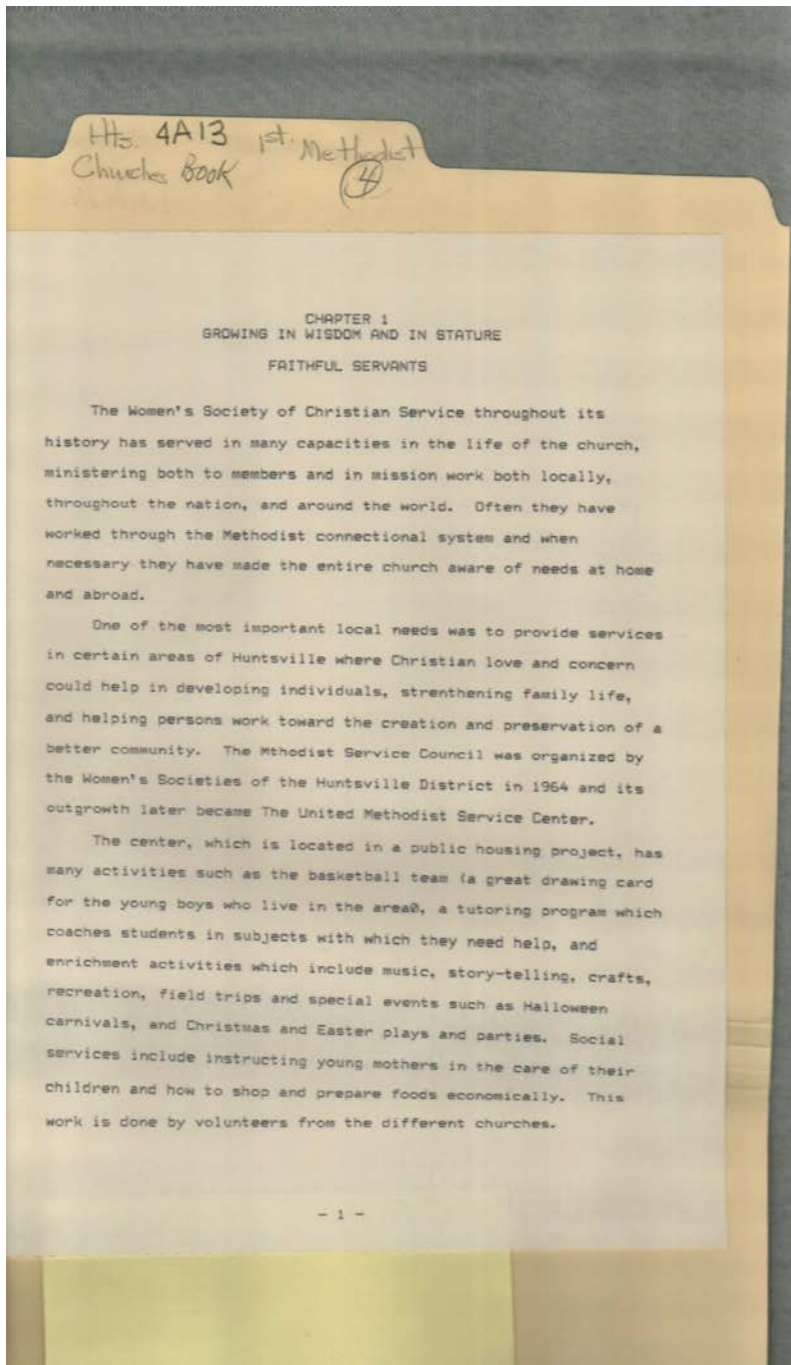
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1960



**Names:**

United Methodist  
Service Center

Women's Society of  
Christian Service

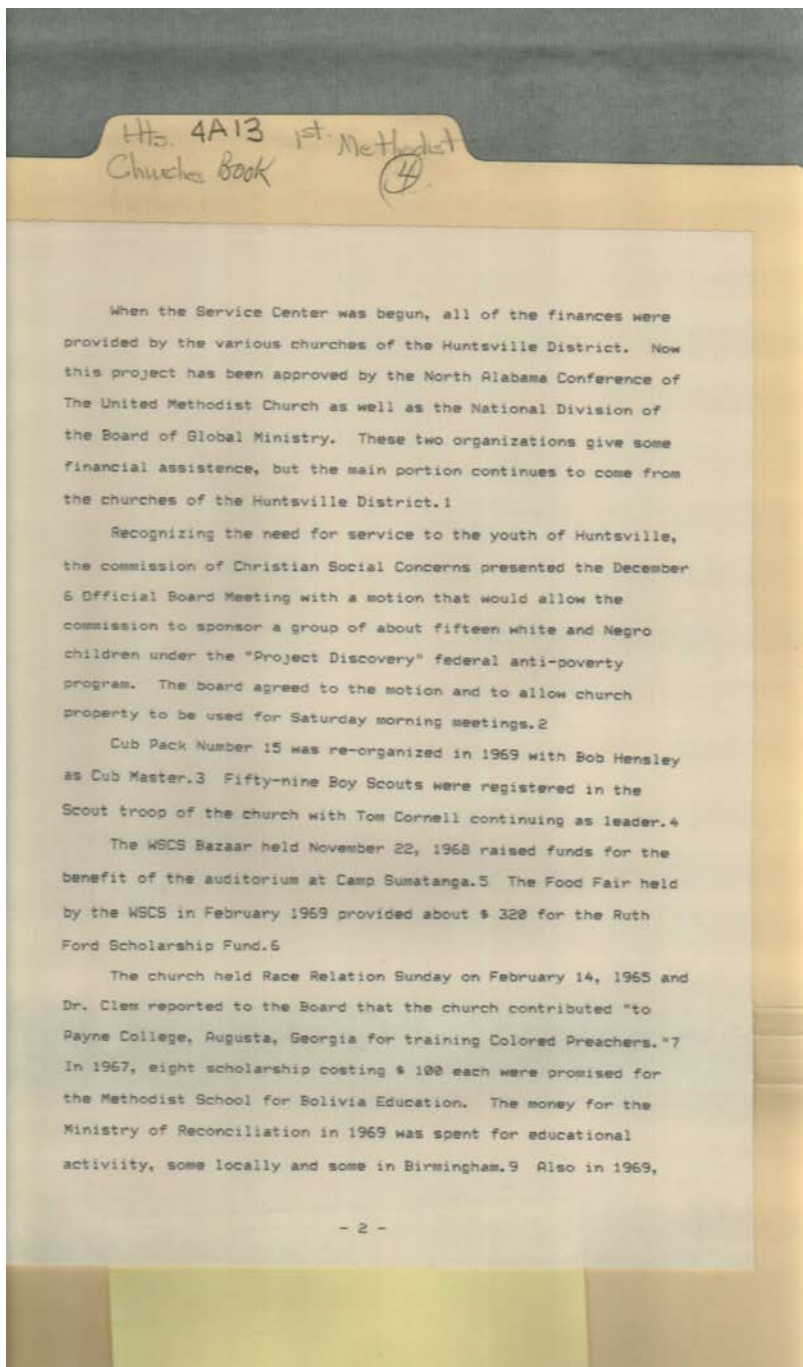
**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history





**Names:**

Clem, Paul L., Rev.

Cornel, Tom

Hensley, Bob

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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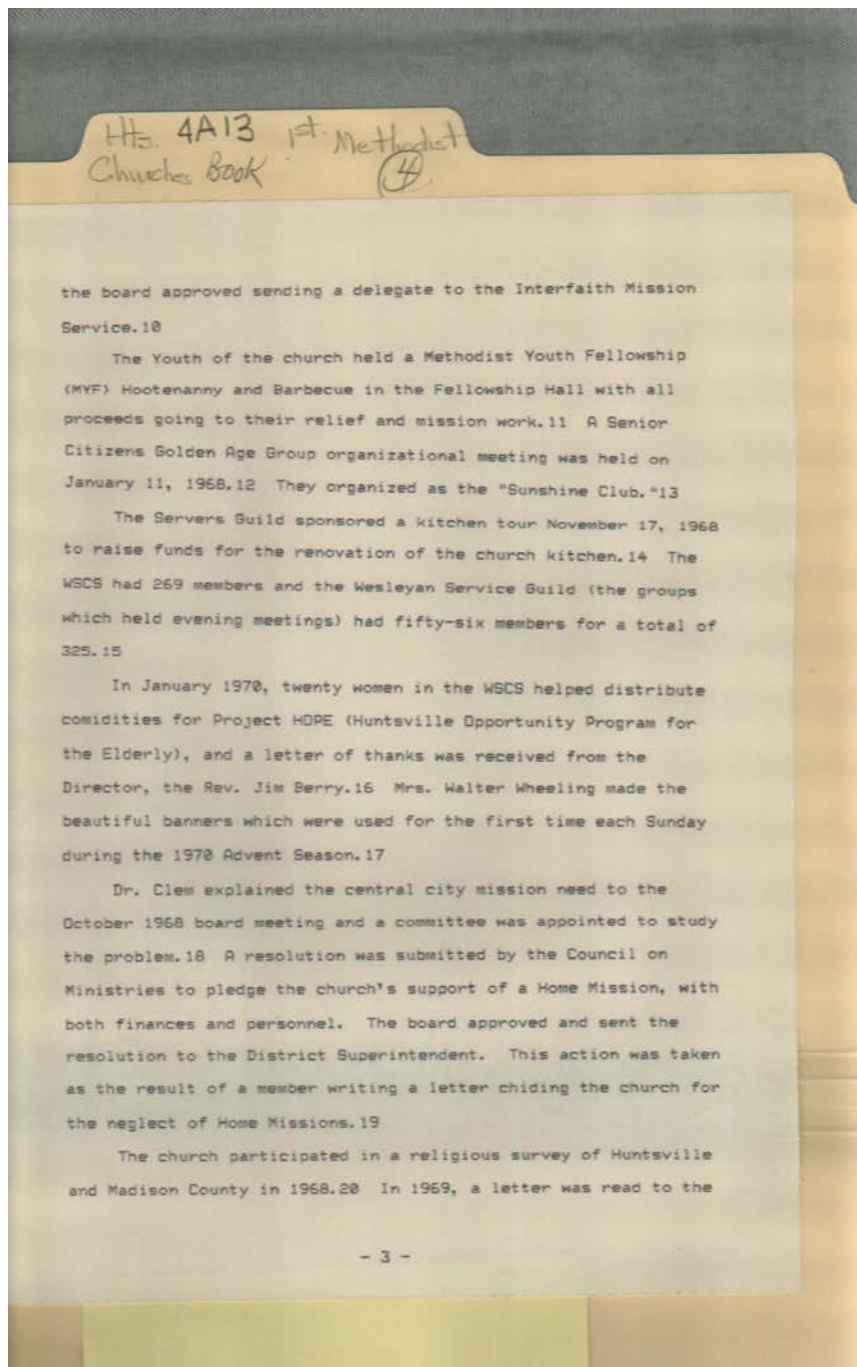
**Dates:**

1965

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**Names:**

Berry, Jim, Rev.  
Clem, Paul L., Rev.

Wheeling, Walter,  
Mrs.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

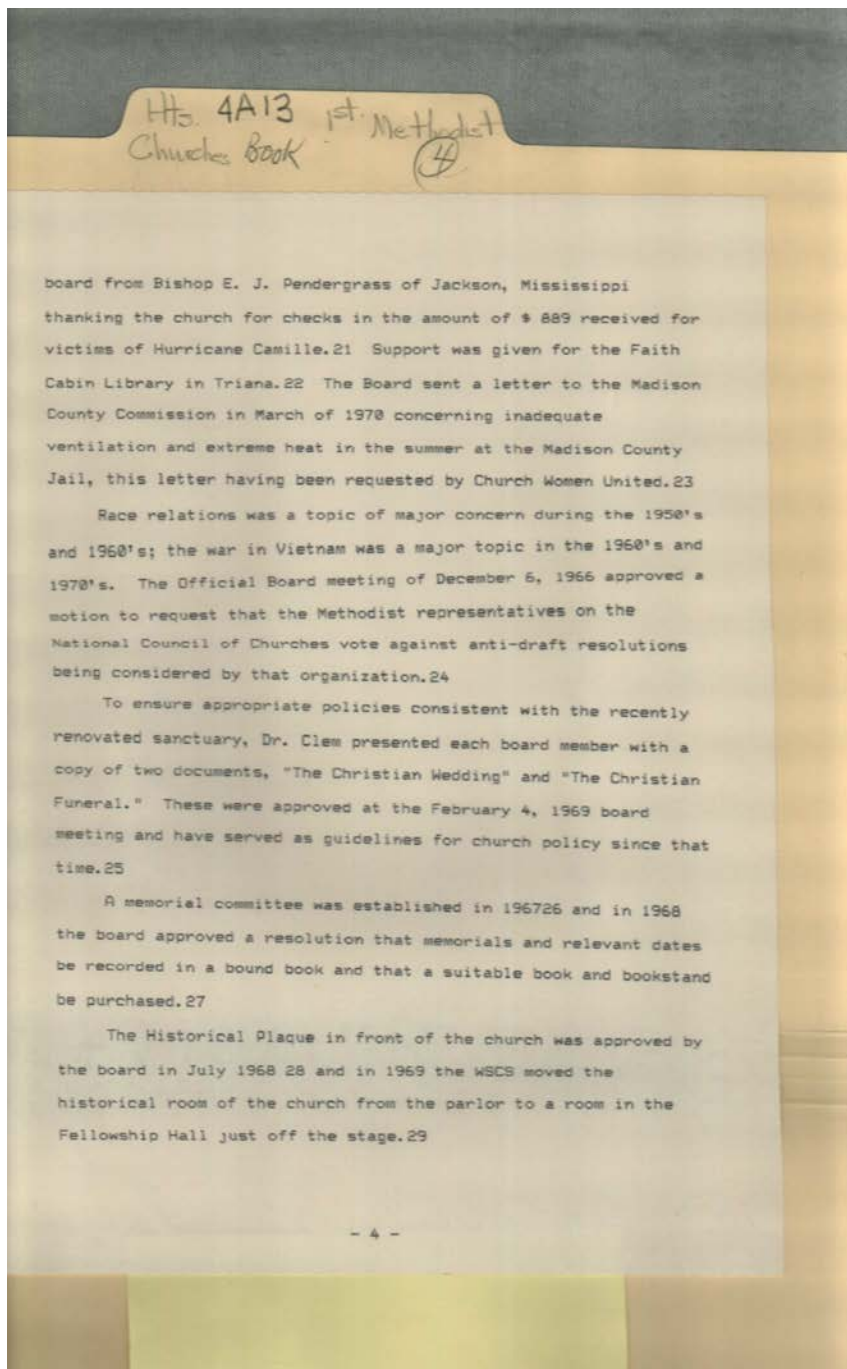
1968

1970

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**Names:**

Clem, Paul L., Rev.  
Faith Cabin Library

Hurricane Camille

Pendergrass, E. J.,  
Bishop

**Places:**

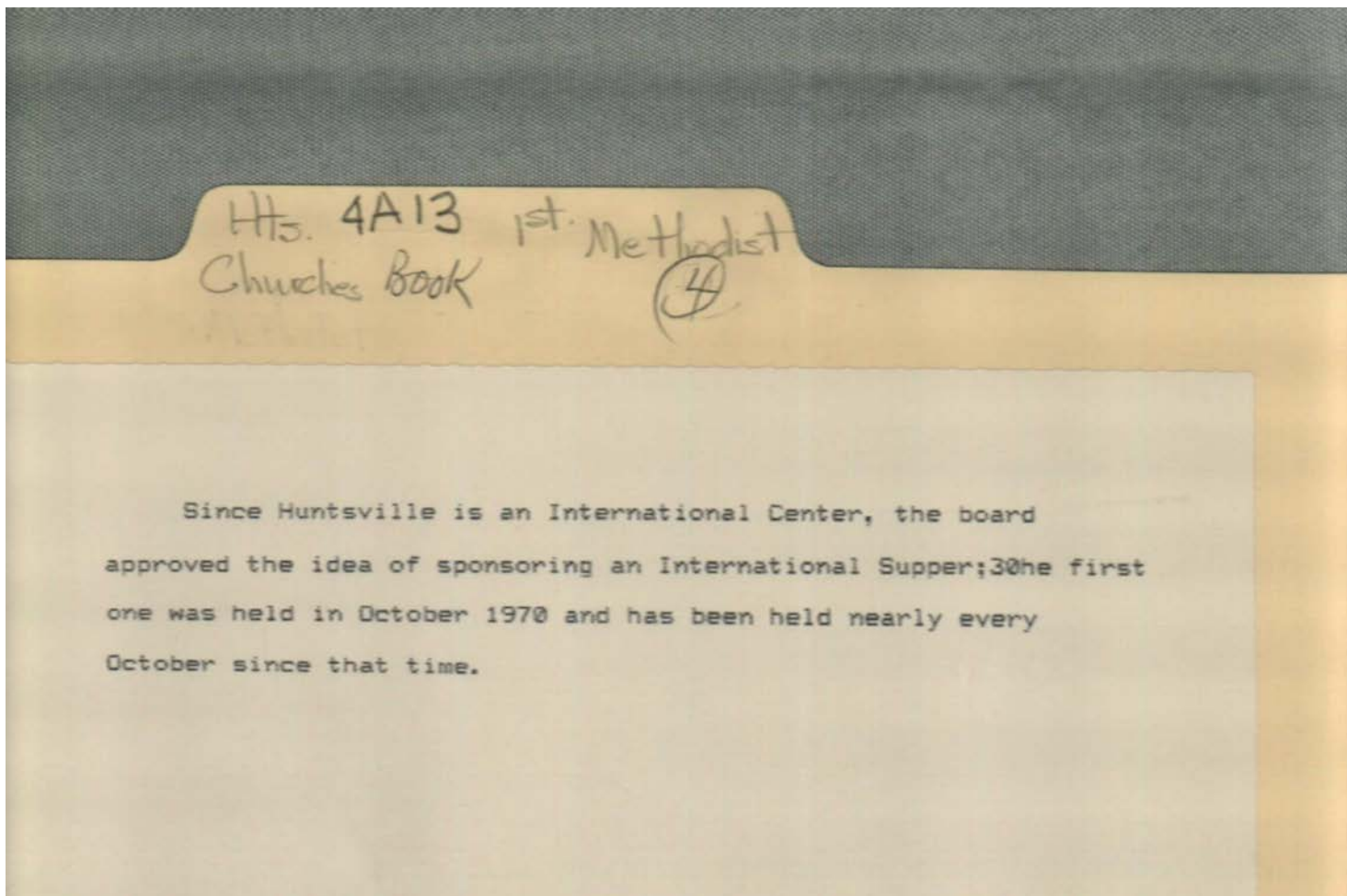
Huntsville, AL

Jackson, MS

Triana, AL

**Types:**

history



**Names:**

International Supper

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

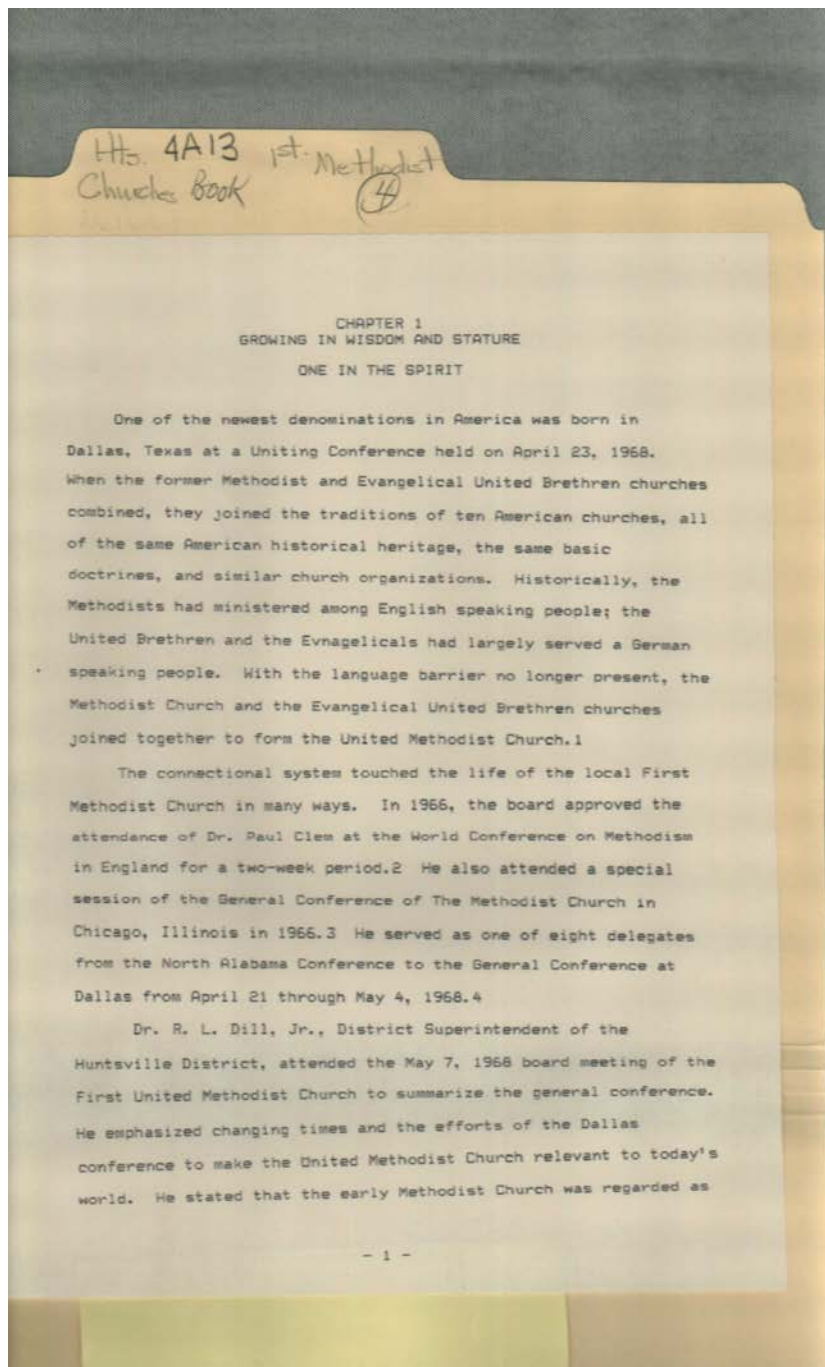
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history

**Dates:**

1970





**Names:**

Clem, Paul L., Rev.

Dill, R. L., Jr., Dr.

**Places:**

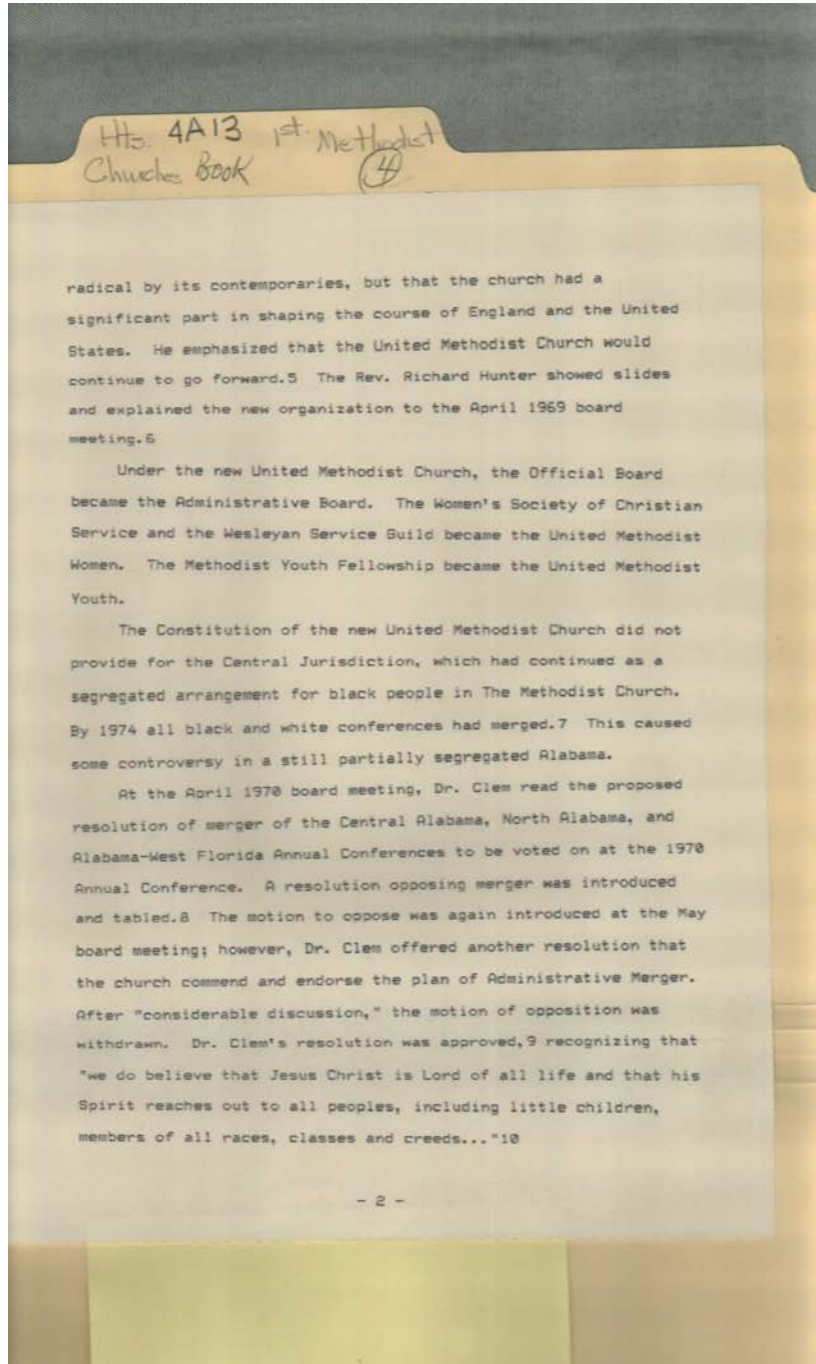
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1968



**Names:**

Clem, Paul L., Rev.

Hunter, Richard, Rev.

**Places:**

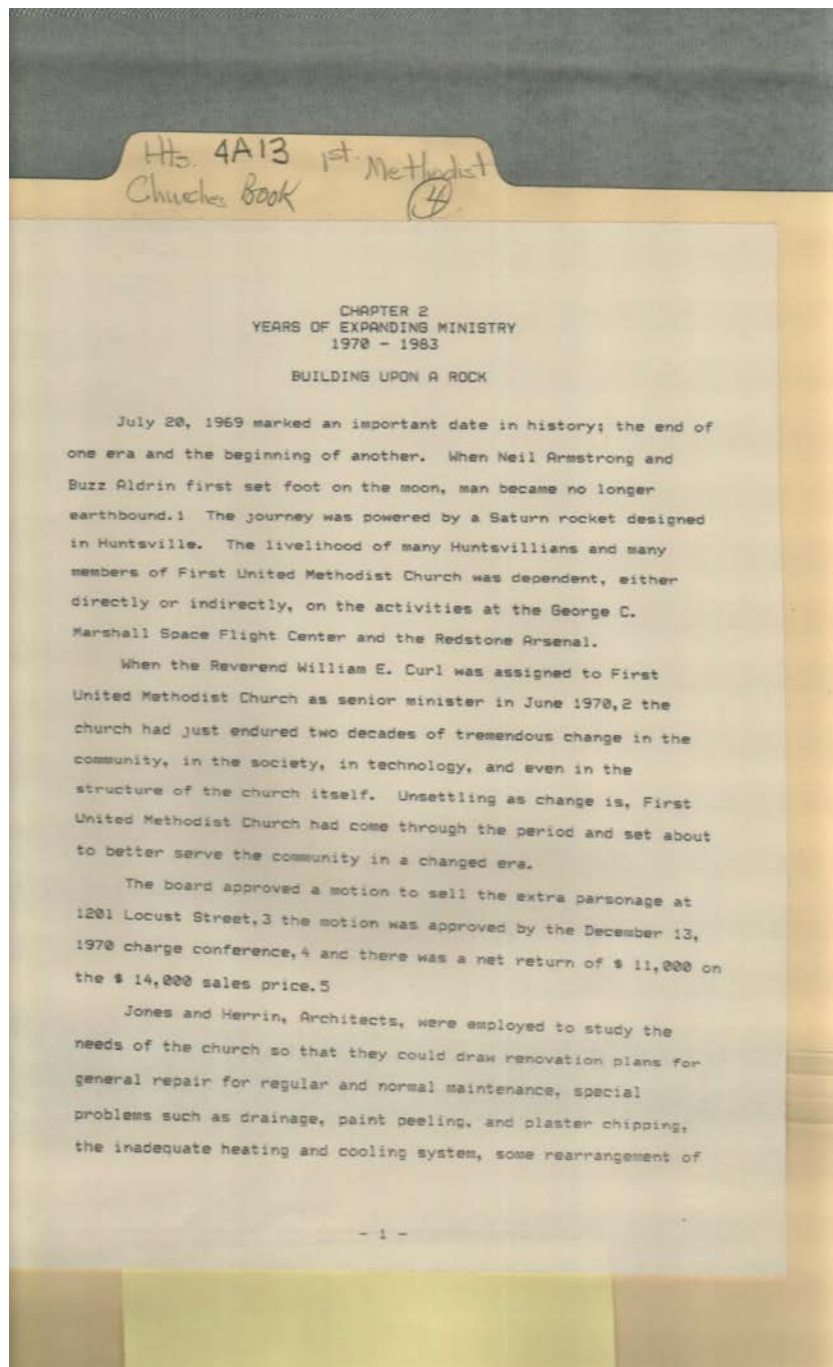
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1969



**Names:**

Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

First United  
Methodist Church

George C. Marshall  
Space Flight Center

**Places:**

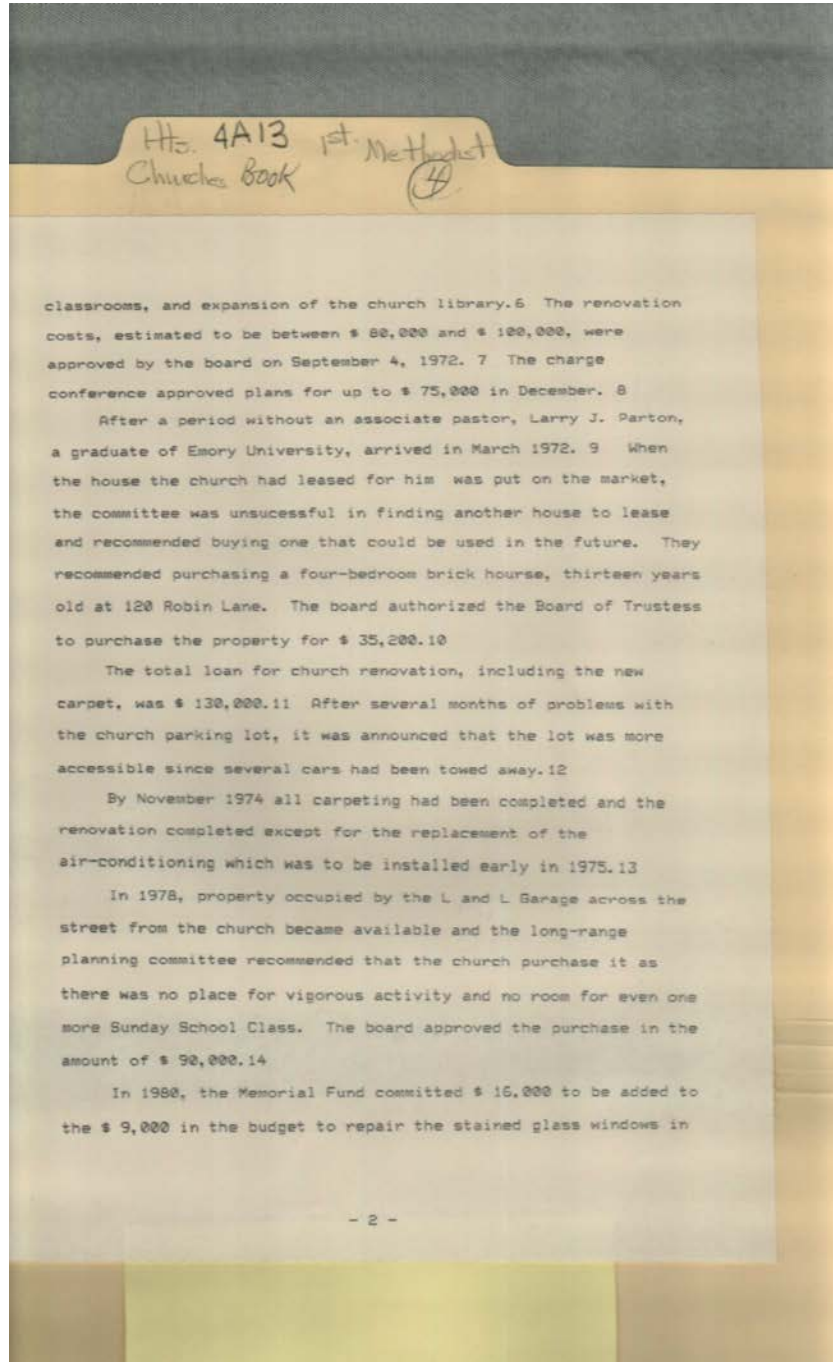
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1970



**Names:**

Parton, Larry J., Rev.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

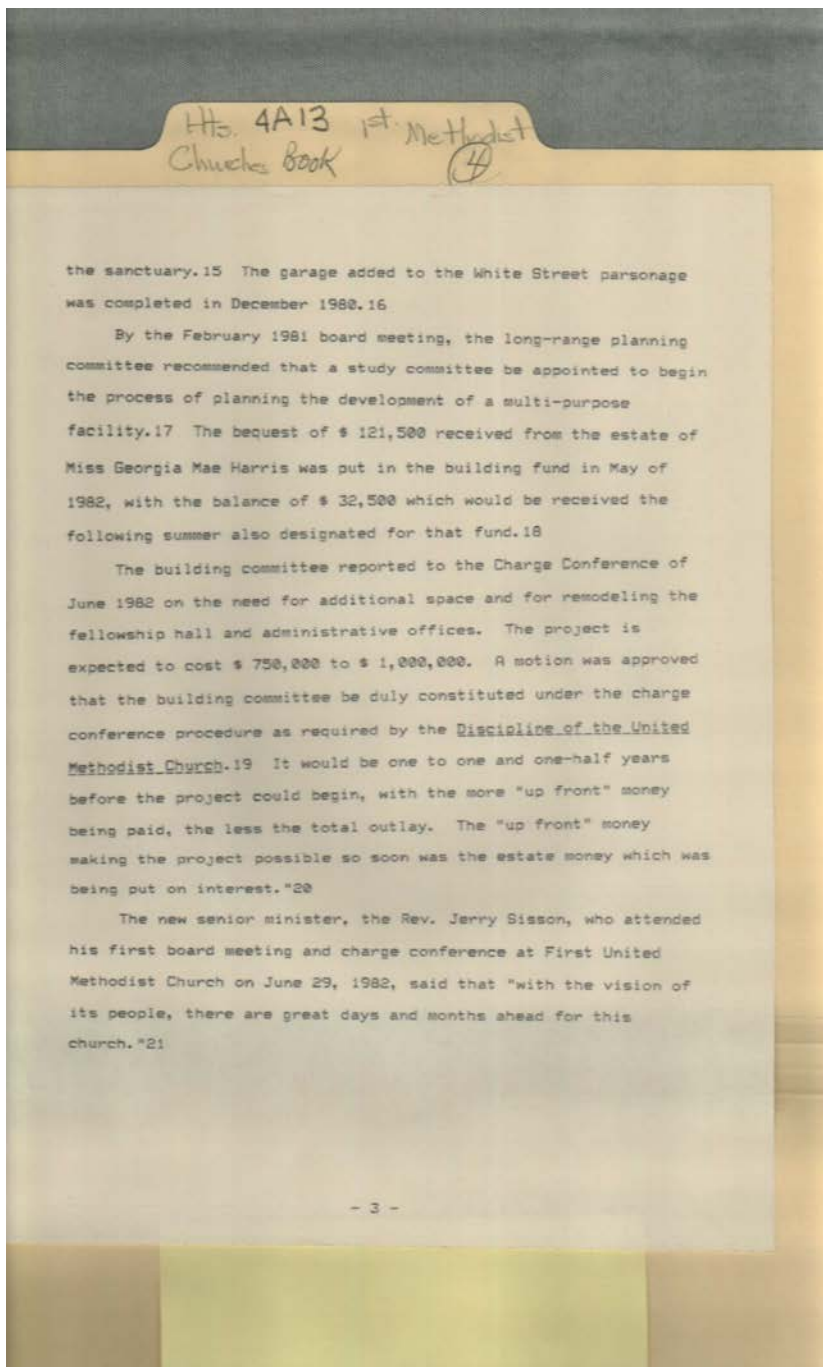
1972



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**Names:**

Harris, Georgia Mae

Sisson, Jerry, Rev.

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

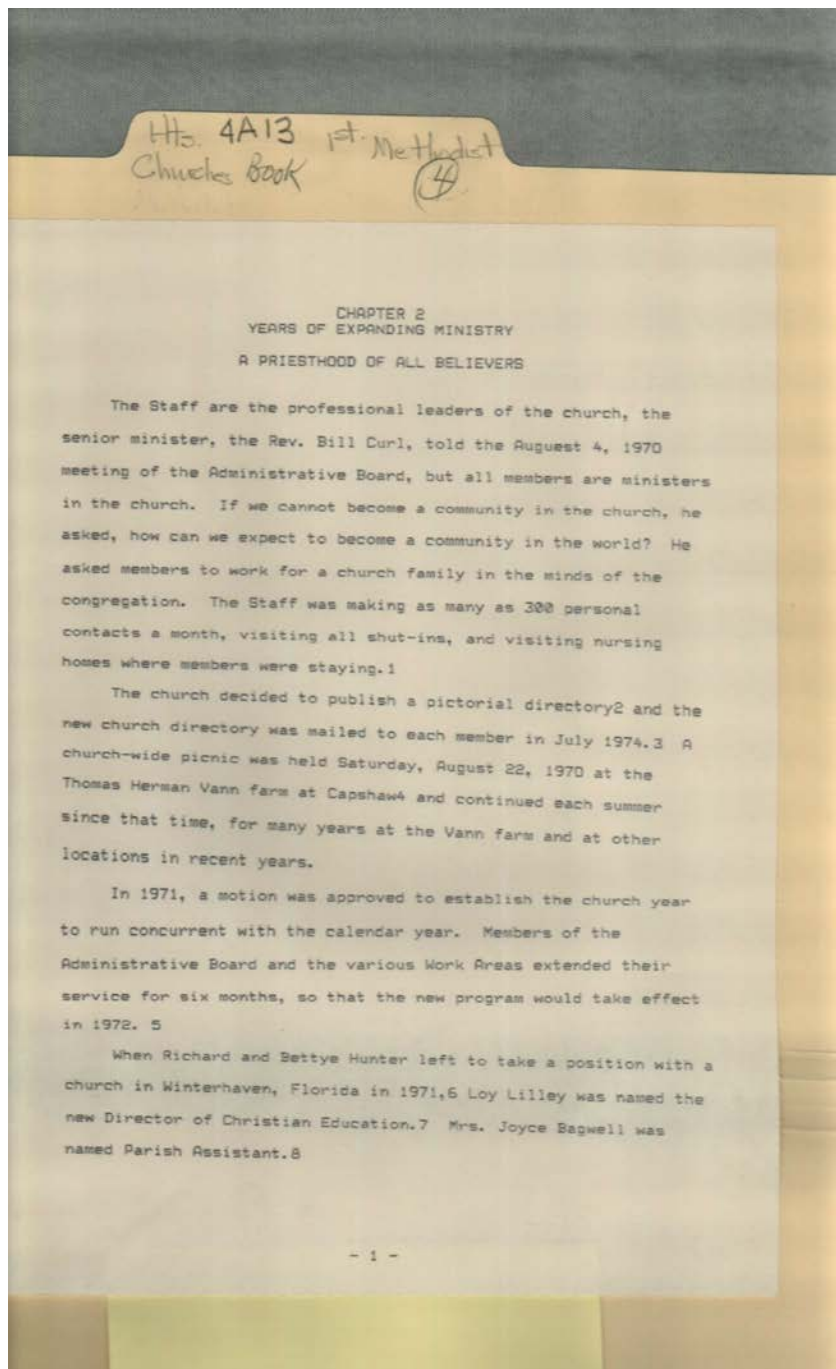
**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1981

1982



**Names:**

Bagwell, Joyce, Mrs.  
Curl, Bill, Rev.

Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

Hunter, Richard &  
Bettye  
Lilley, Loy

Vann, Thomas  
Herman

**Places:**

Capshaw, AL

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

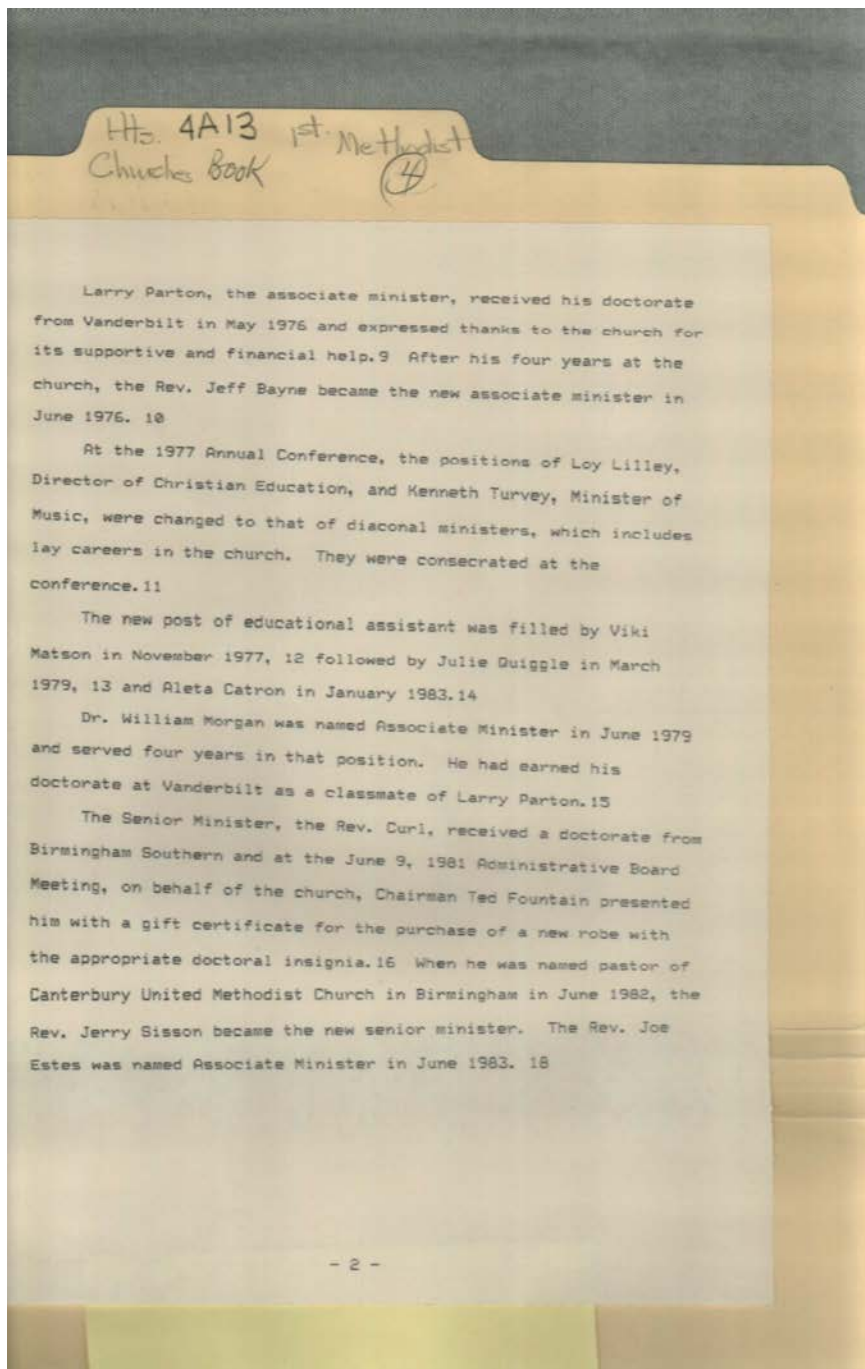
1970

1971

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**Names:**

Bayne, Jeff, Rev.  
Catron, Aleta  
Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

Estes, Joe, Rev.  
Fountain, Ted  
Lilley, Loy  
Matson, Vicki

Morgan, William, Dr.  
Parton, Larry J., Rev.  
Quiggle, Julie  
Sisson, Jerry, Rev.

Turvey, Kenneth

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

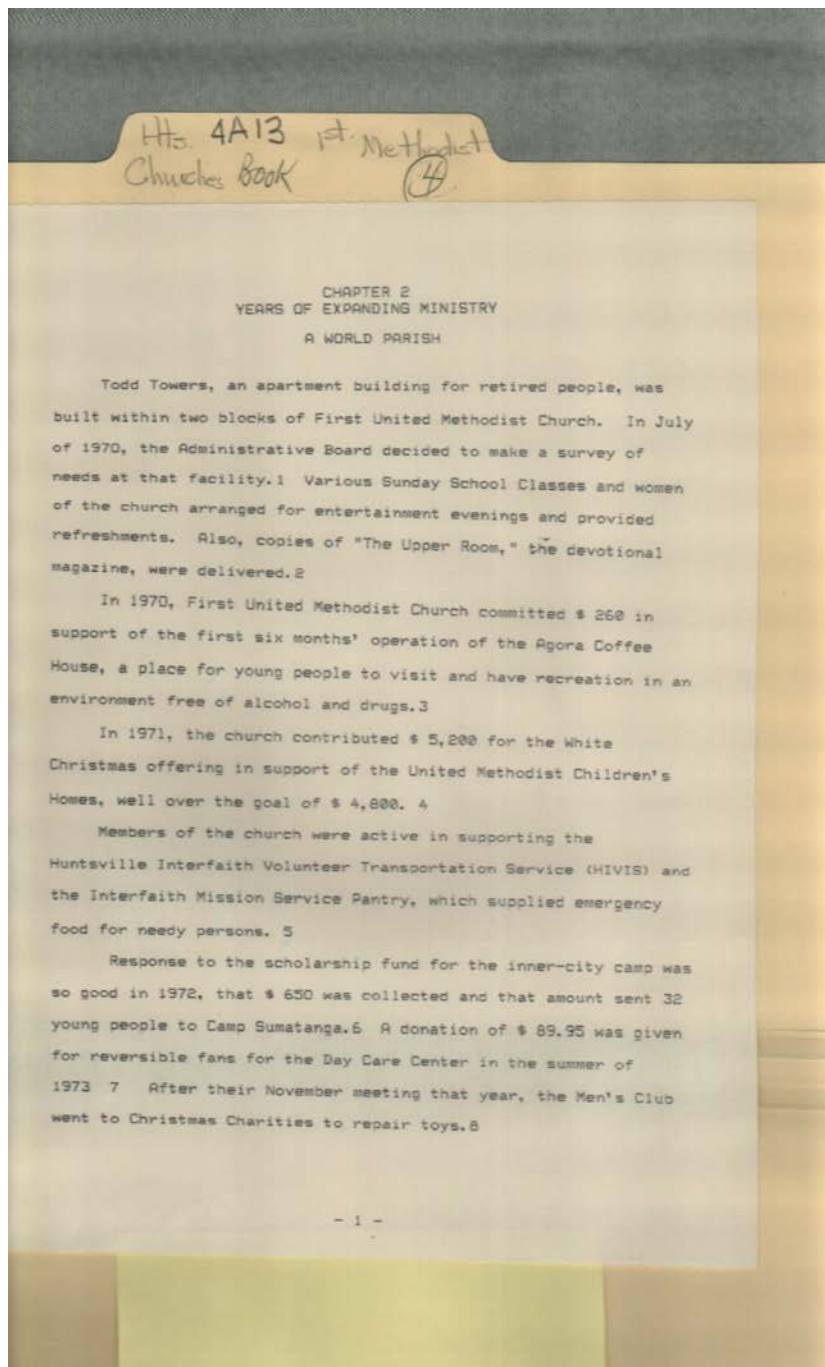
history

**Dates:**

1976  
1977

1979  
1981

1982  
1983



**Names:**

Agora Coffee House

Todd Towers

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

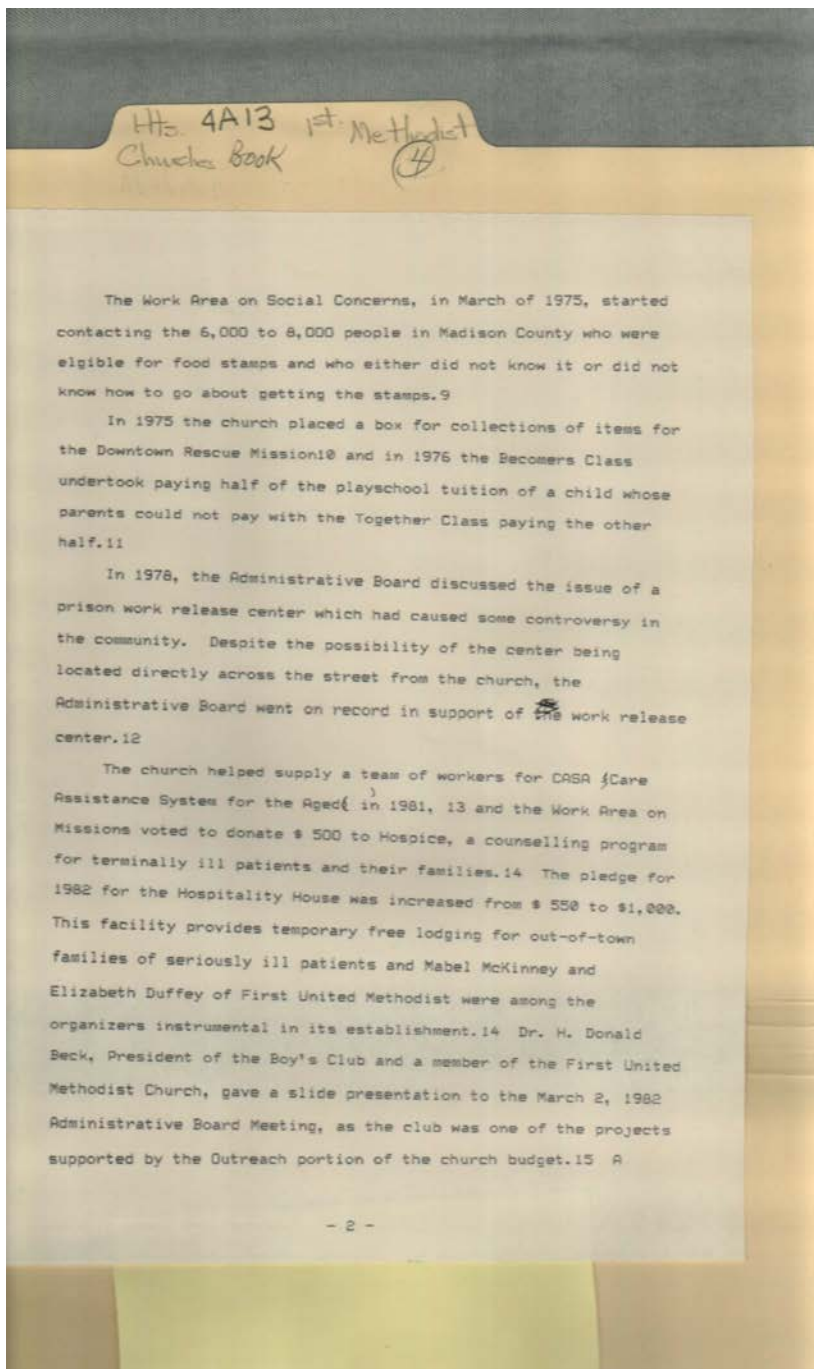
1970



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**Names:**

Beck, H. Donald, Dr.

Duffey, Elizabeth

McKinney, Mavel

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

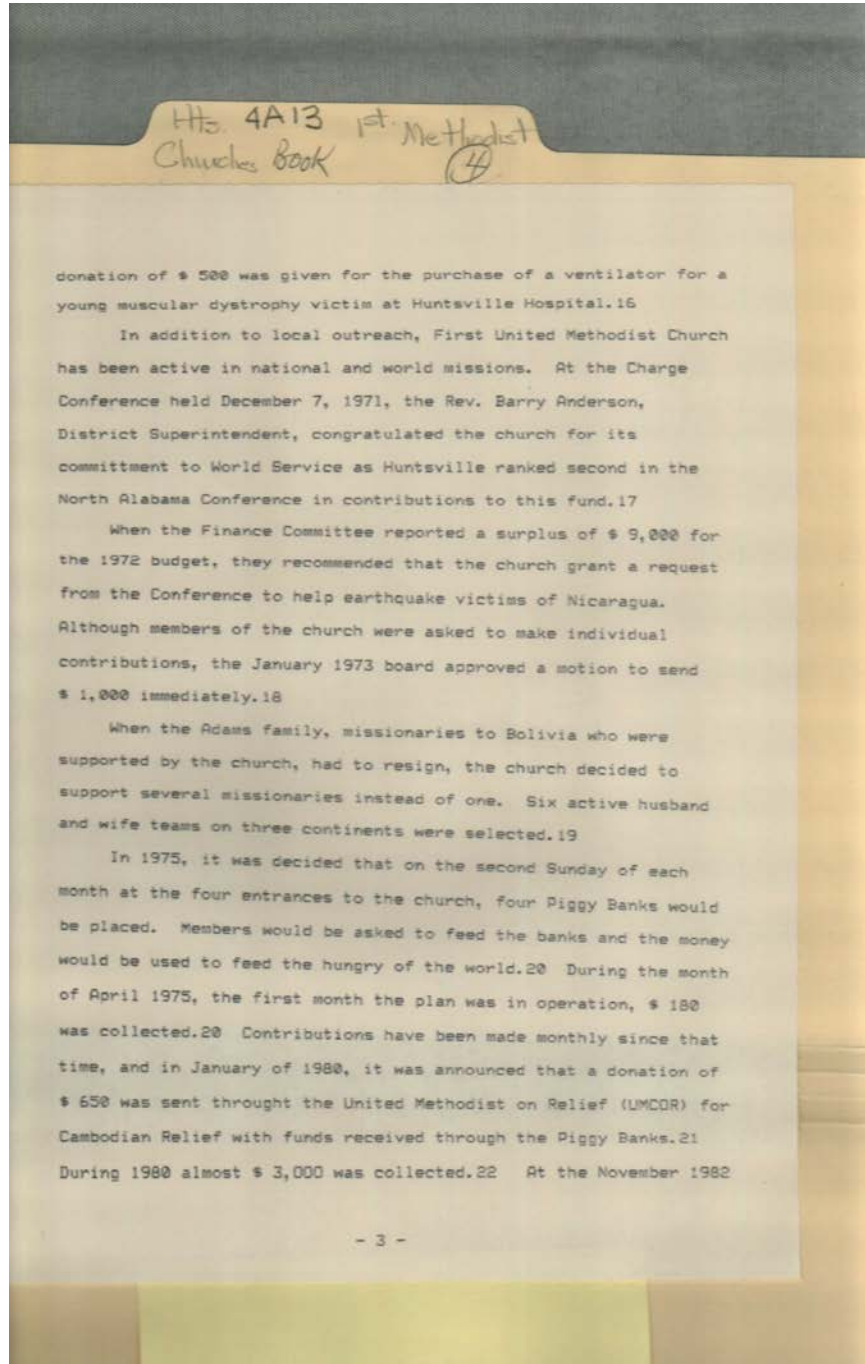
1981

1982

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**Names:**

Anderson, Barry, Rev.

First United  
Methodist Church

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

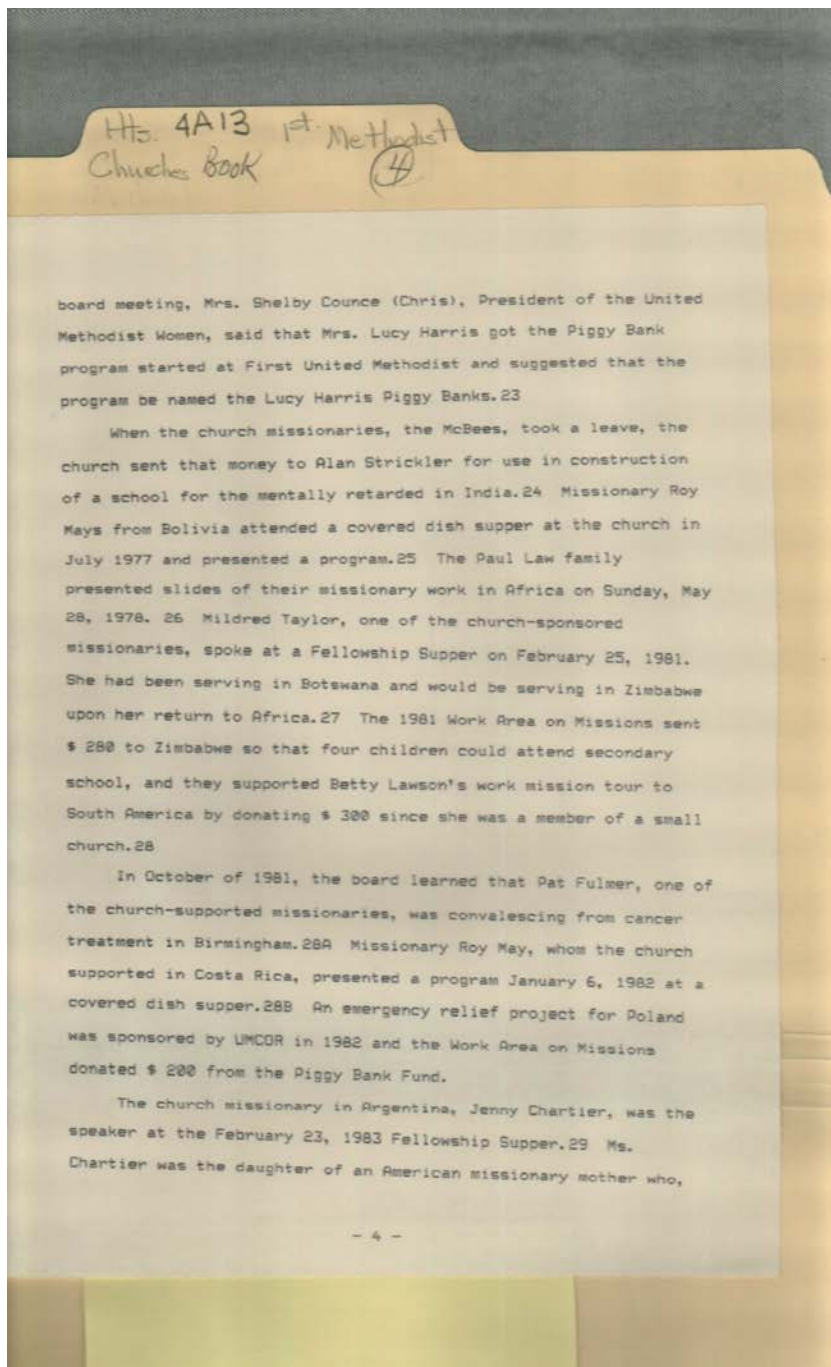
**Dates:**

1971

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**Names:**

Chartier, Jenny  
Counce, Shelby, Mrs.  
Fulmer, Pat

Harris, Lucy  
Law, Paul  
Lawson, Betty

May, Roy  
Mays, Roy  
McBee,

Strickler, Alan  
Taylor, Mildred

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

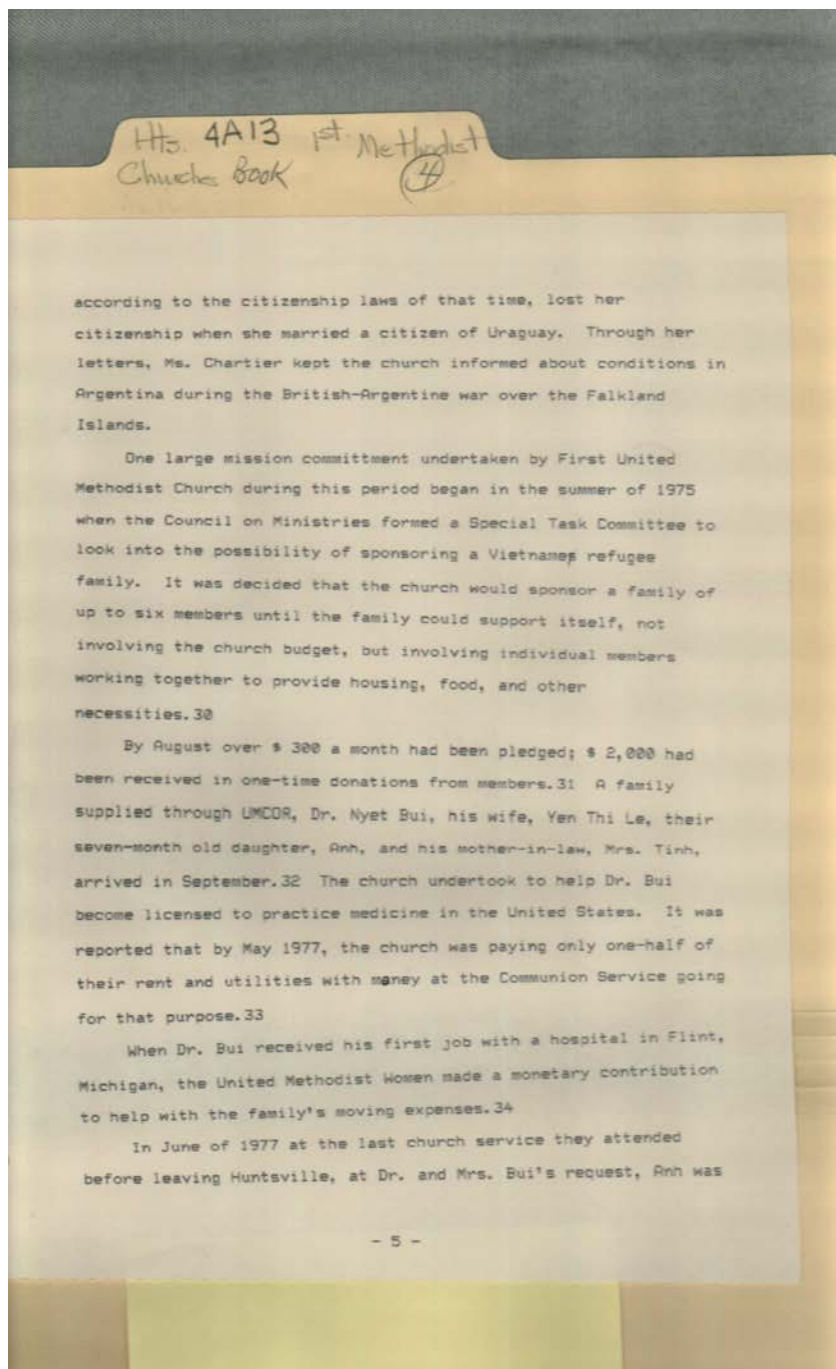
history

**Dates:**

1977  
1978

1981  
1982

1983



**Names:**

Bui, Anh

Bui, Nyet, Dr.

Bui, Yen Thi Le

Chartier, Jenny

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

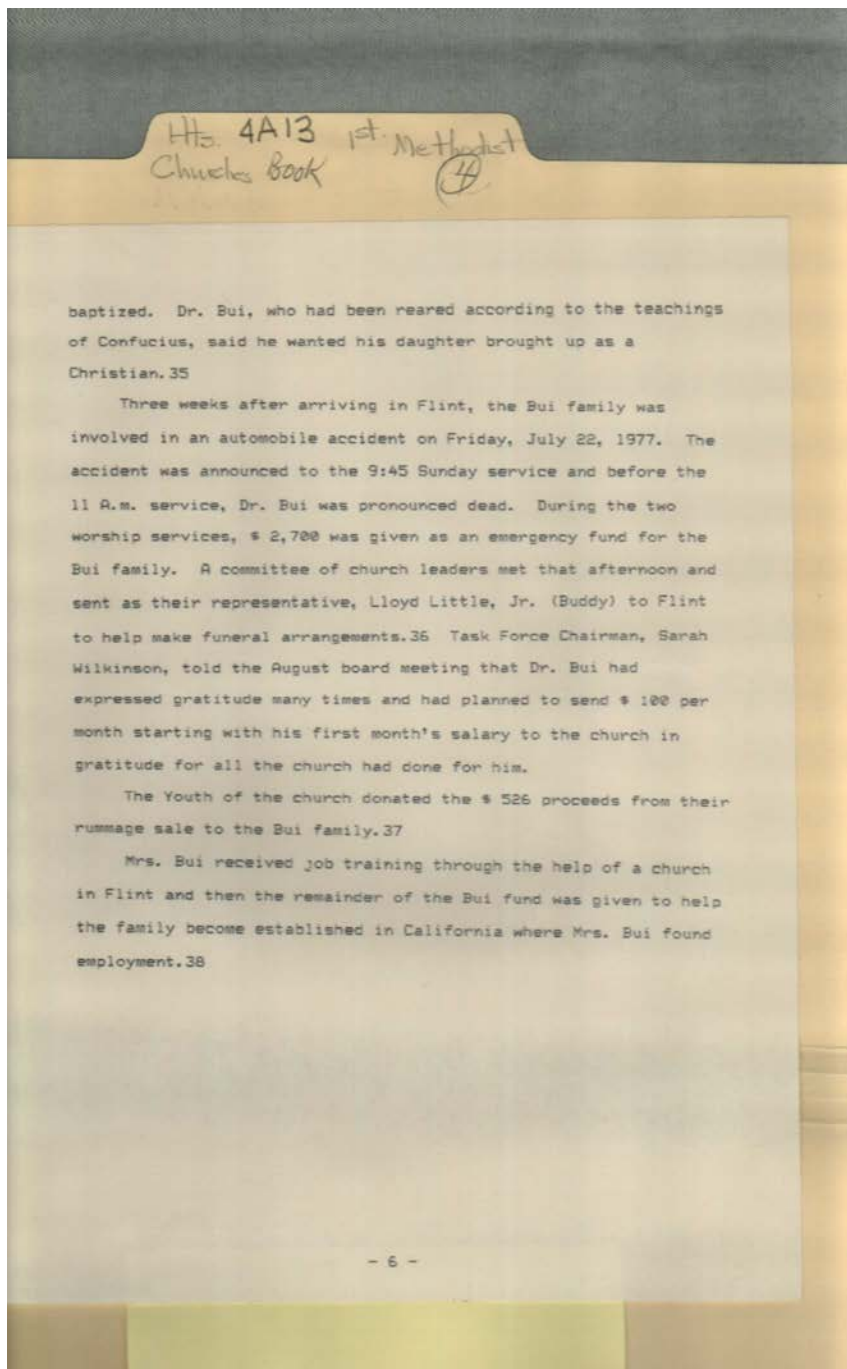
history

**Dates:**

1977

1983





**Names:**

Bui, Nyet, Dr.

Little, Lloyd, Jr.

Wilkinson, Sarah

**Places:**

Flint, MI

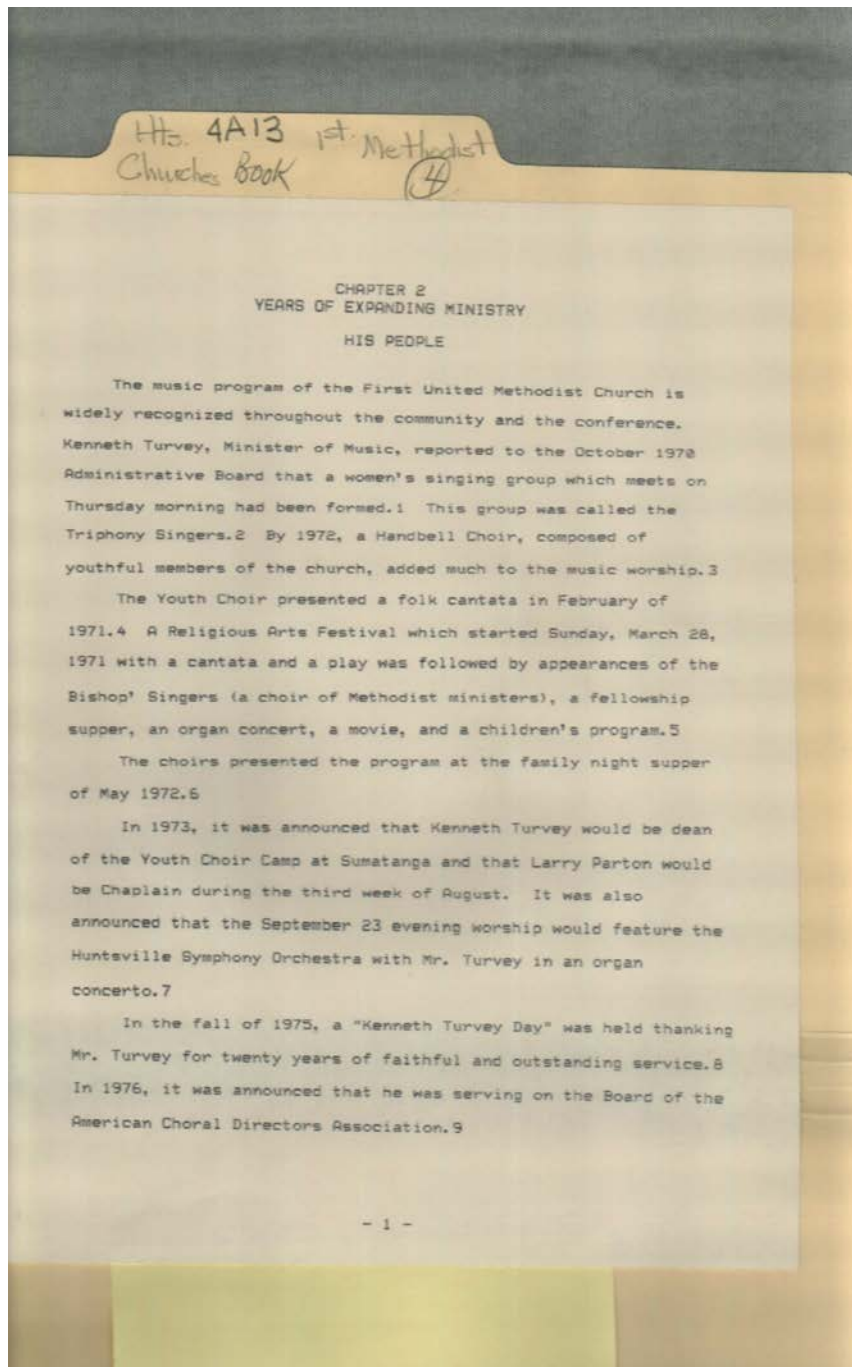
Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

**Dates:**

1977



**Names:**

First United  
Methodist Church

Parton, Larry J., Rev.  
Turvey, Kenneth

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

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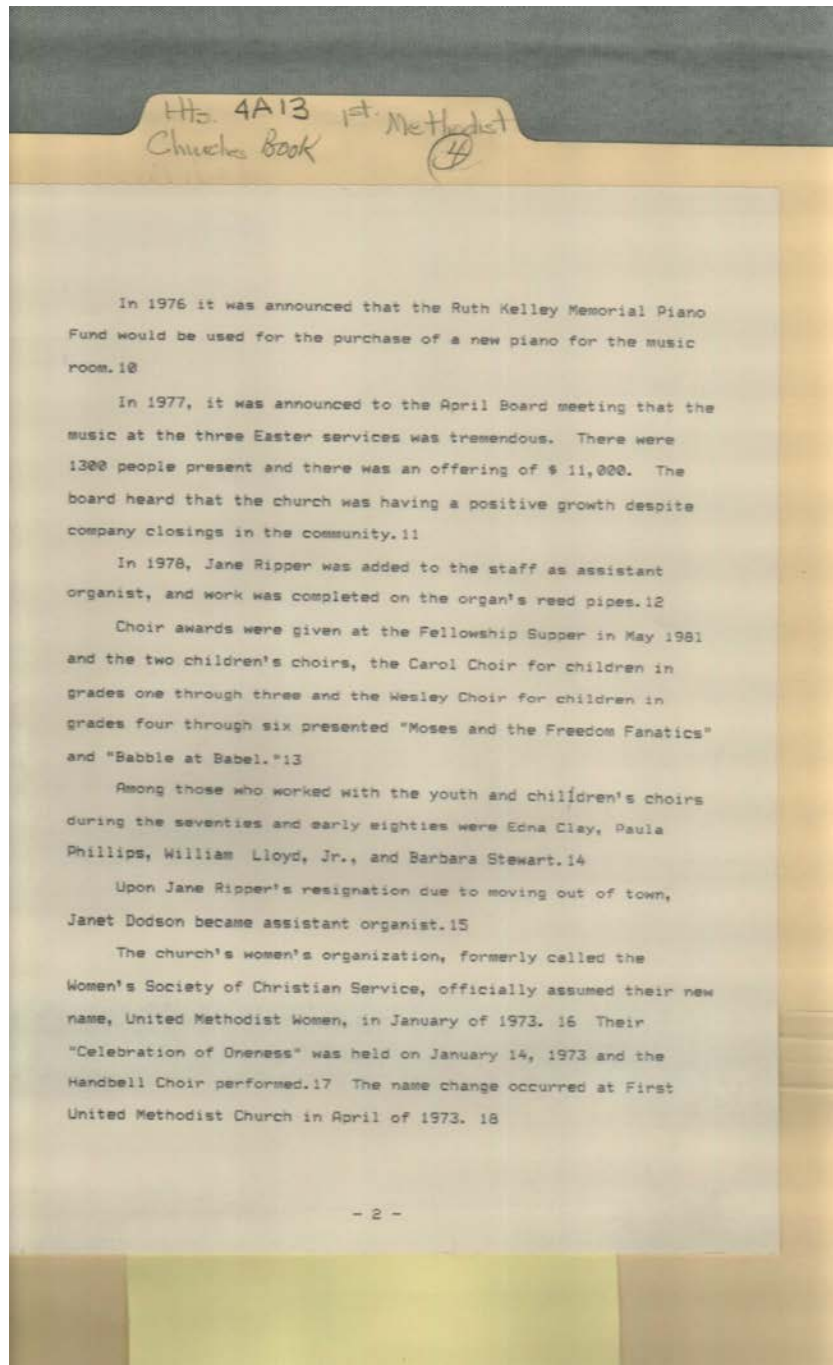
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1970

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**Names:**

Clay, Edna  
Dodson, Janet  
Kelley, Ruth

Lloyd, William, Jr.  
Phillips, Paula  
Ripper, Jane

Stewart, Barbara  
United Methodist  
Women

**Places:**

Huntsville, AL

**Types:**

history

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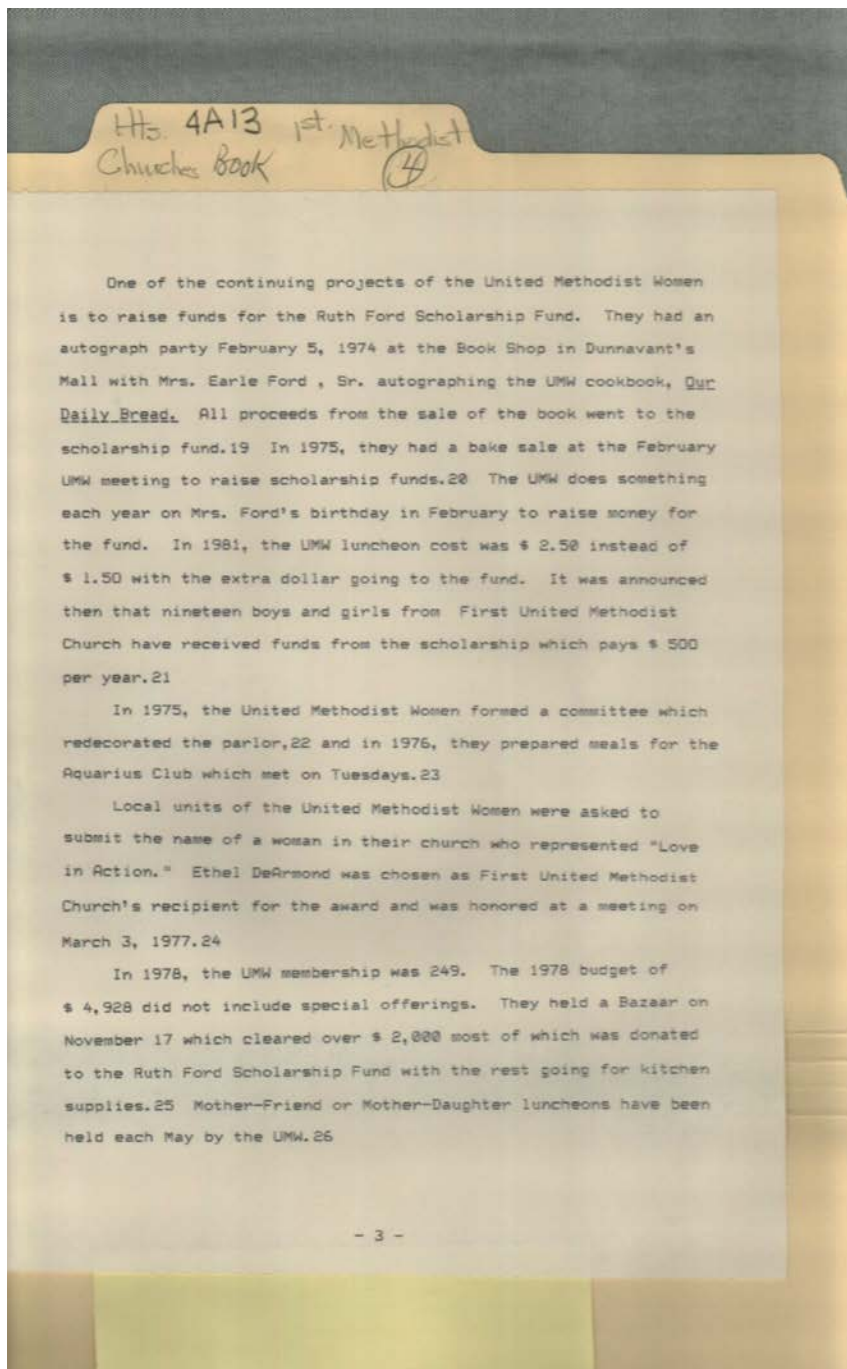
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Scholarship Fund

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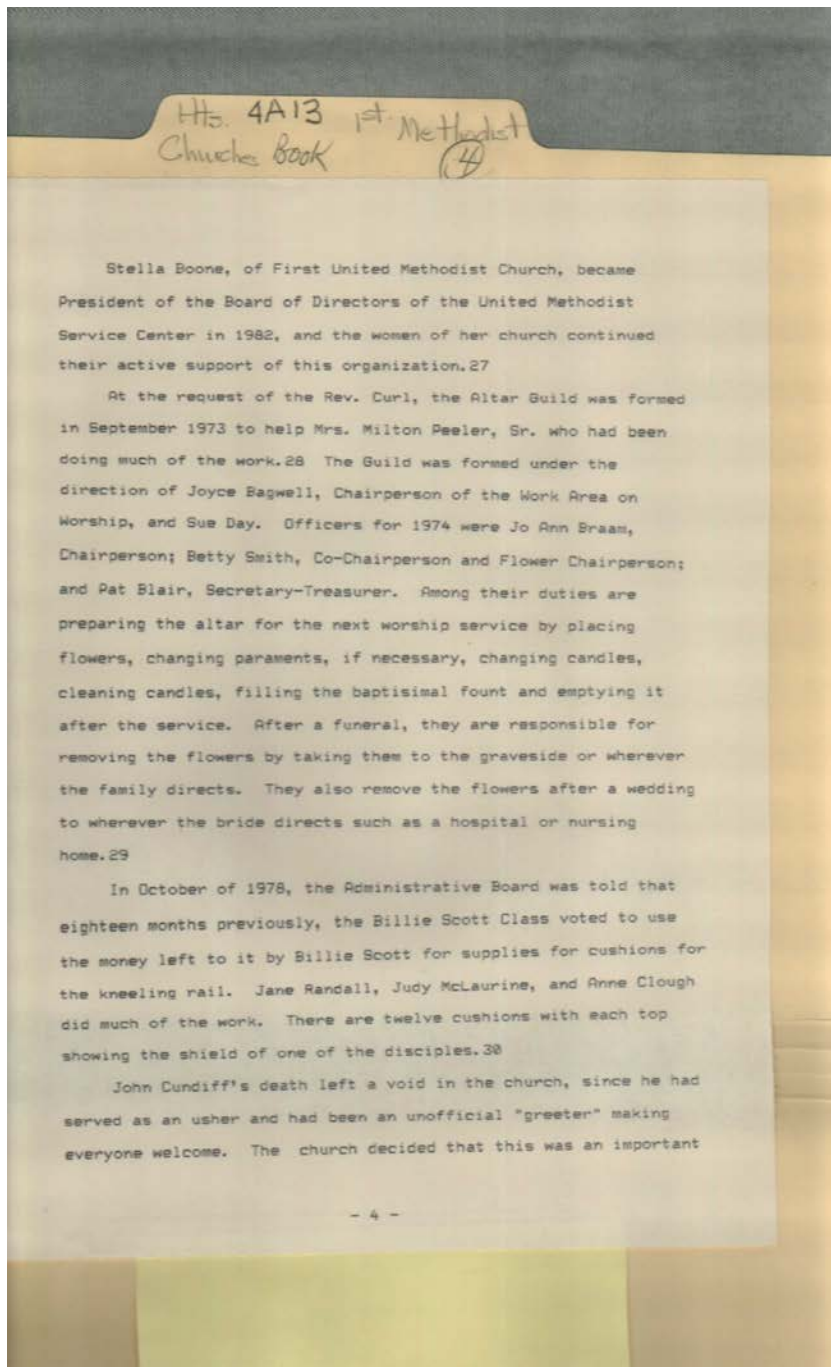
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Blair, Pat  
Boone, Stella  
Braum, Jo Ann

Clough, Anne  
Cundiff, John  
Curl, William E.,  
Rev.

Day, Sue  
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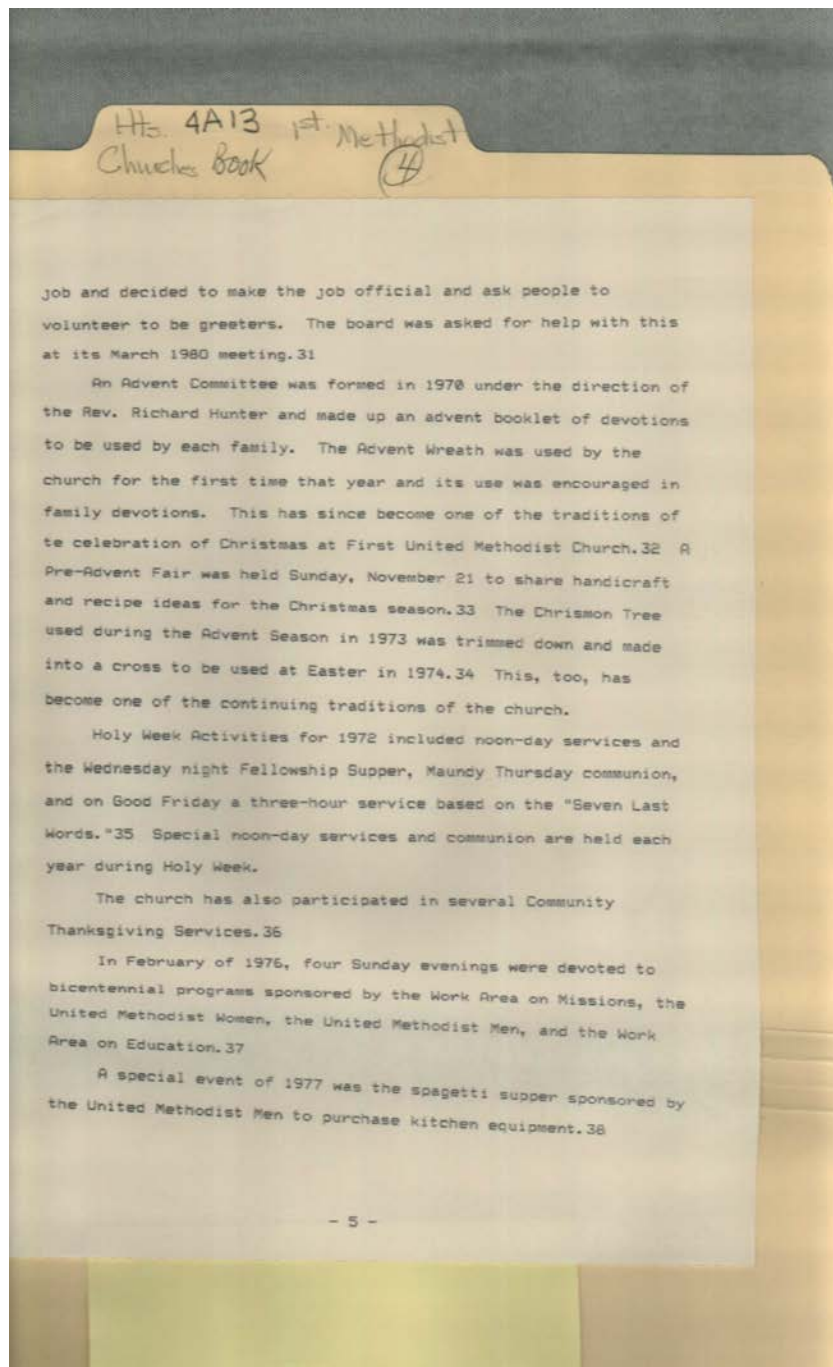
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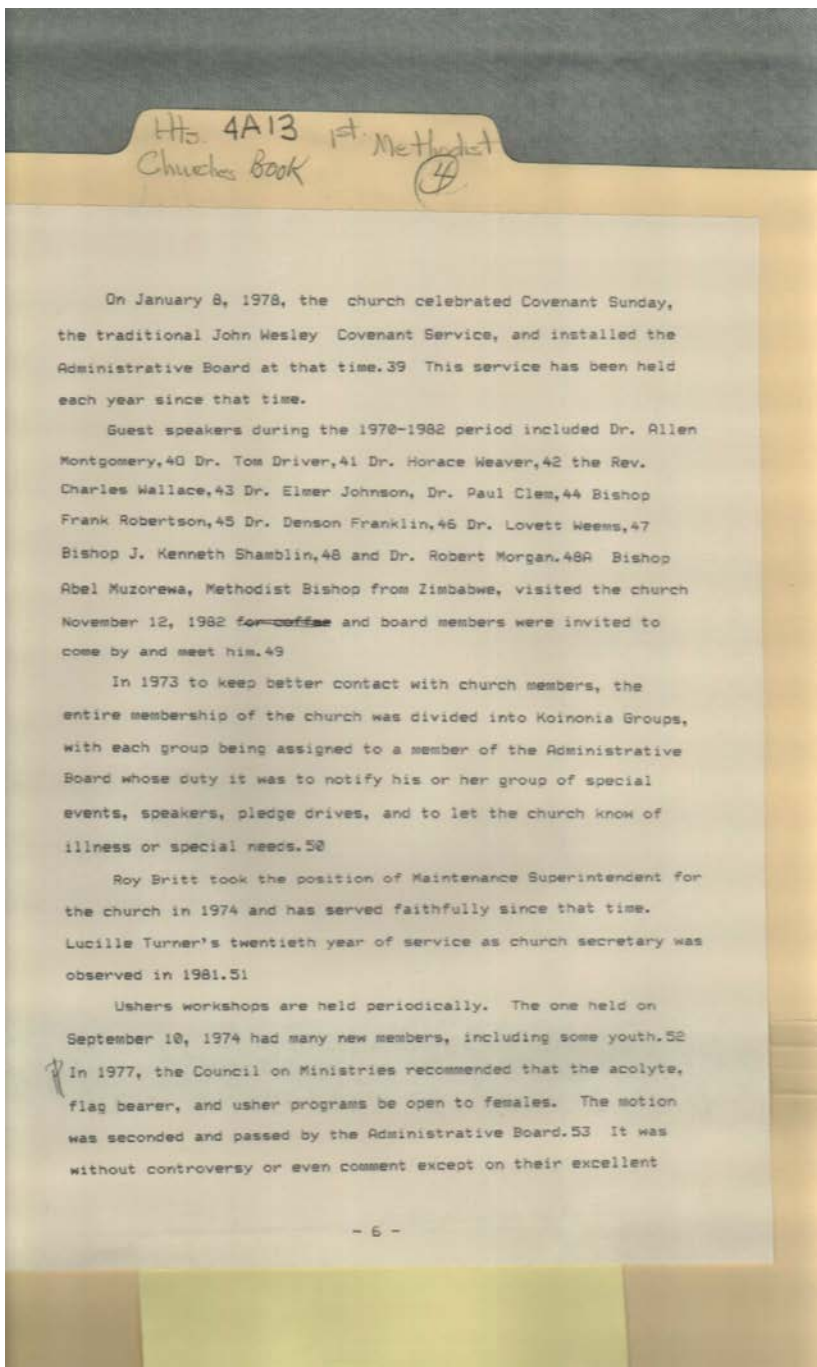
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Clem, Paul, Dr.  
Driver, Tom, Dr.  
Franklin, Denson, Dr.  
Johnson, Elmer, Dr.

Montgomery, Allen,  
Dr.  
Morgan, Robert, Dr.  
Muzorewa, Abel,  
Bishop

Robertson, Frank,  
Bishop  
Shamblin, J. Kenneth,  
zDr.  
Turner, Lucille

Wallace, Charles, Dr.  
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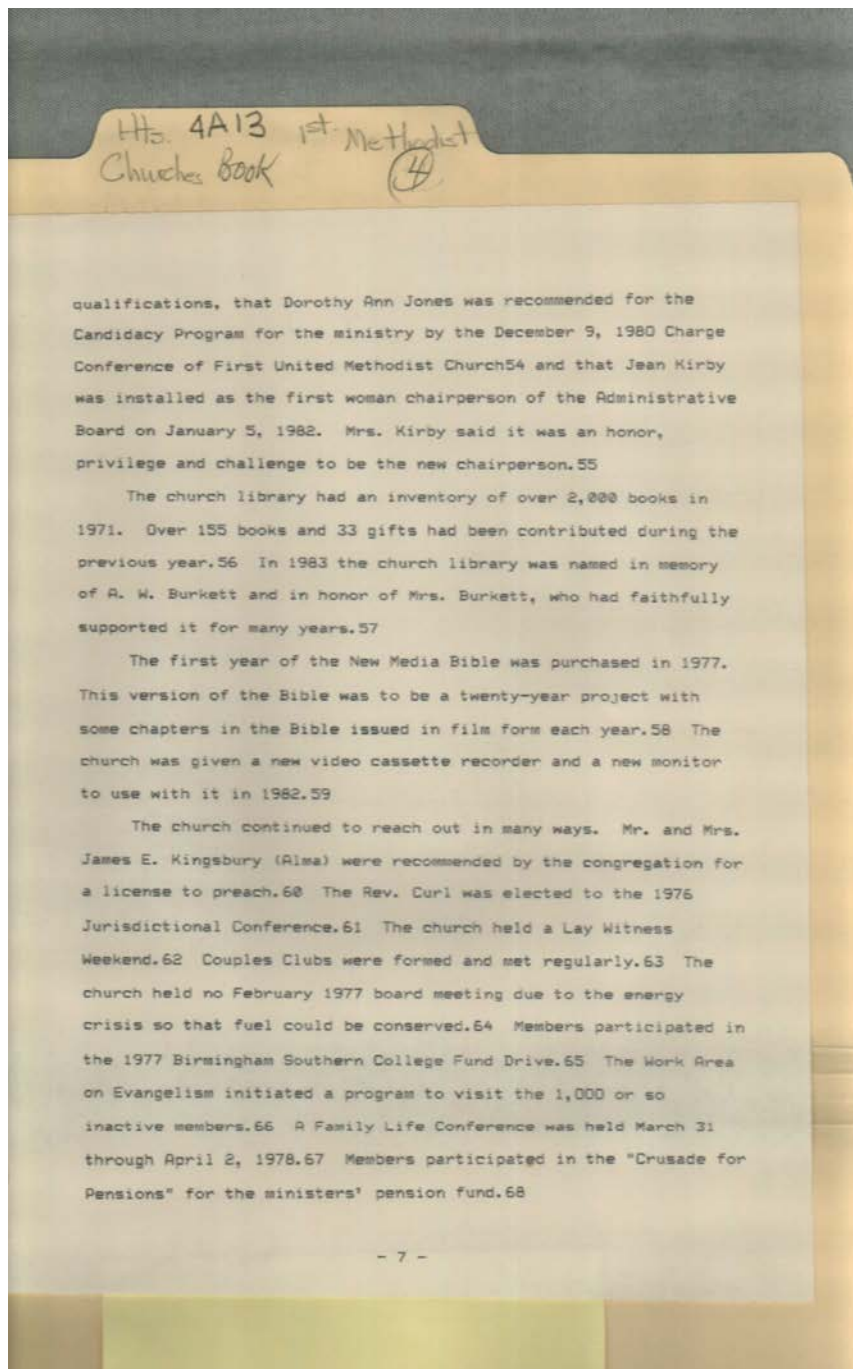
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**Names:**

Burkett, A. W.

Curl, William E.,  
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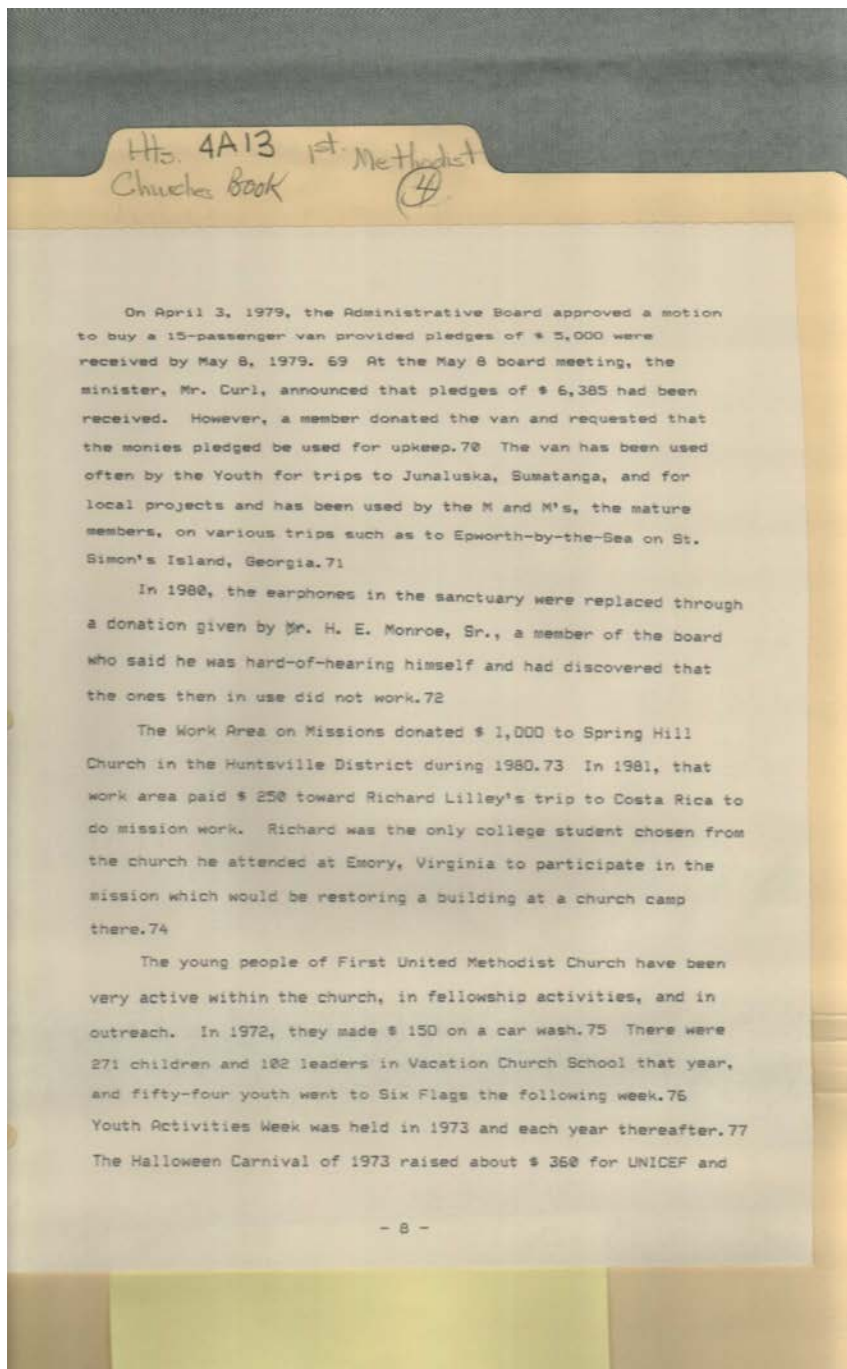
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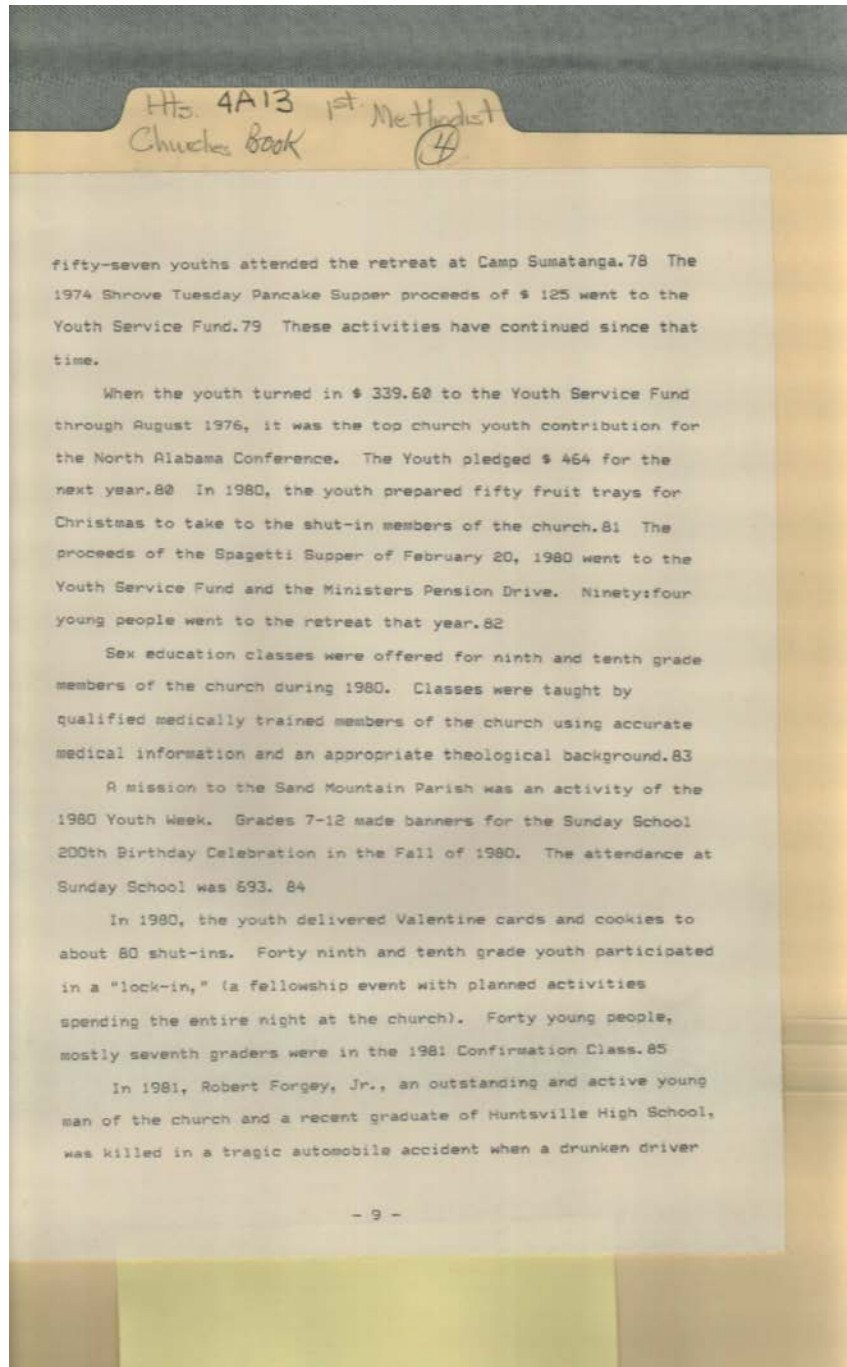
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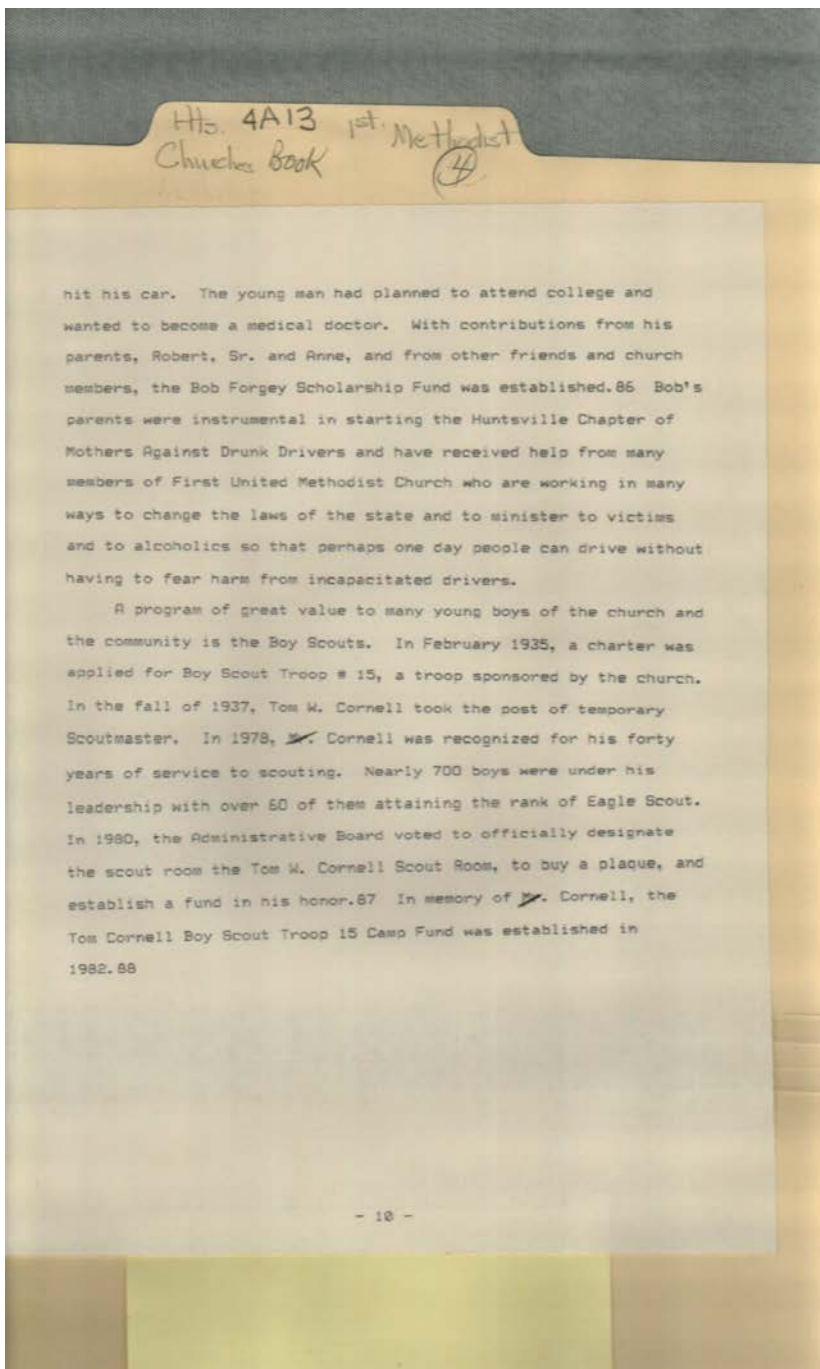
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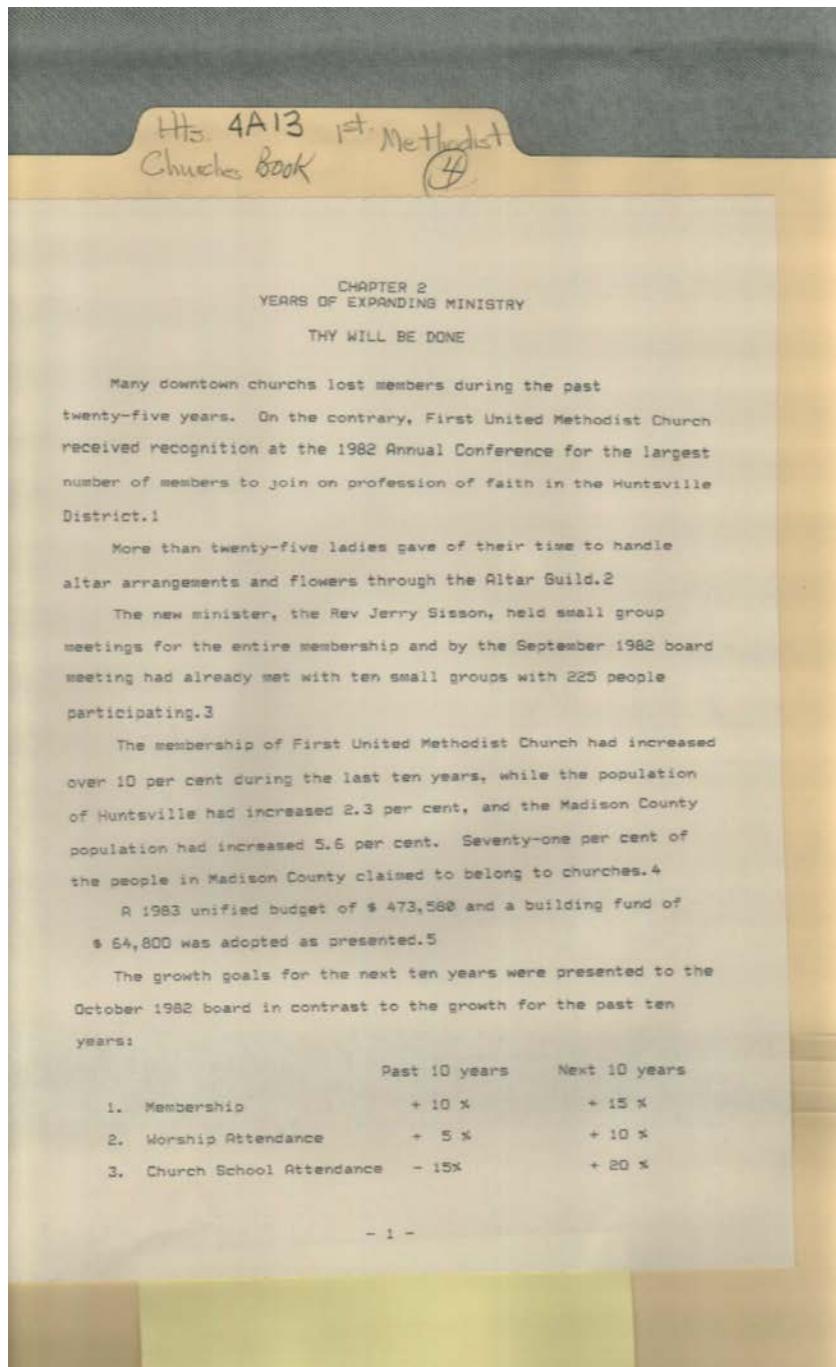
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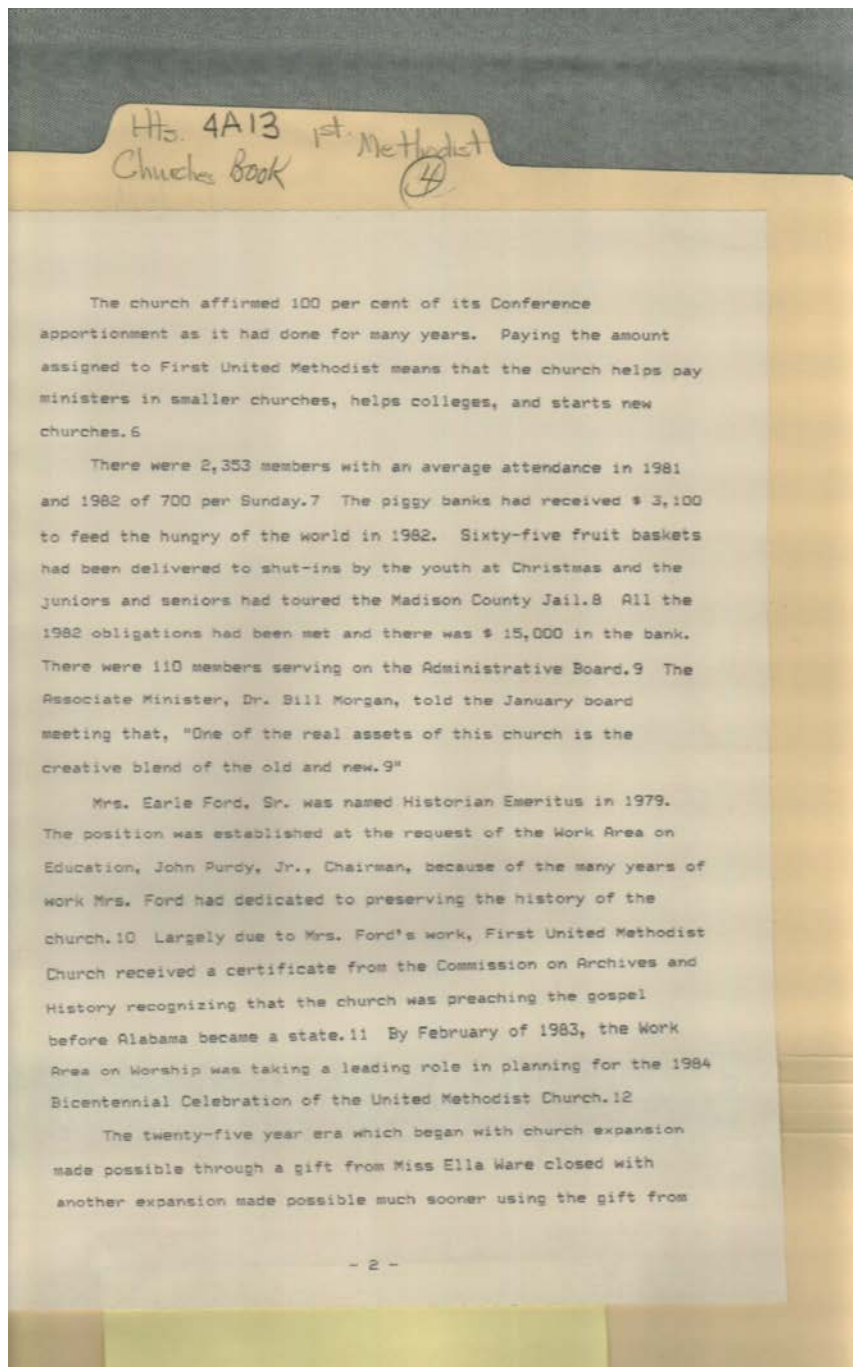
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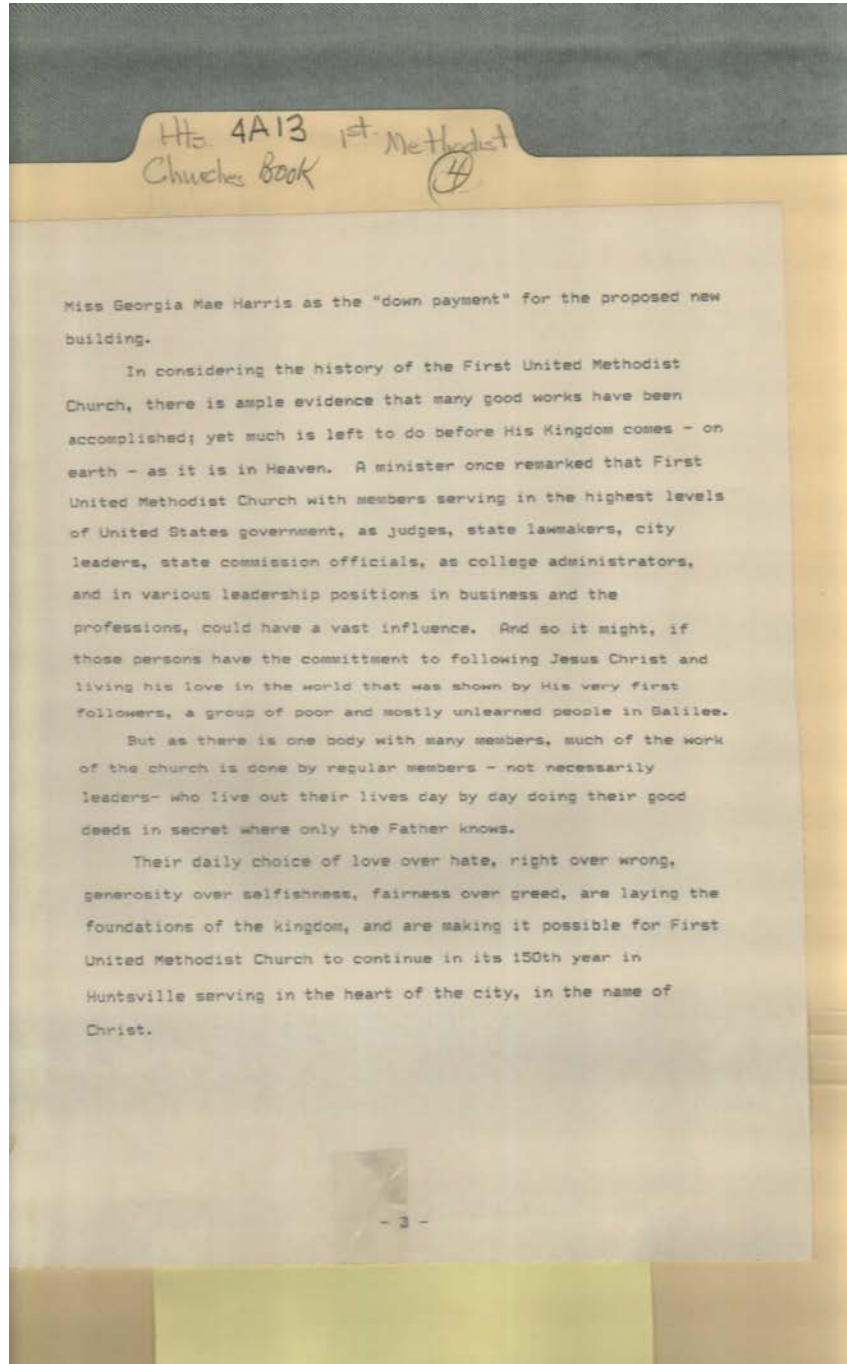
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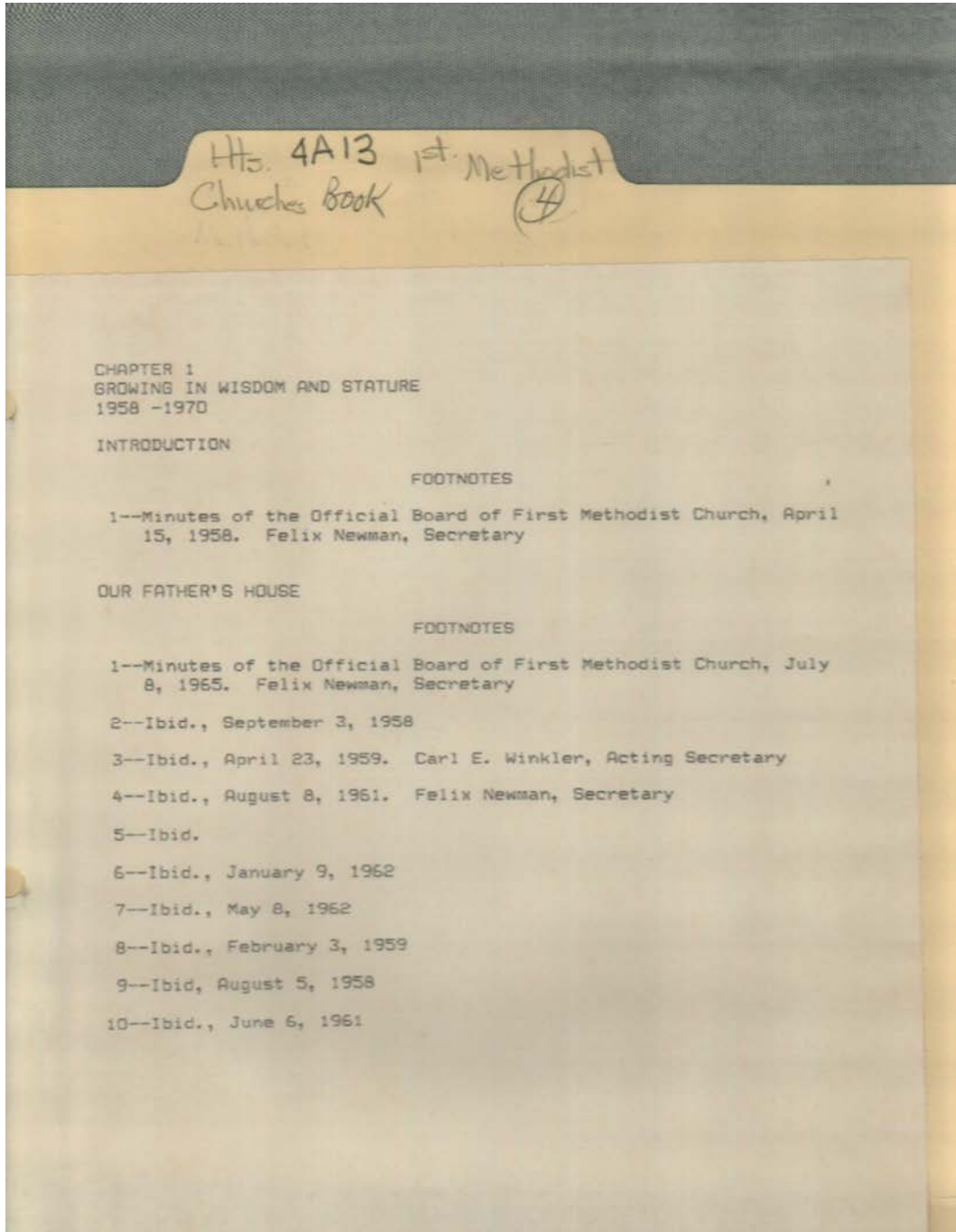
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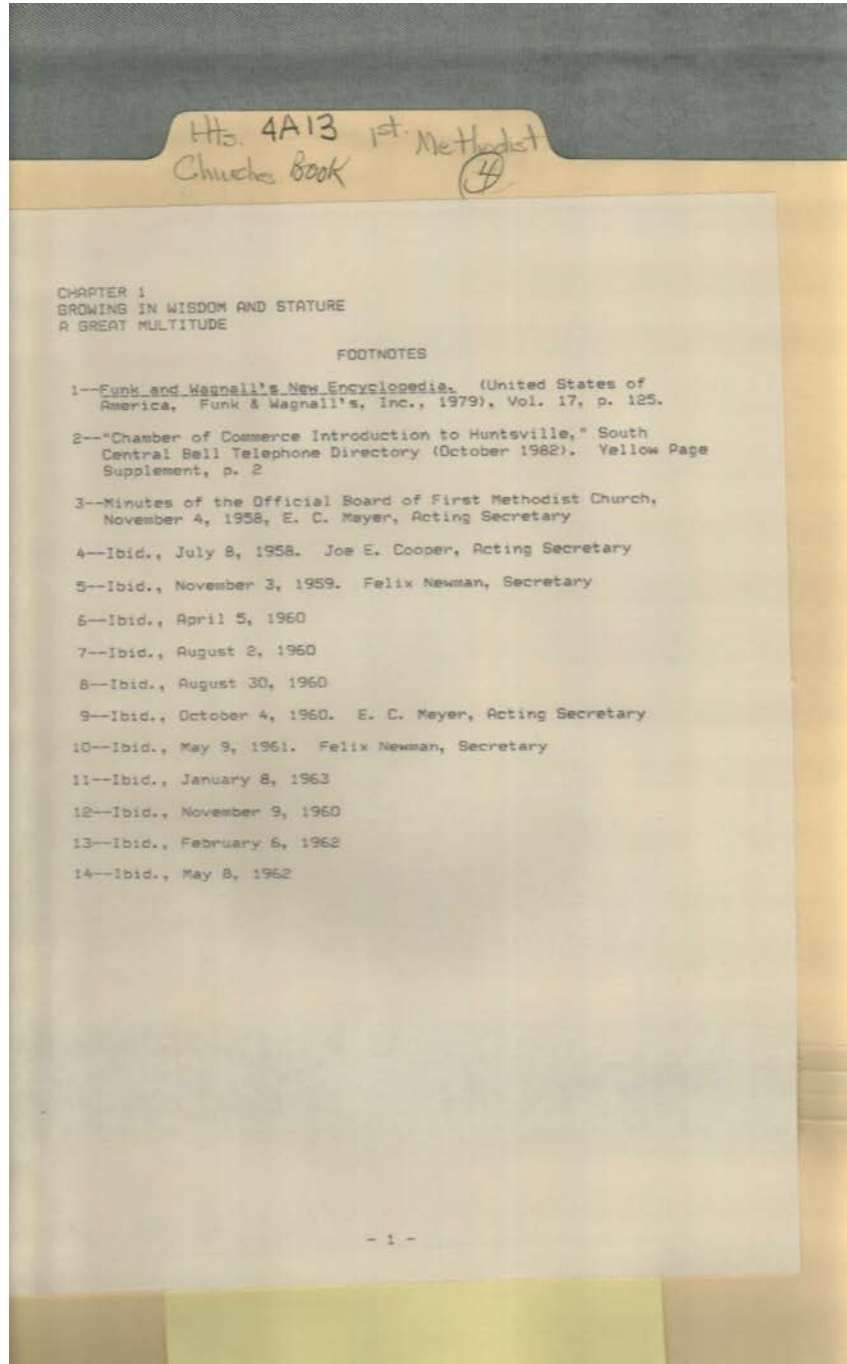
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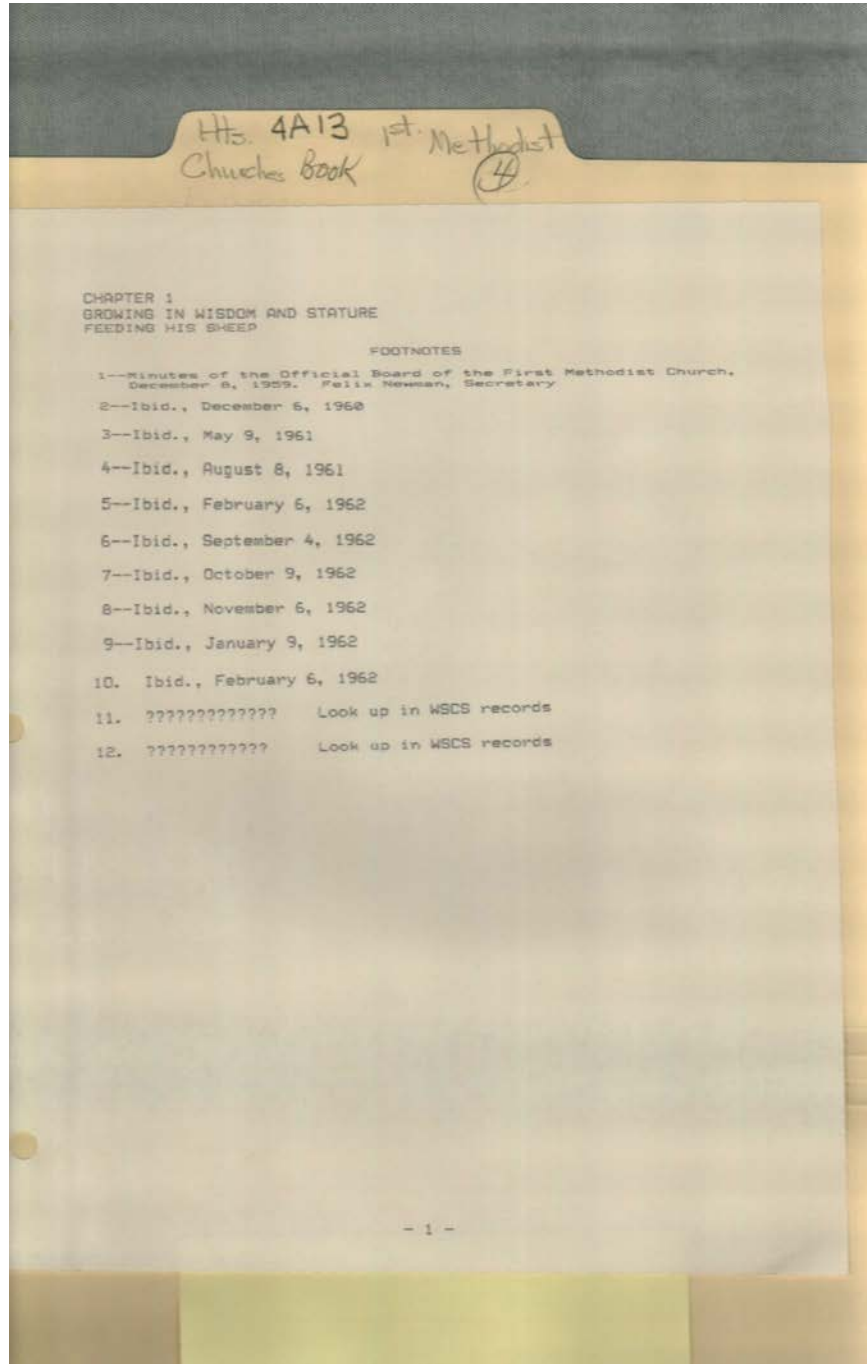
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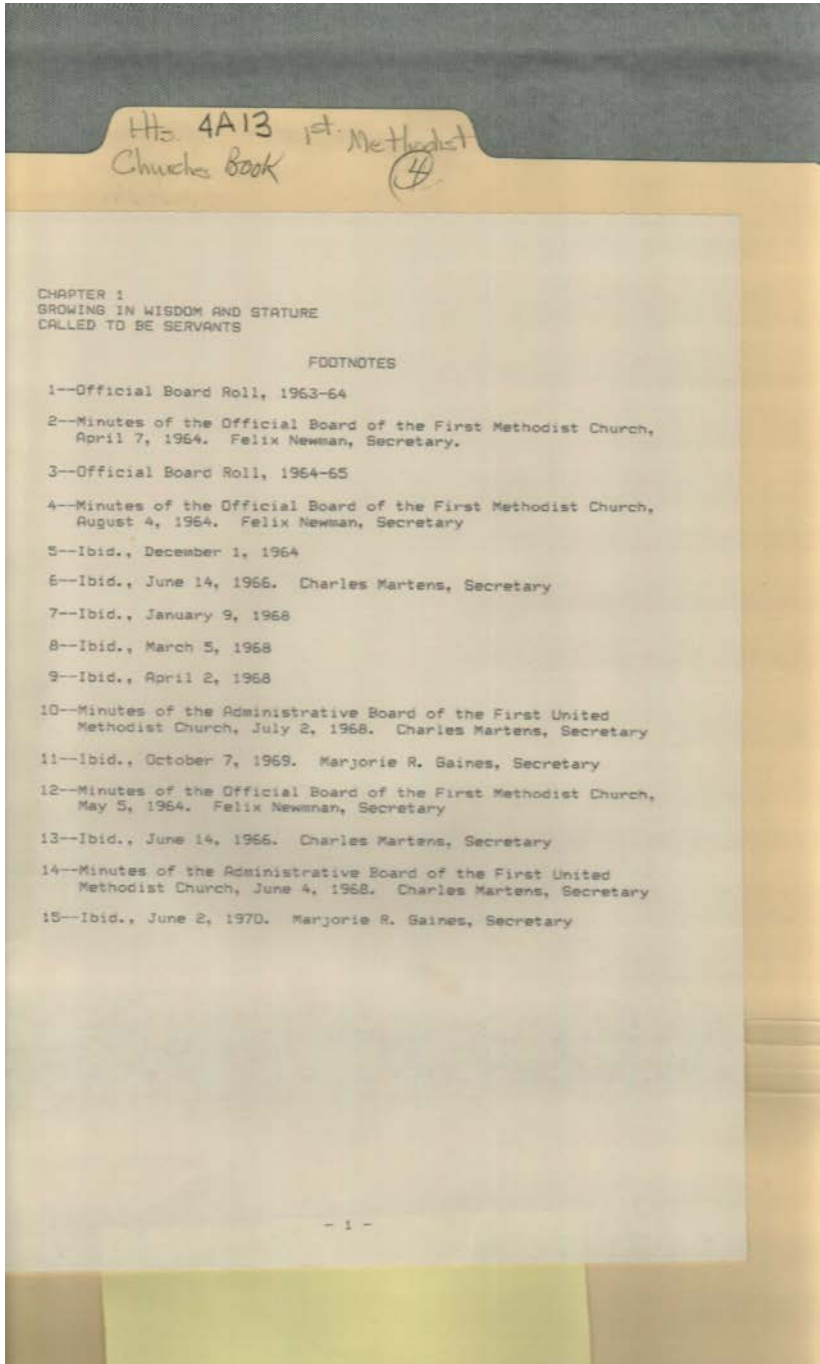
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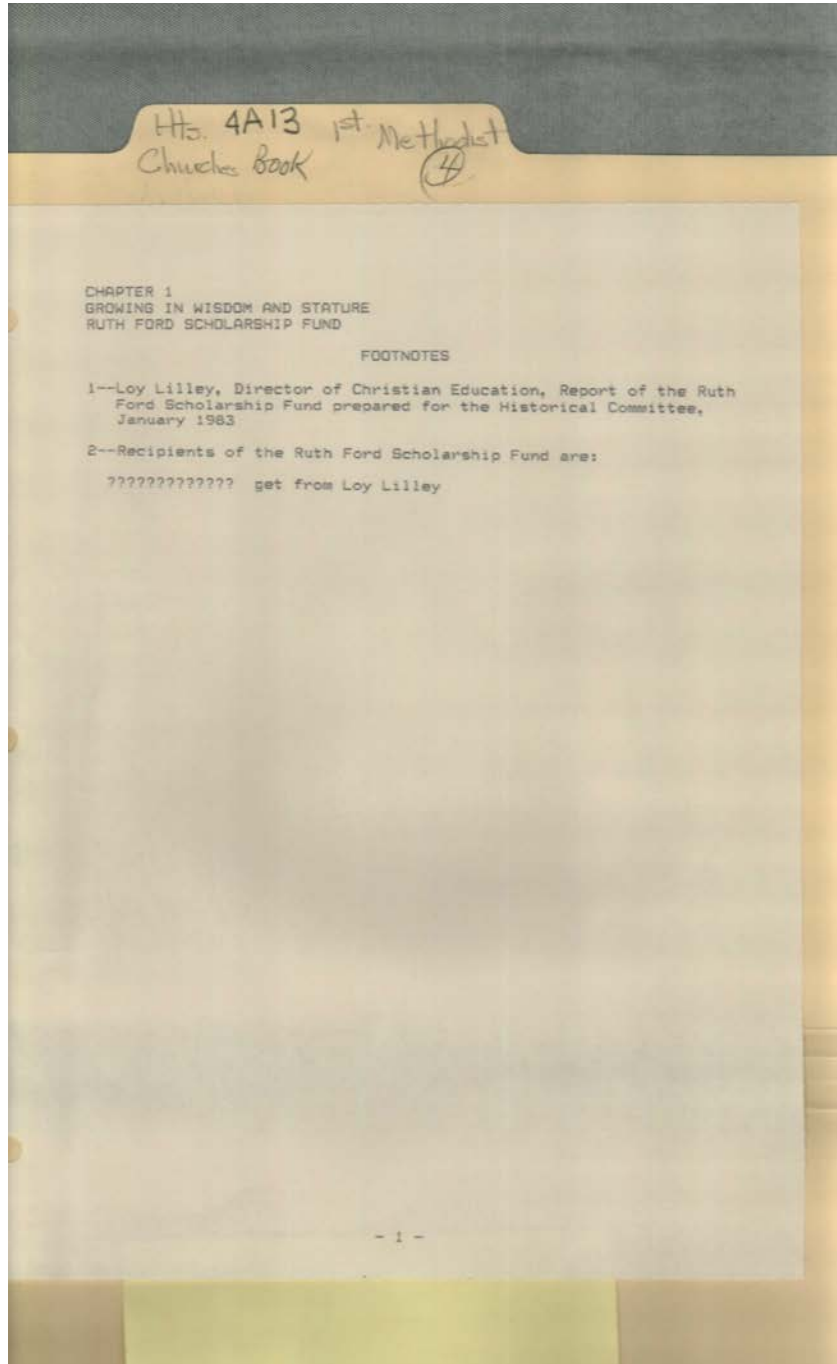
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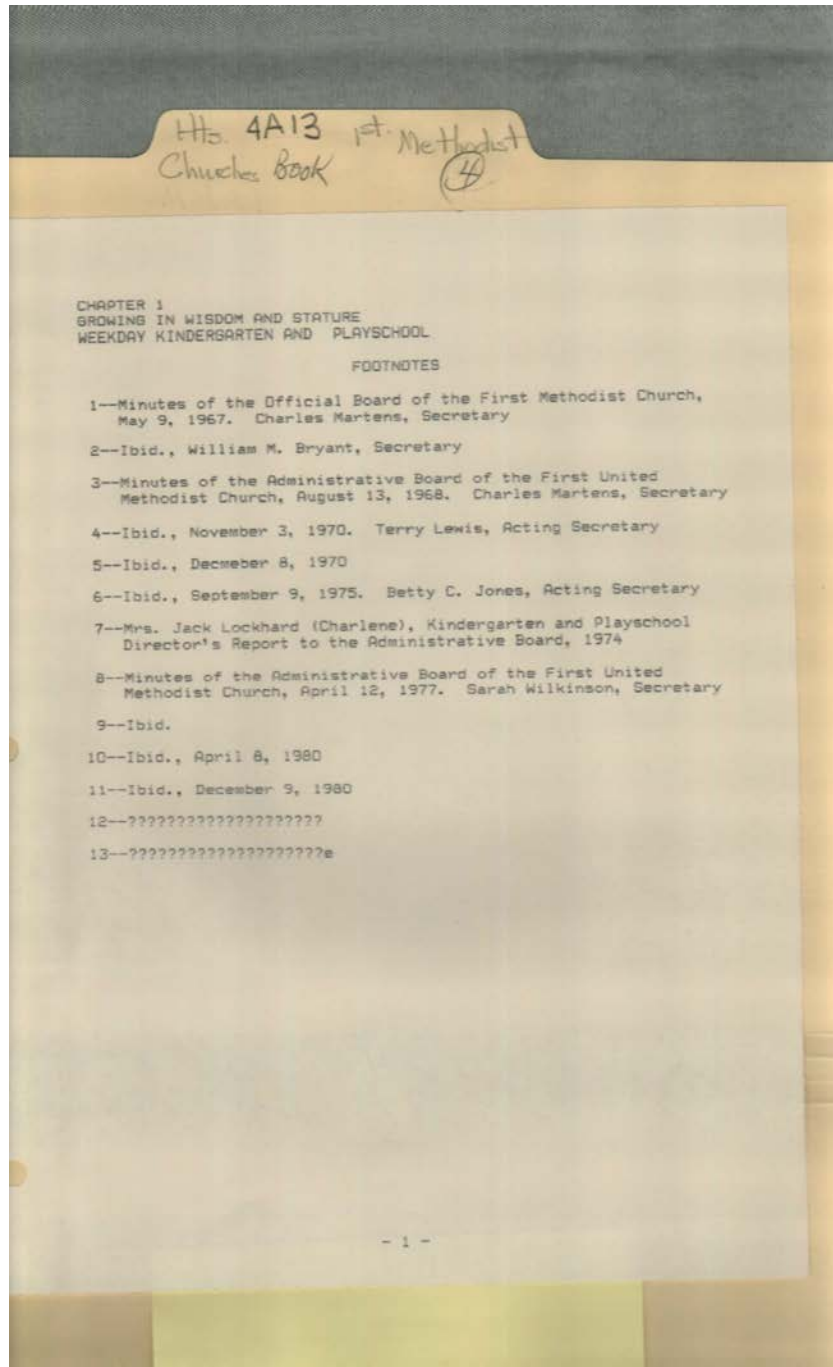
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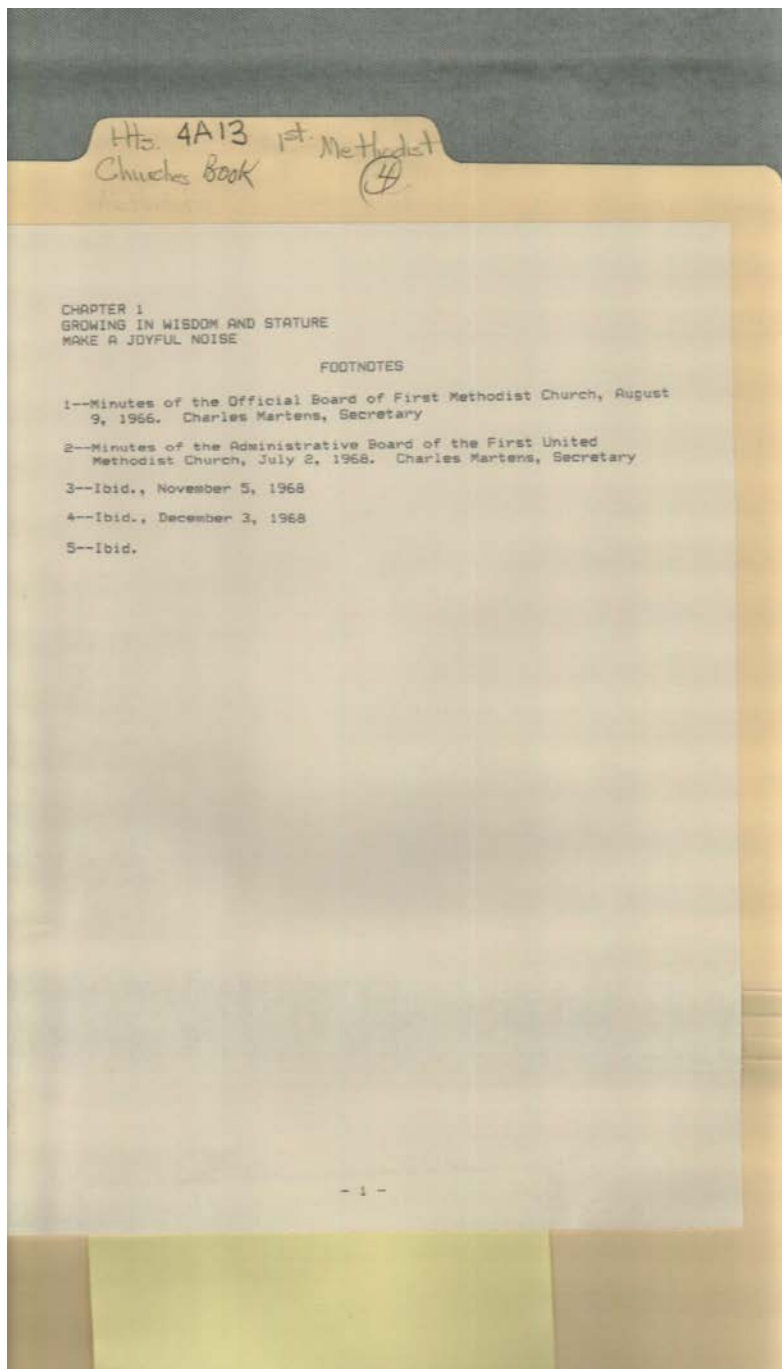
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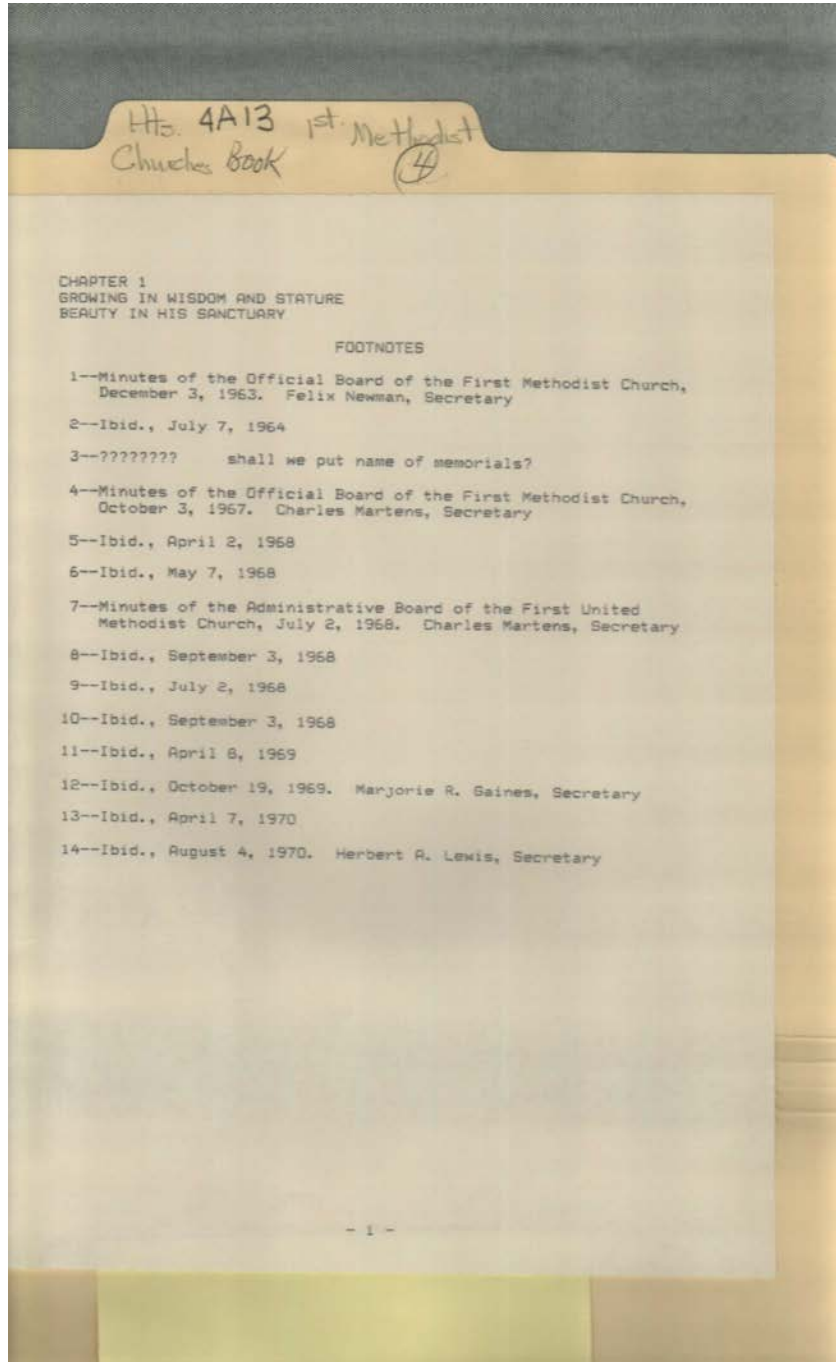
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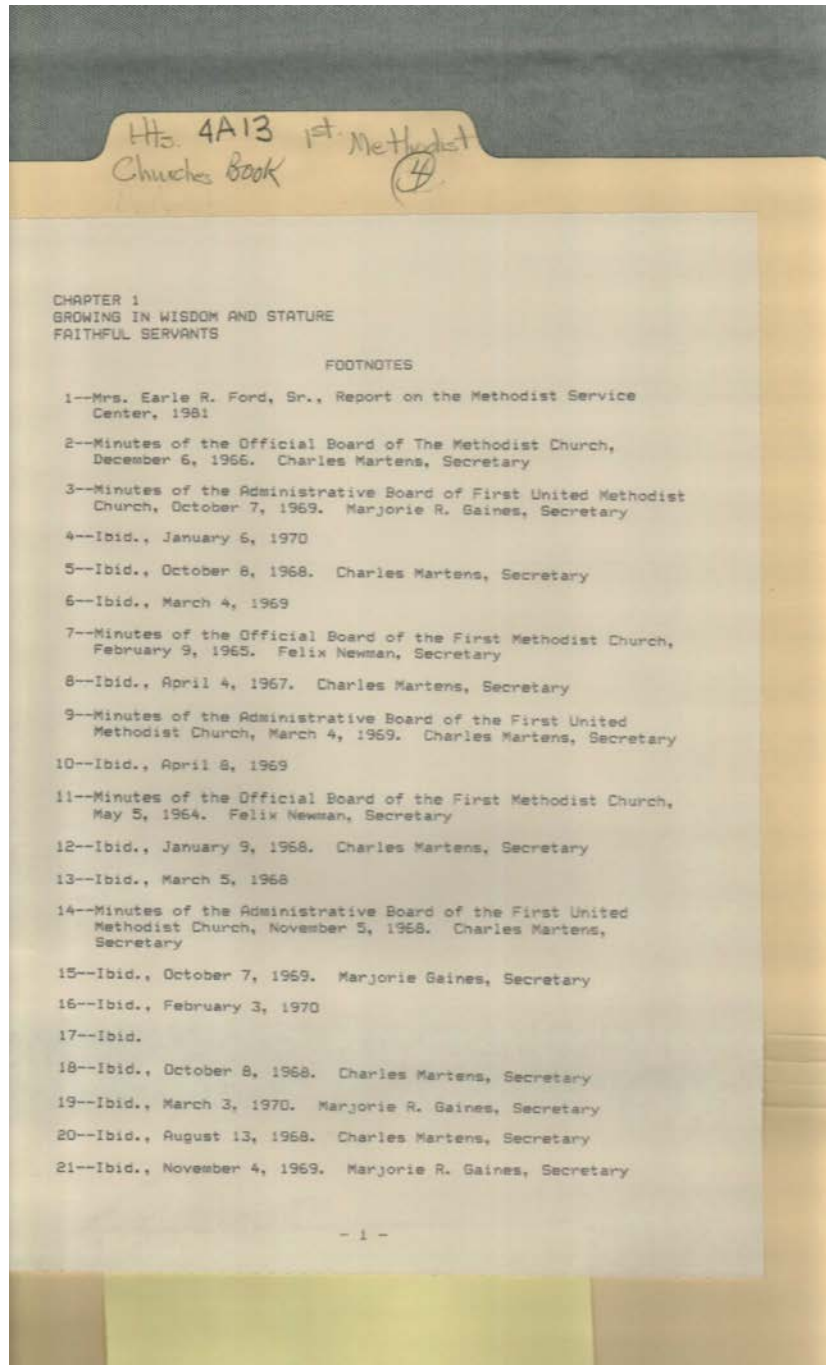
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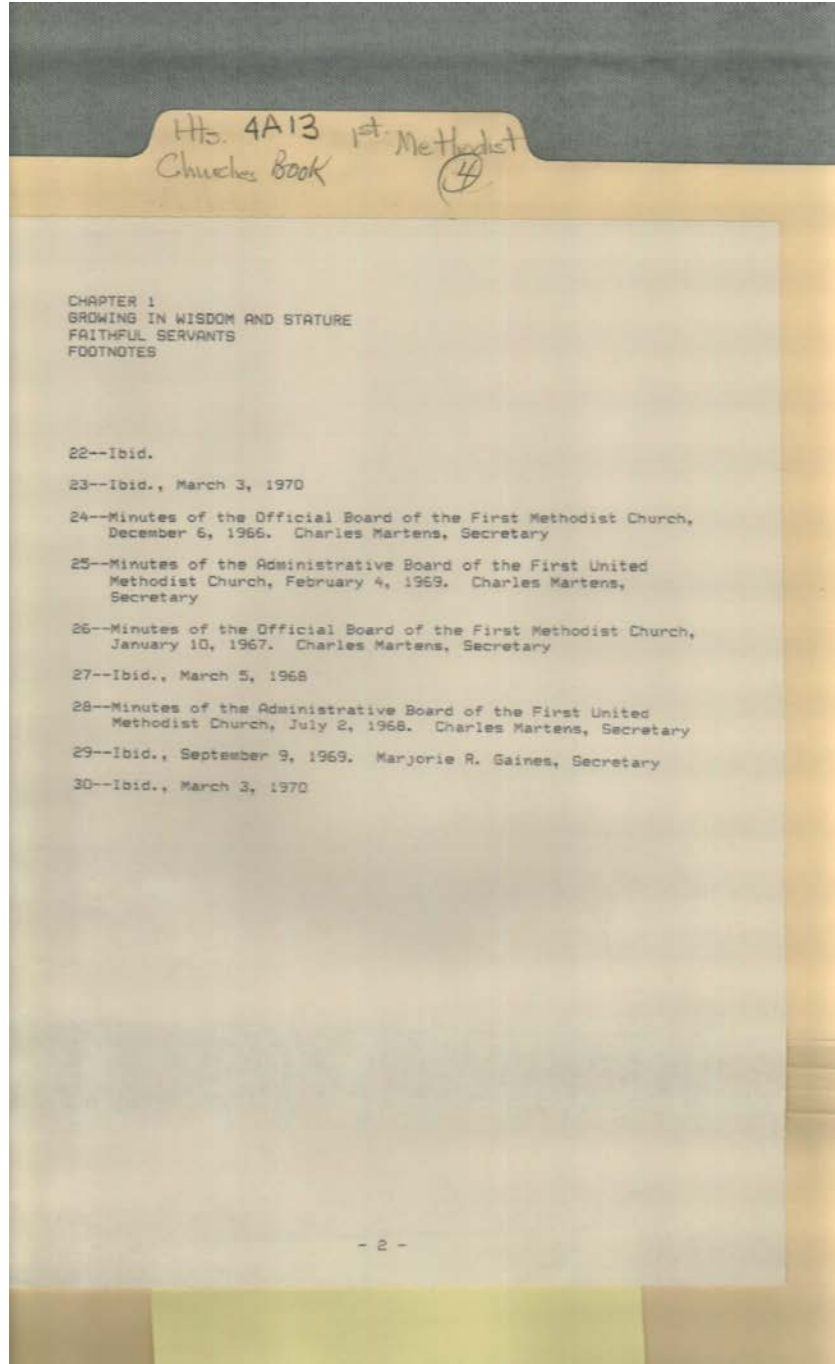
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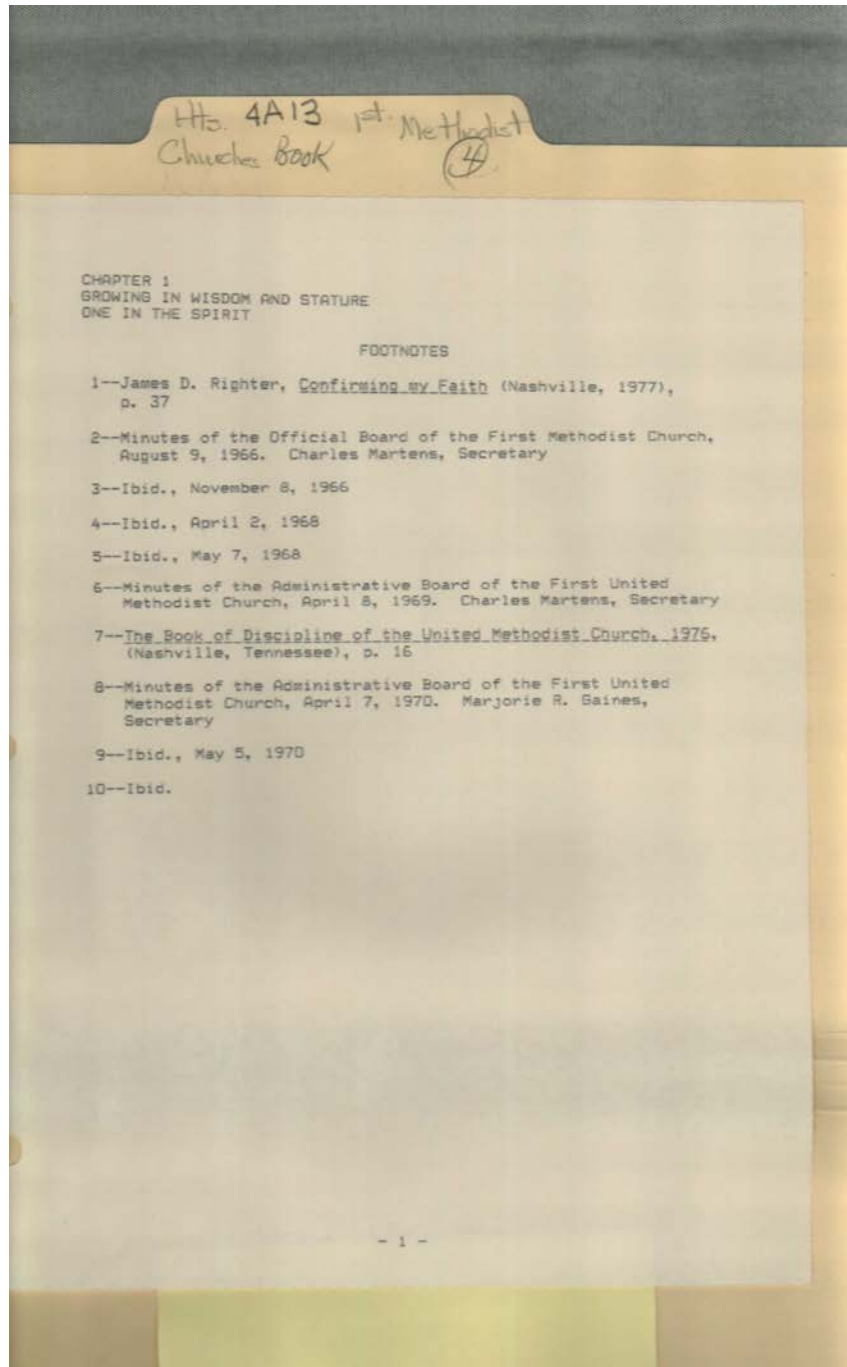
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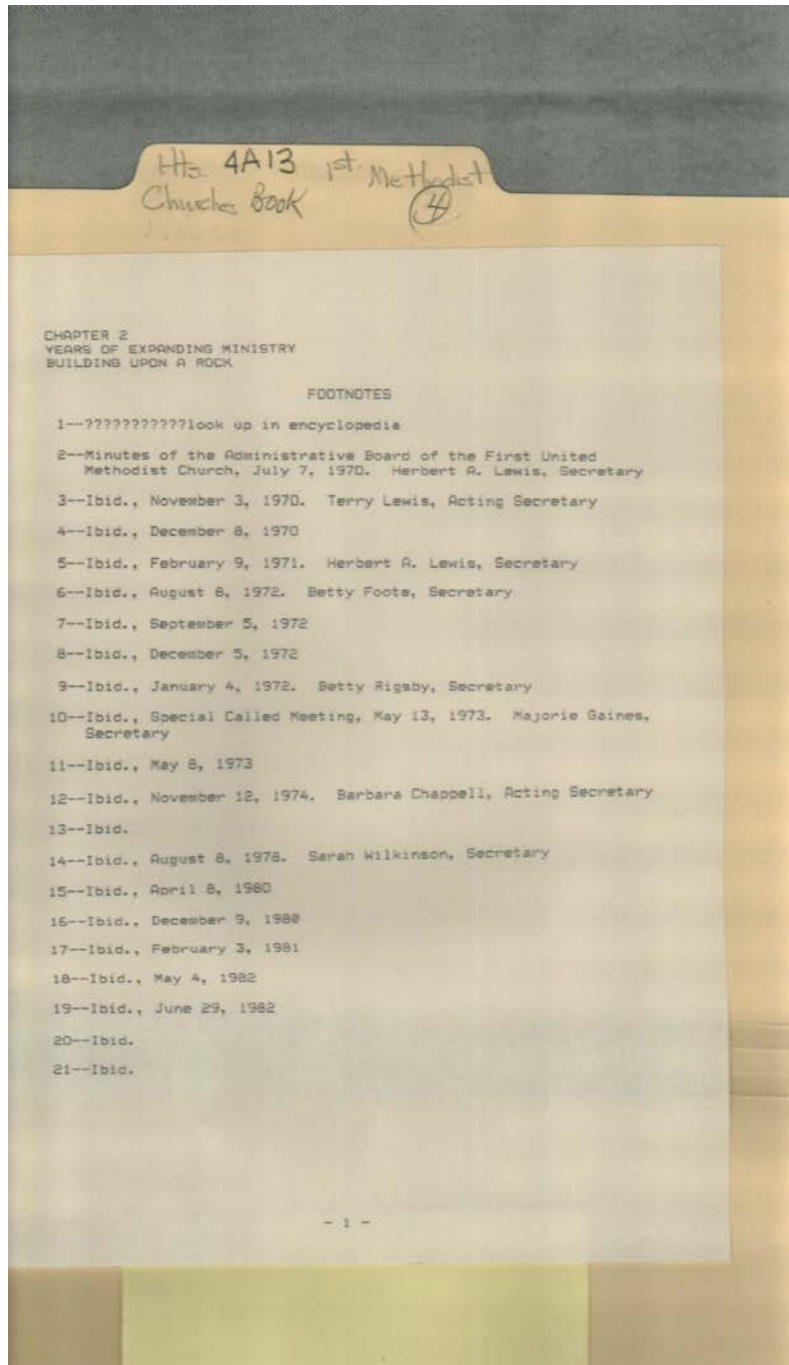
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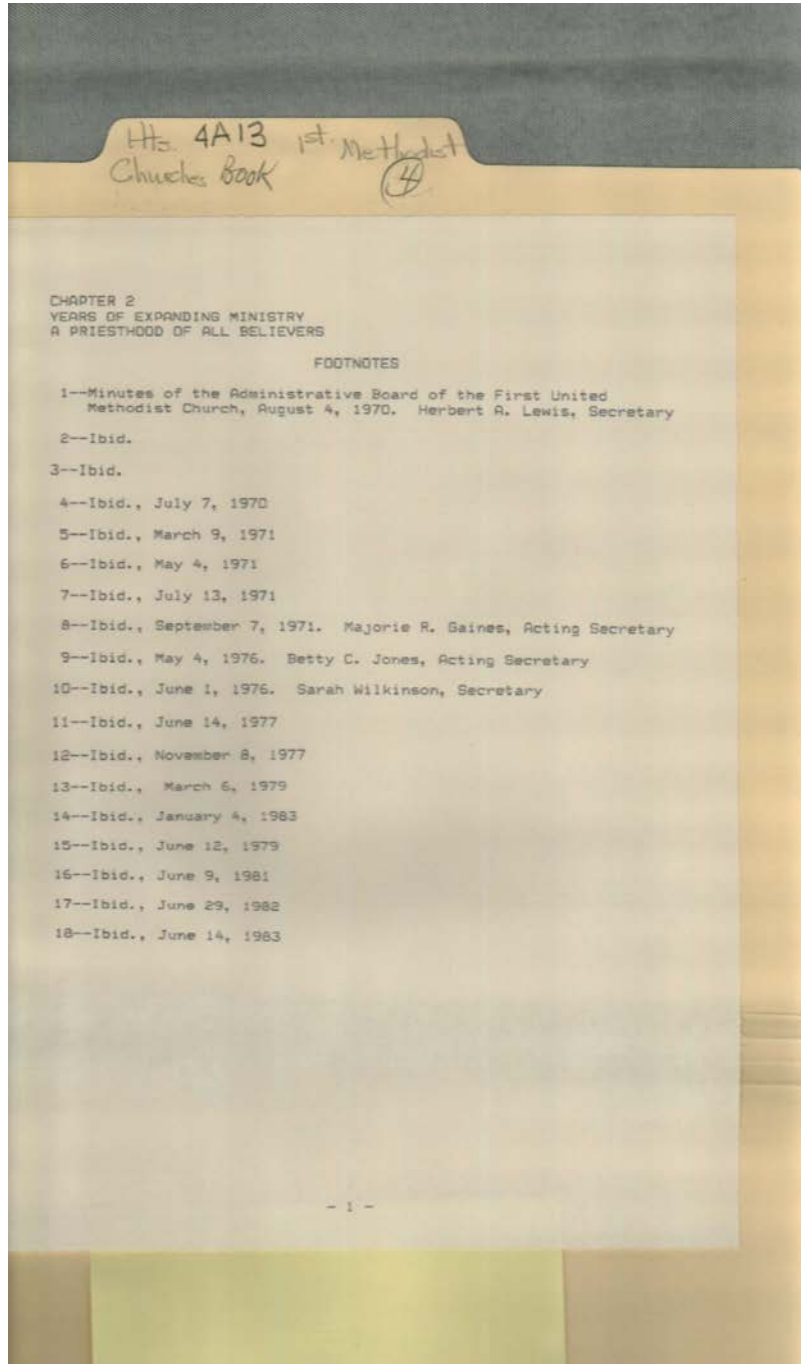
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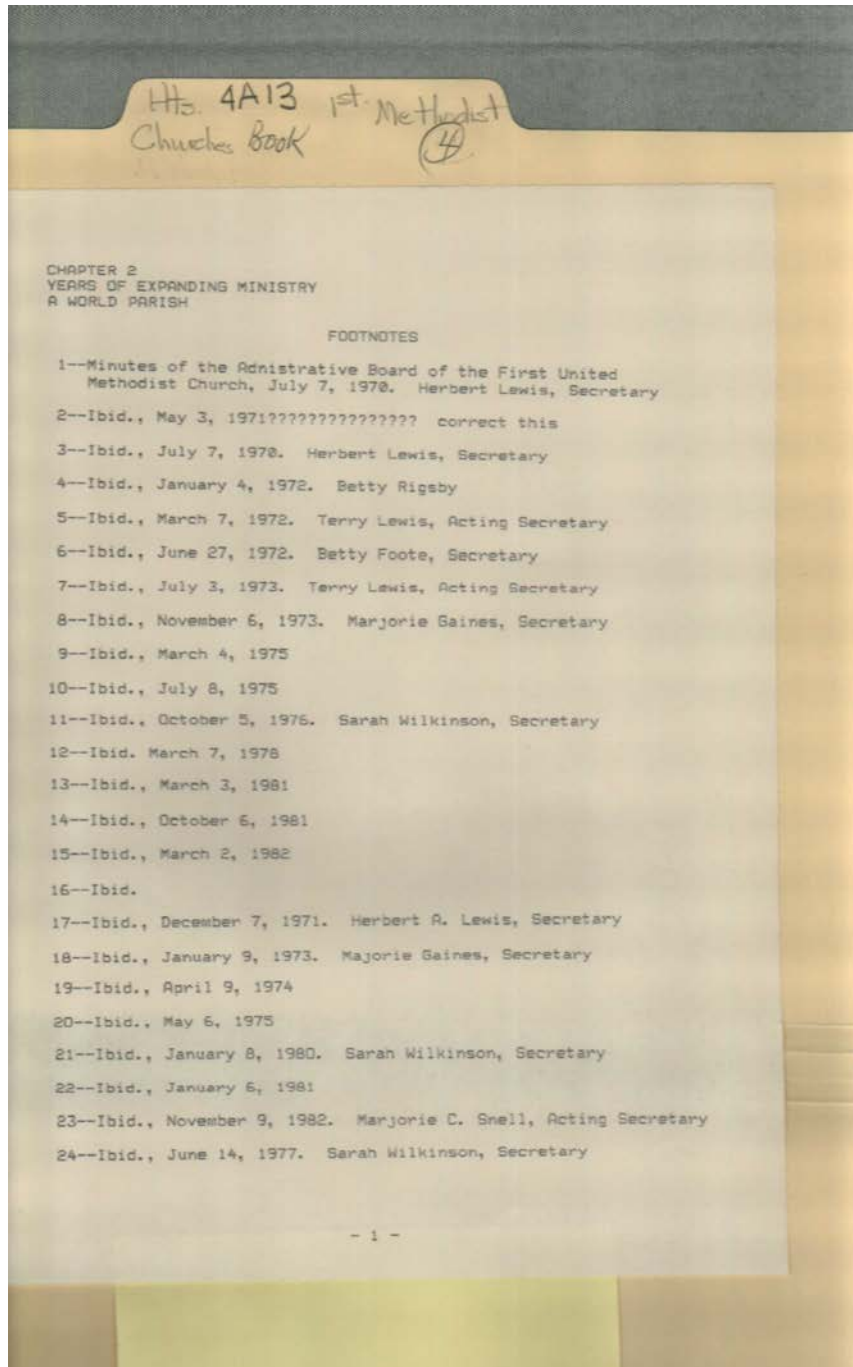
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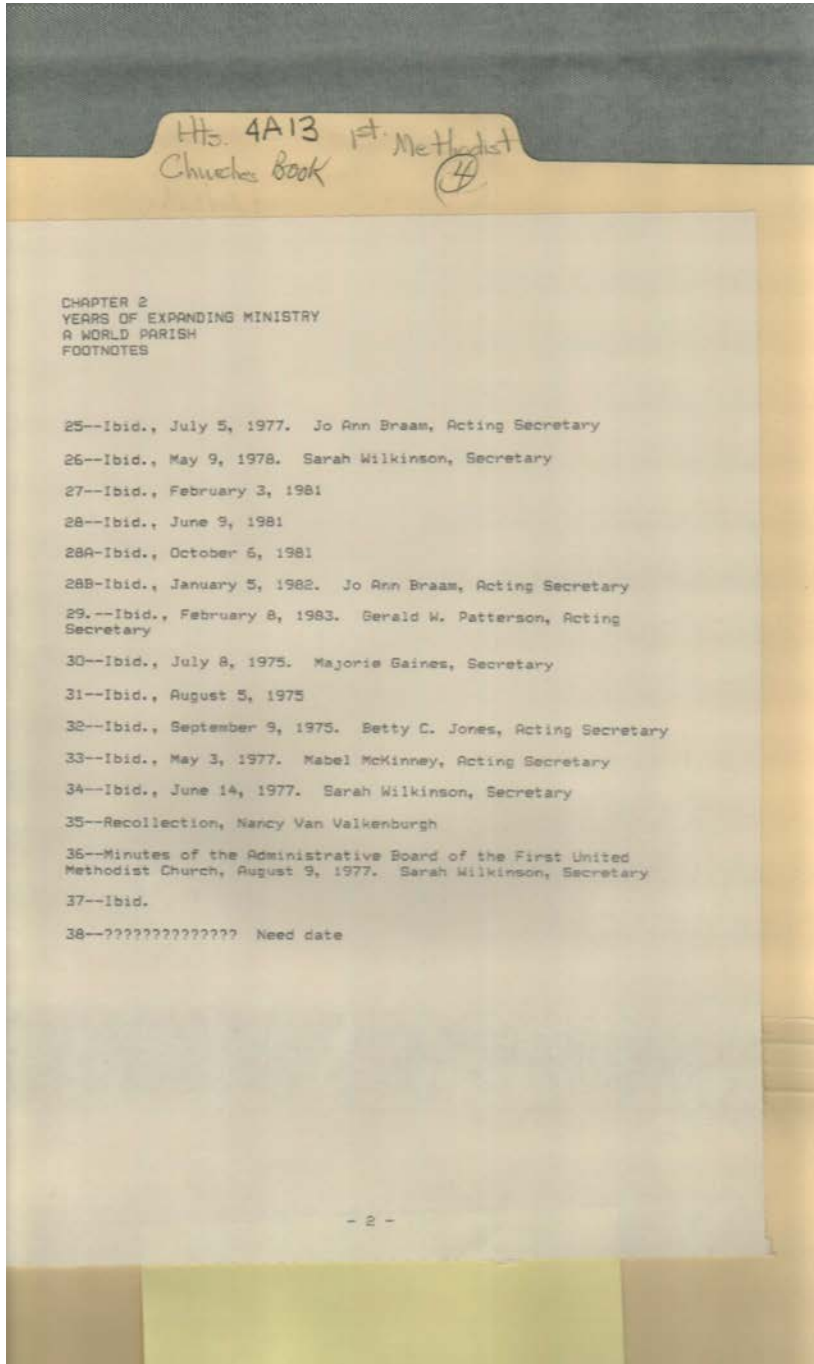
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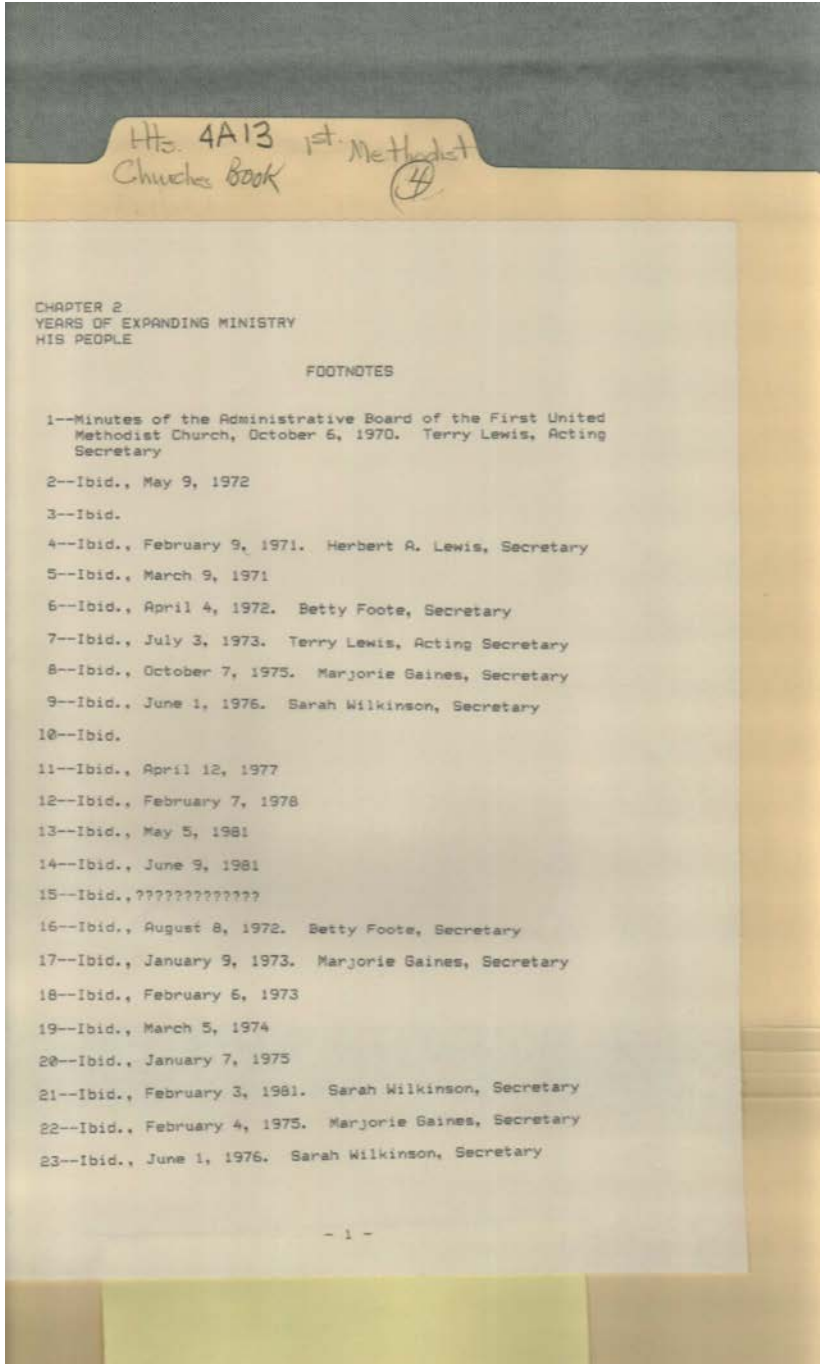
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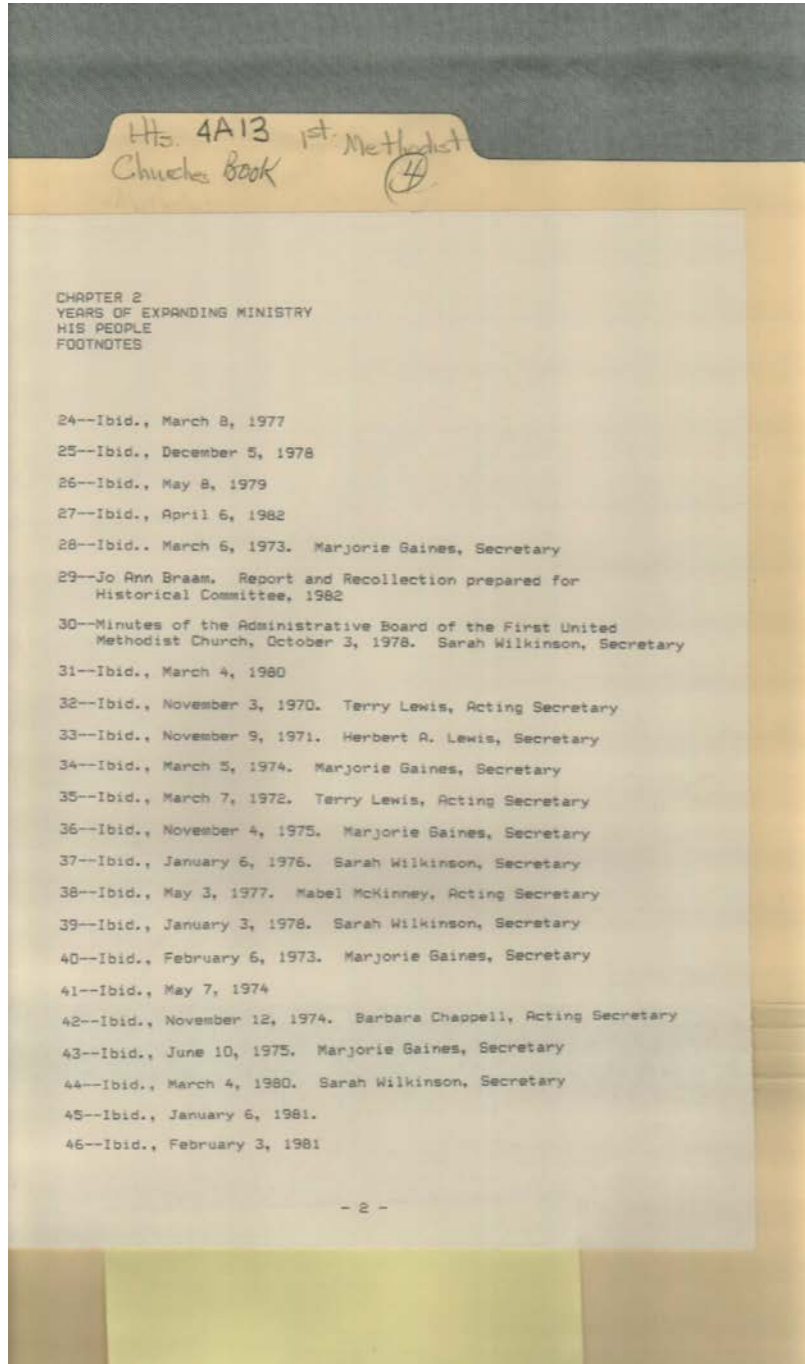
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Methodist Church

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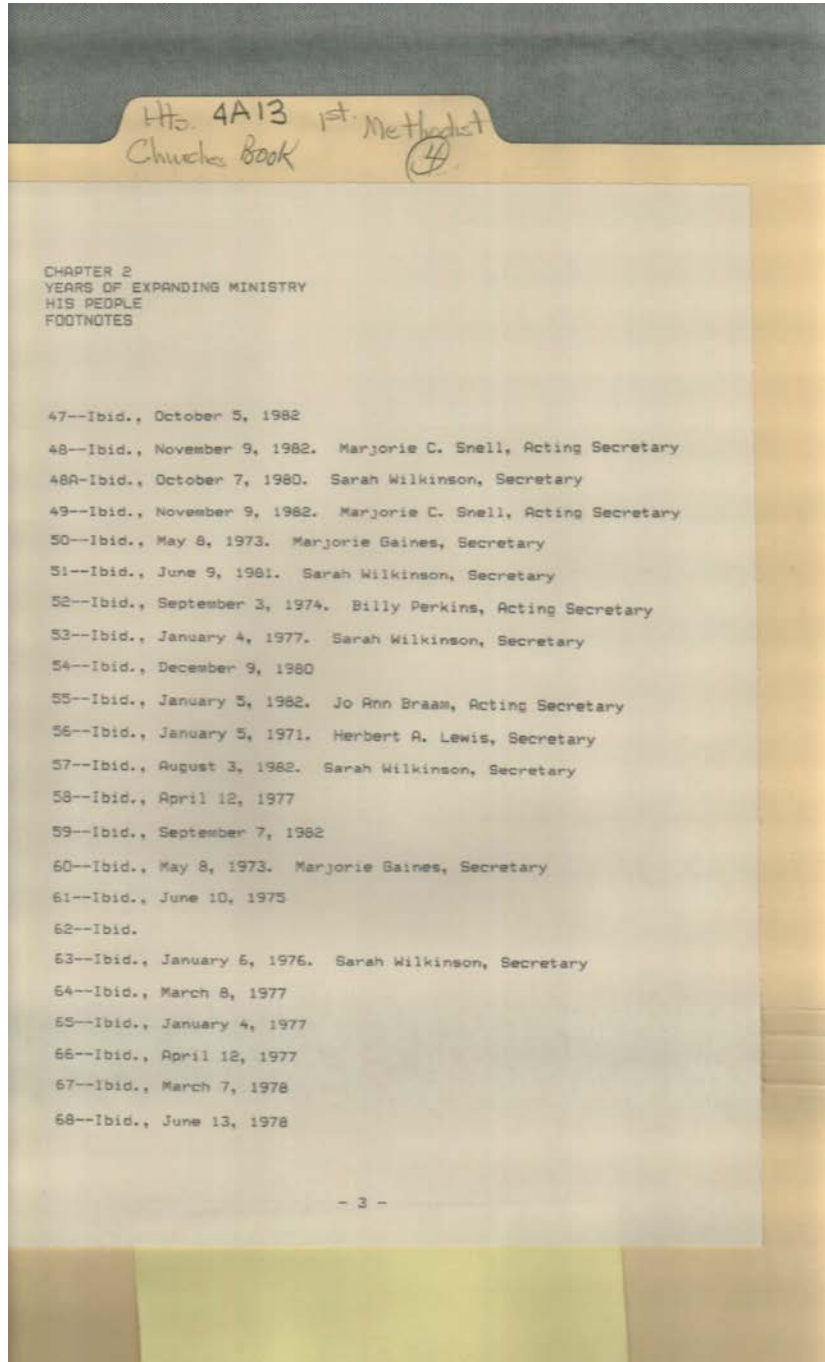
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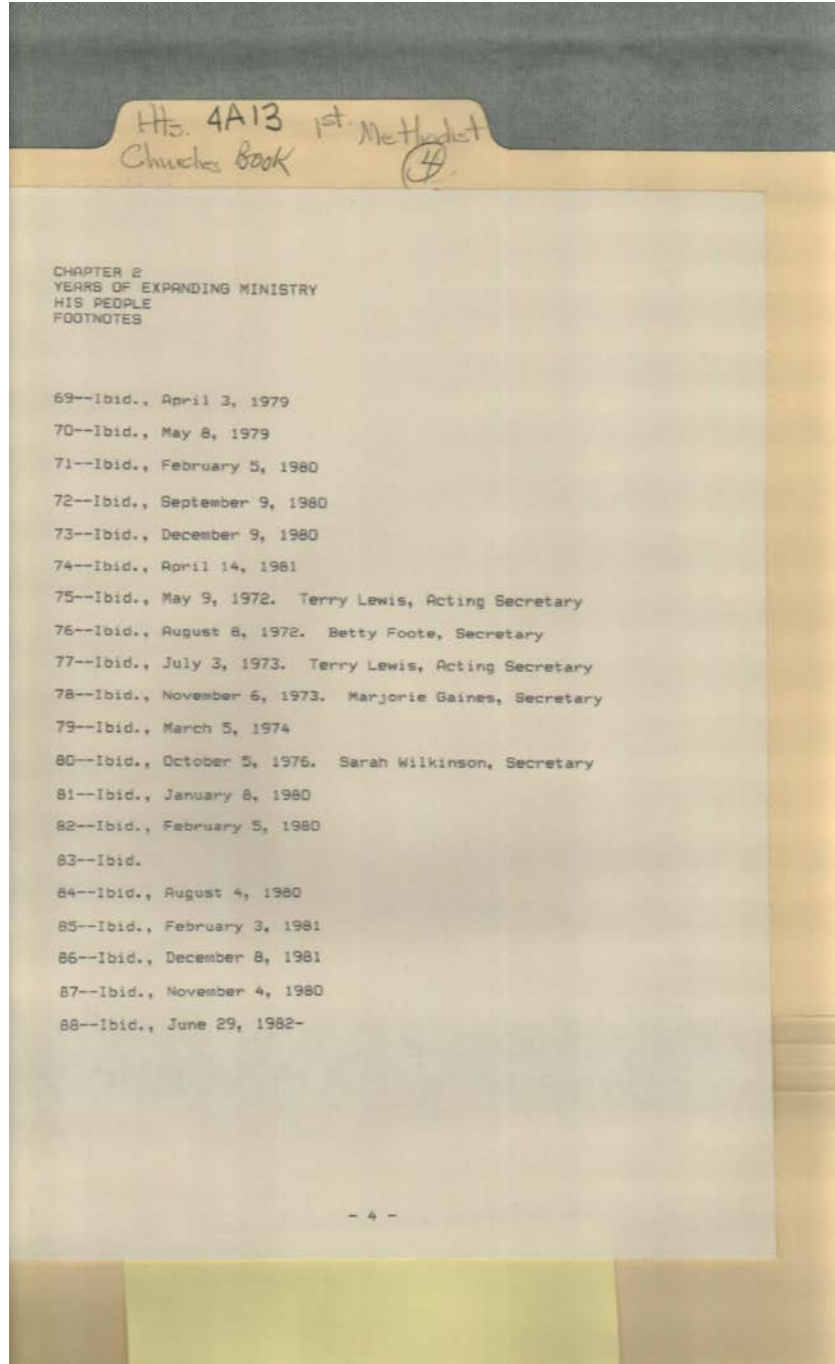
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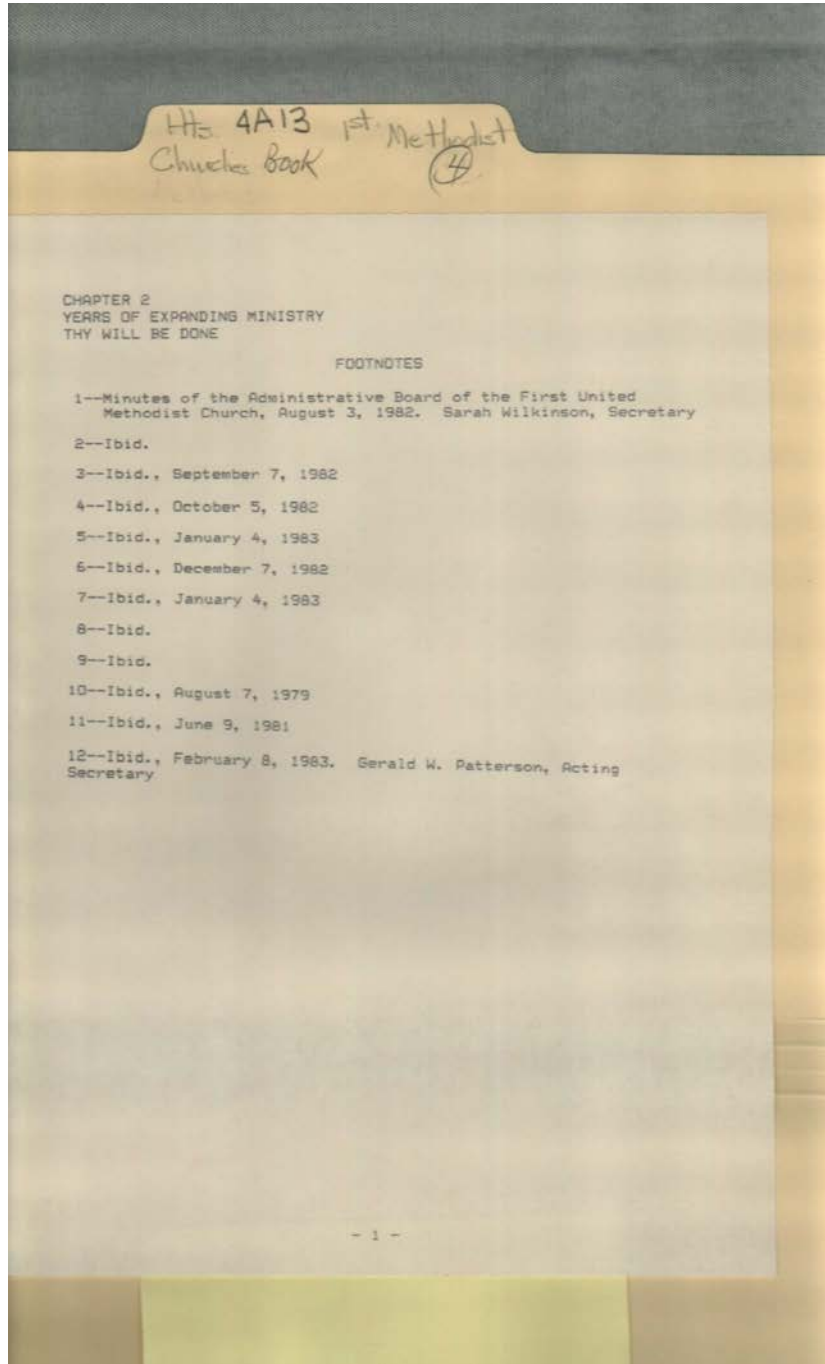
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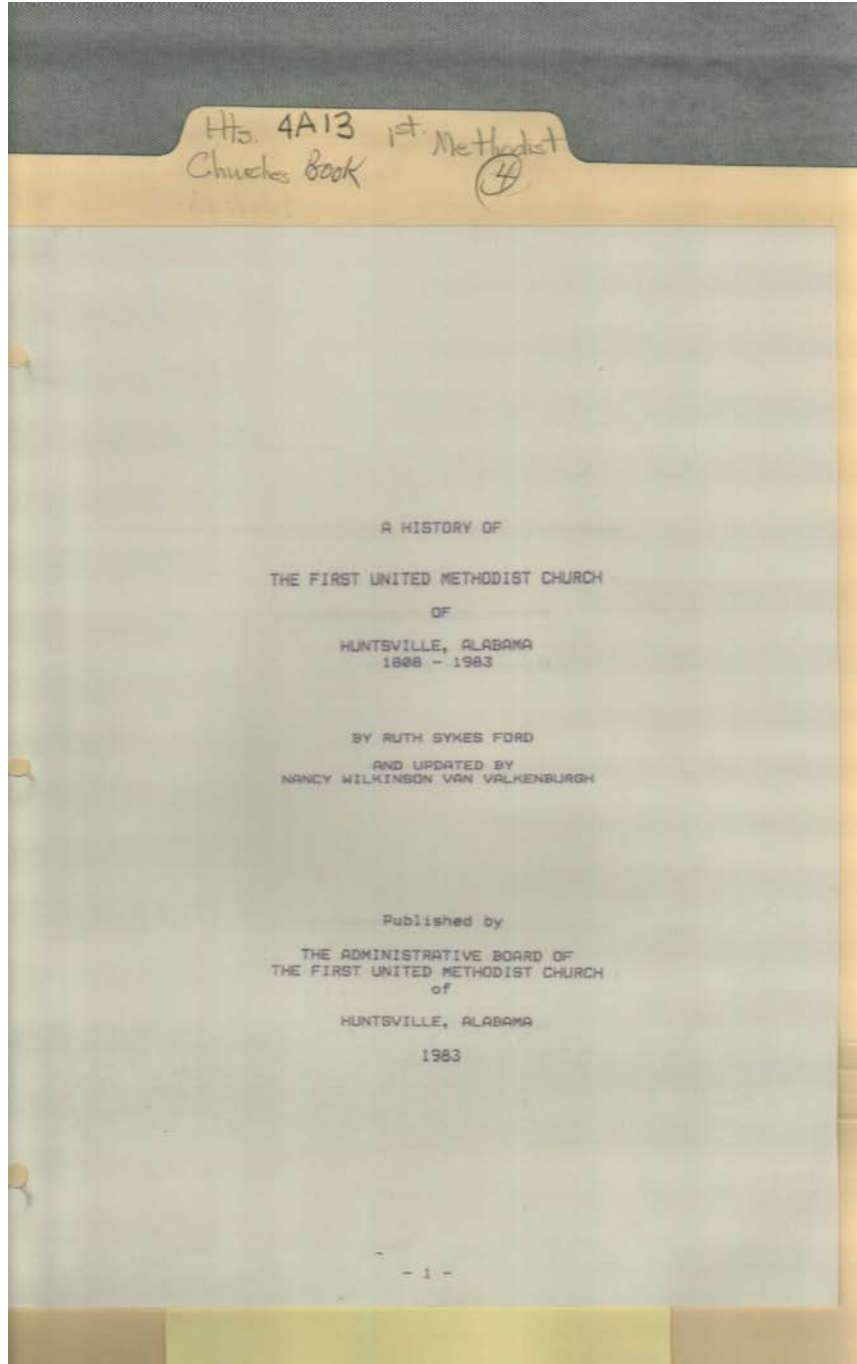
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Nancy Wilkinson

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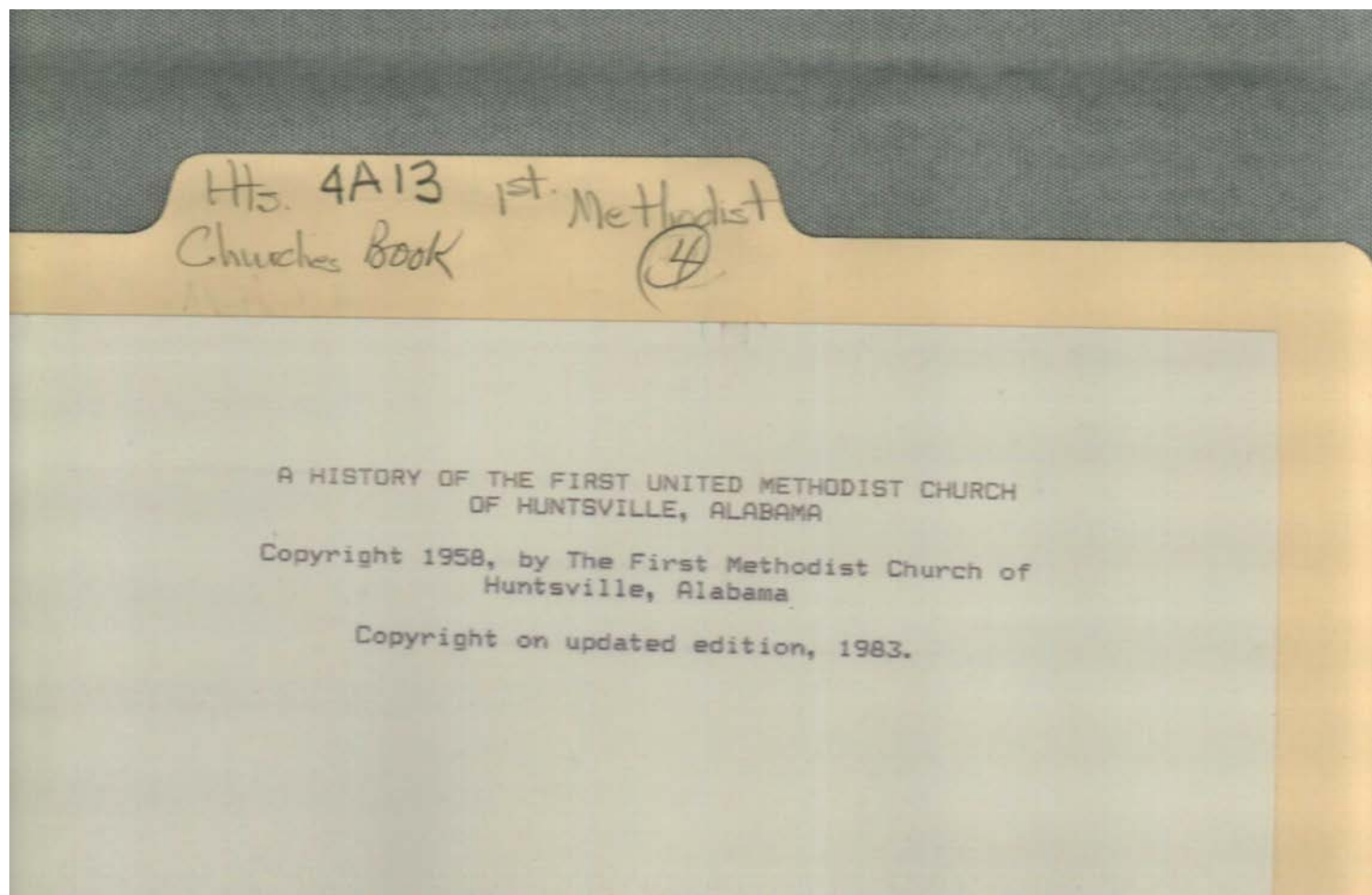
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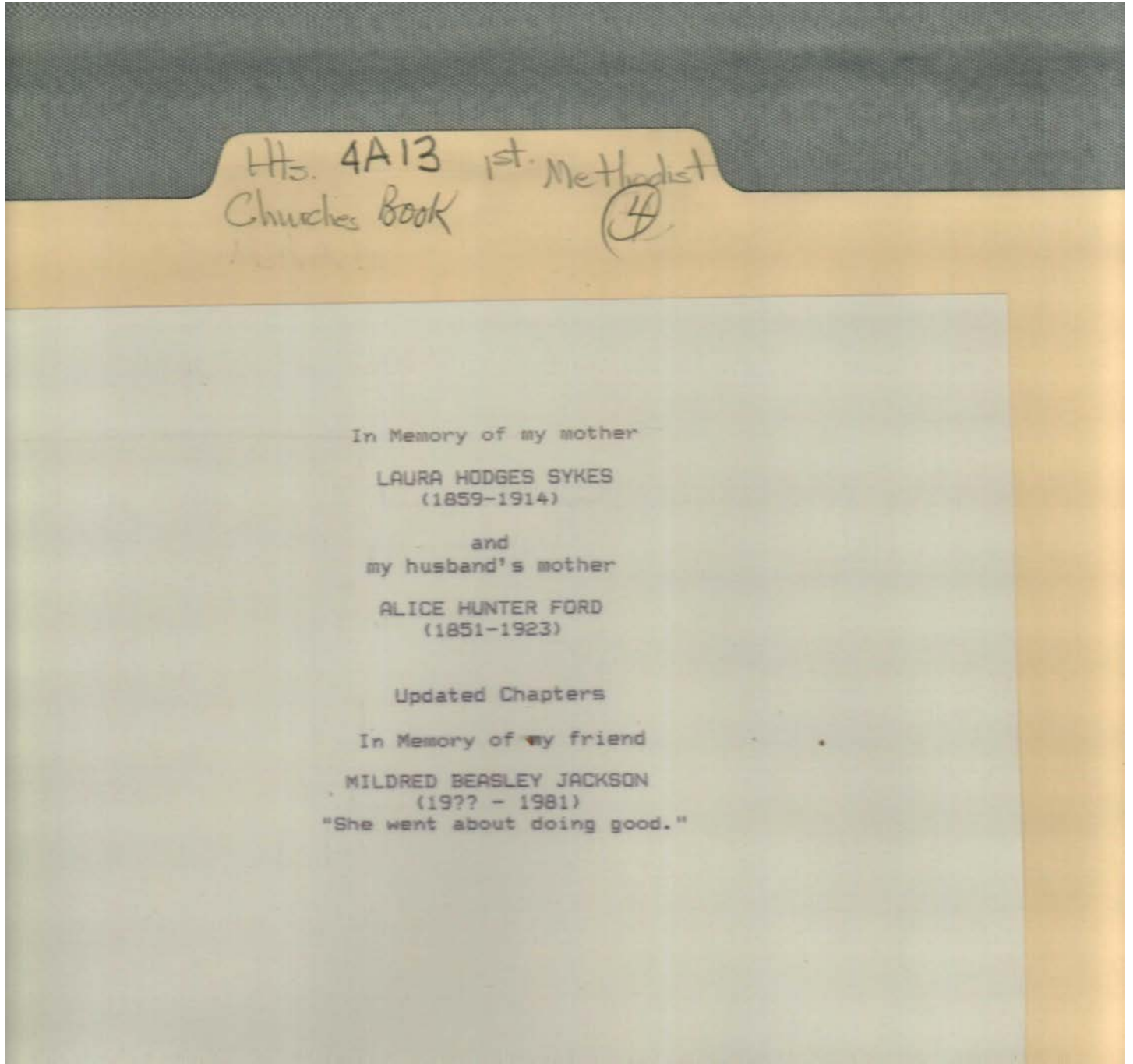
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Beasley

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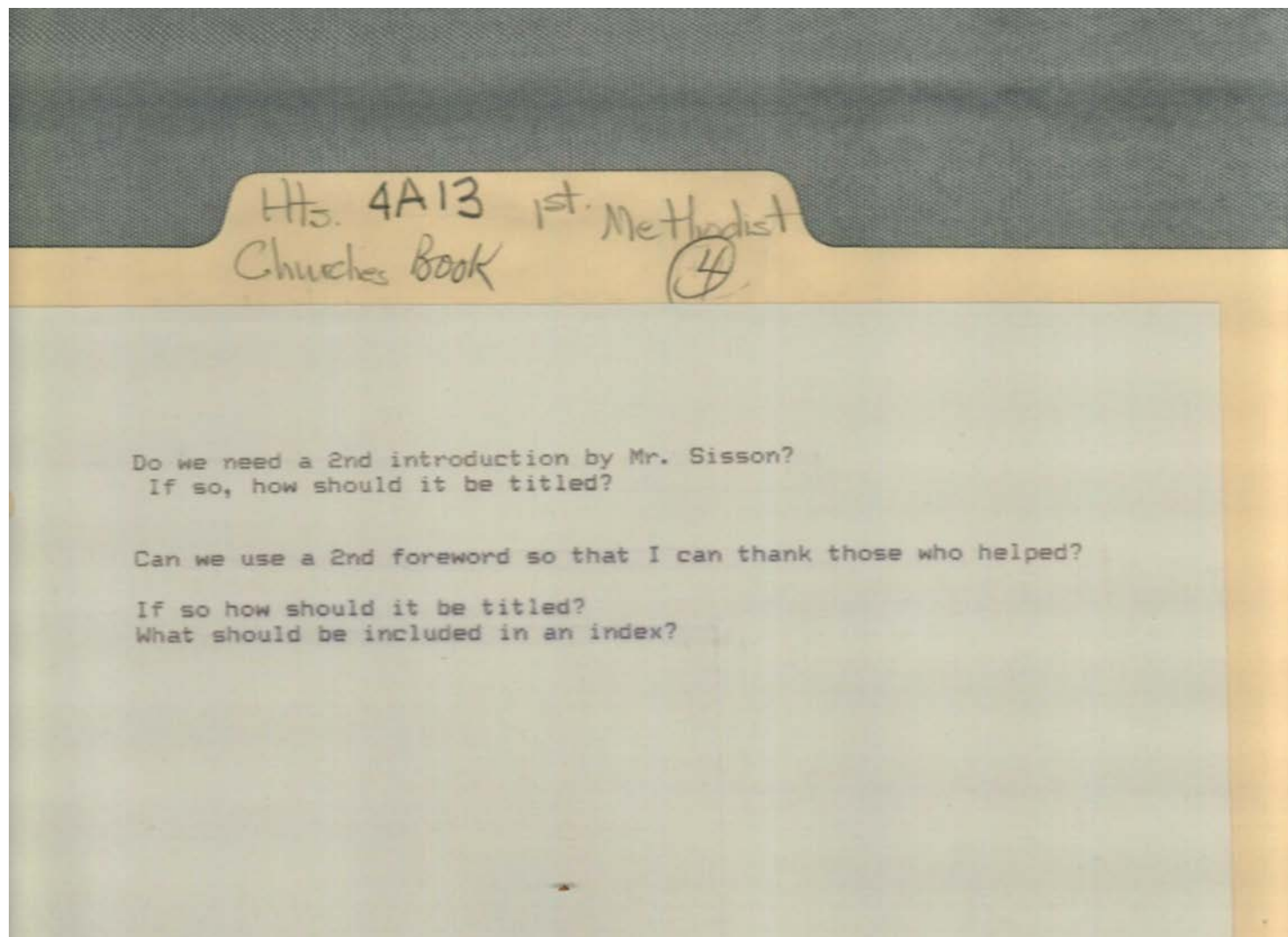
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Called to be Servants.....  
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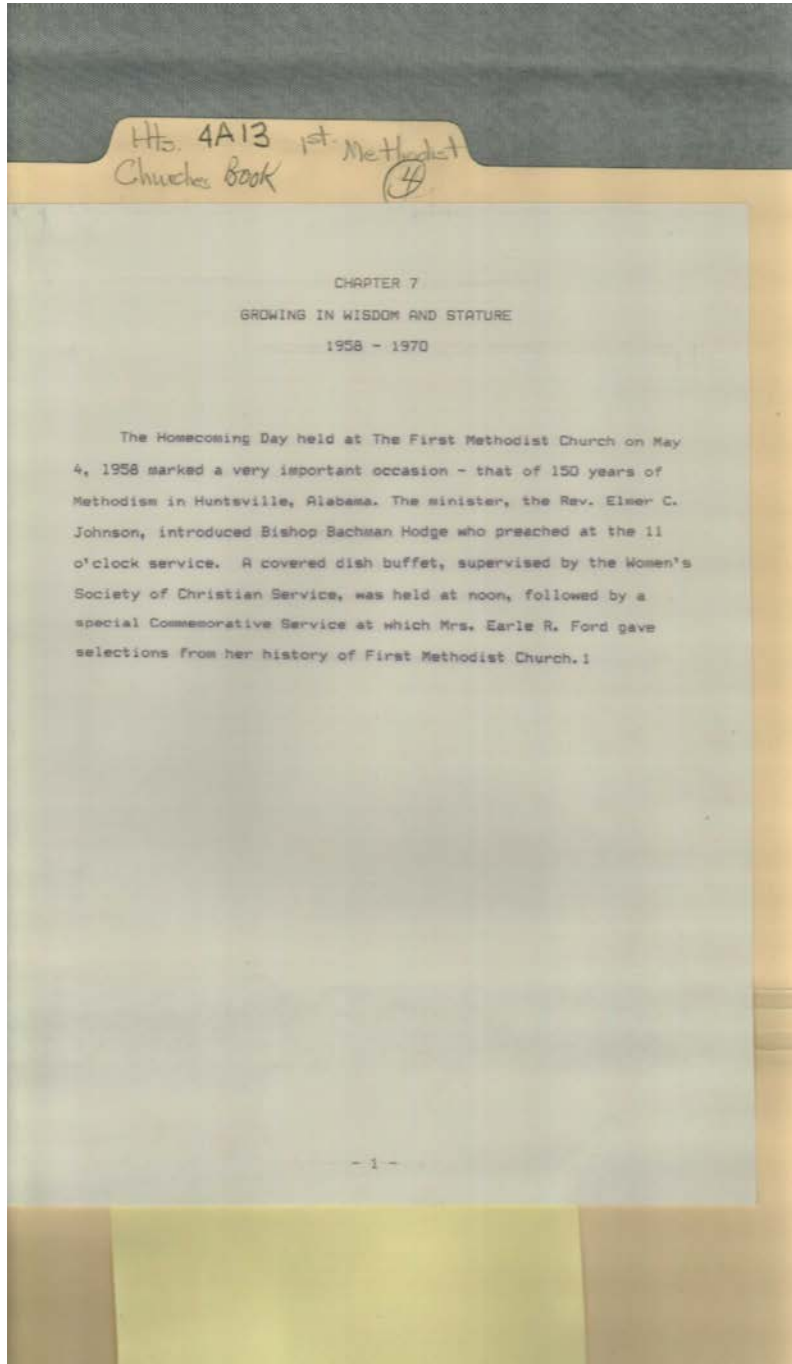
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Hodge, Bachman,  
Bishop

Johnson, Elmer C.,  
Rev.

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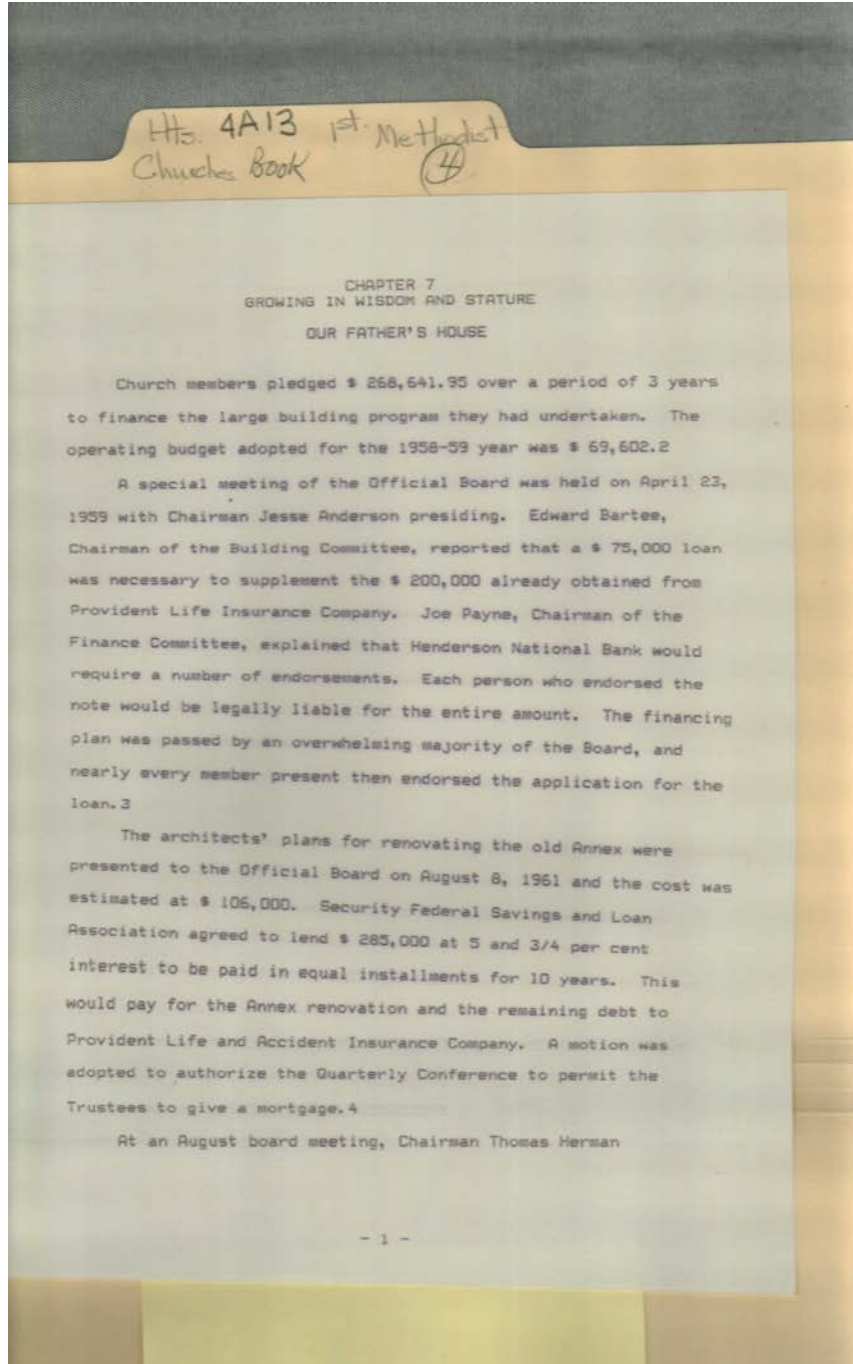
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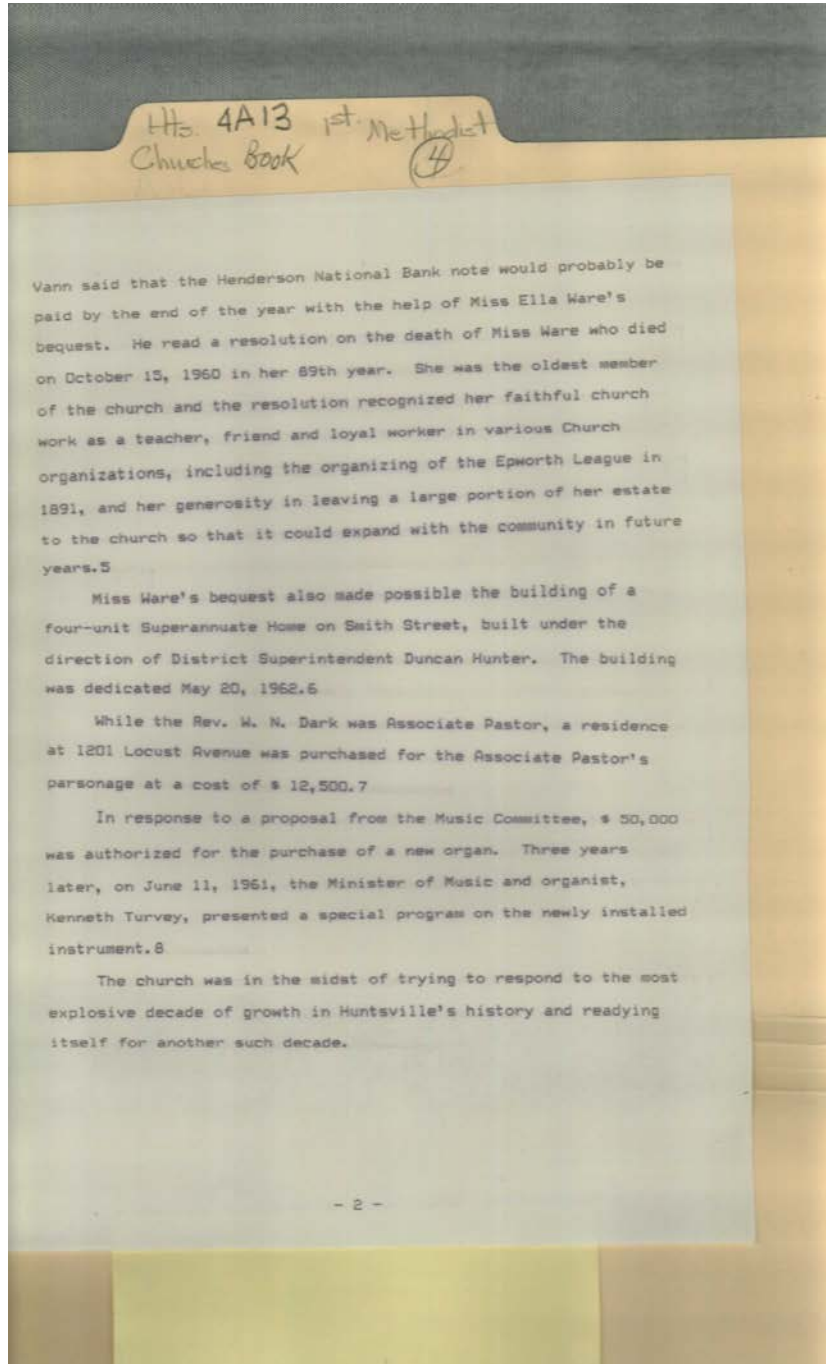
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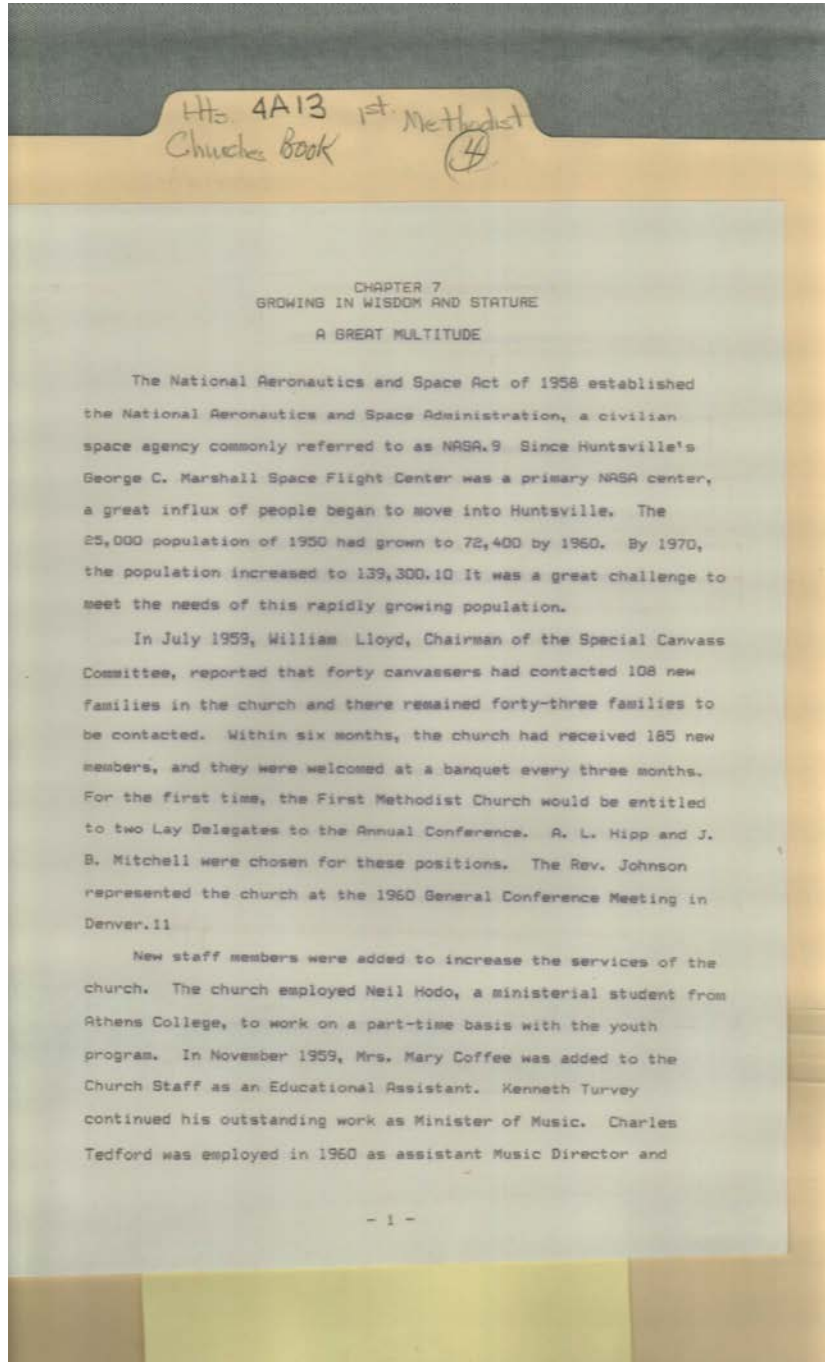
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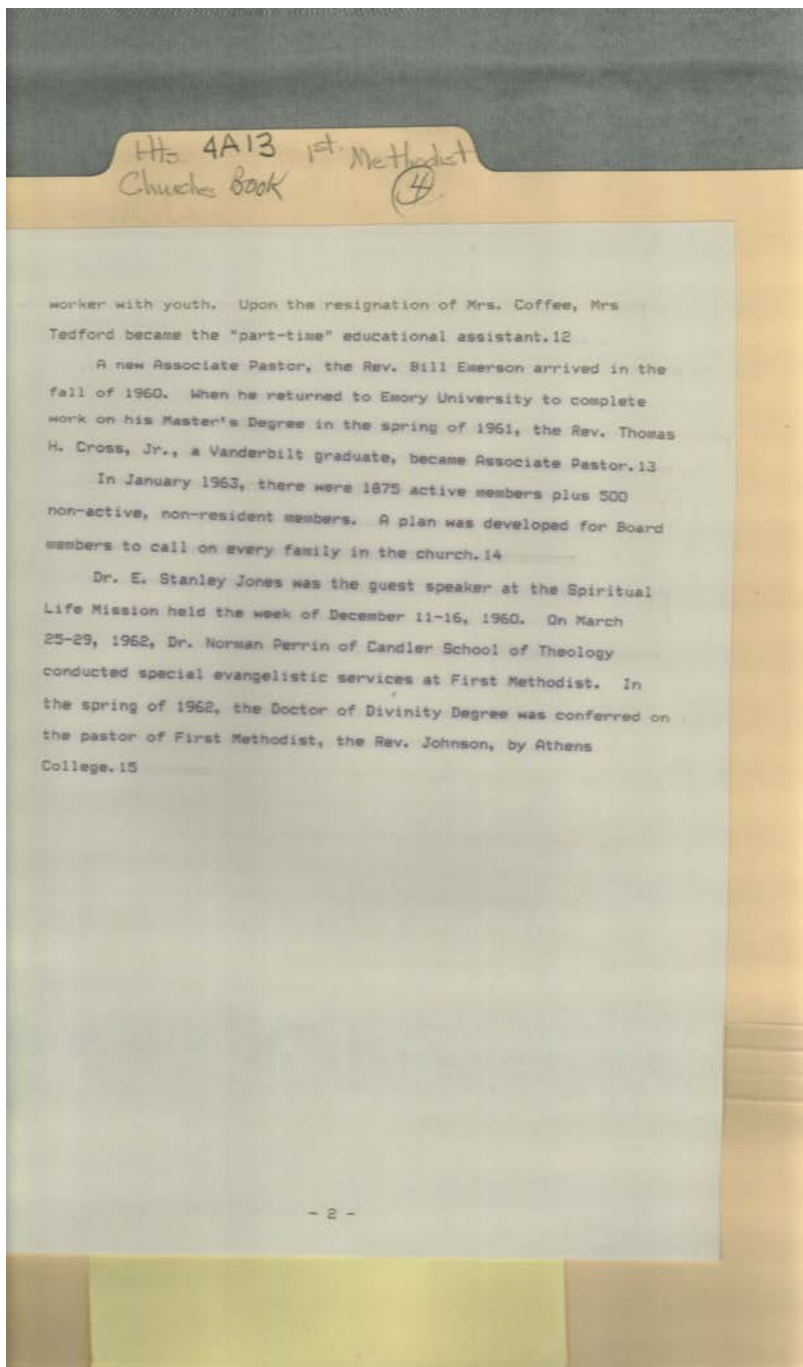
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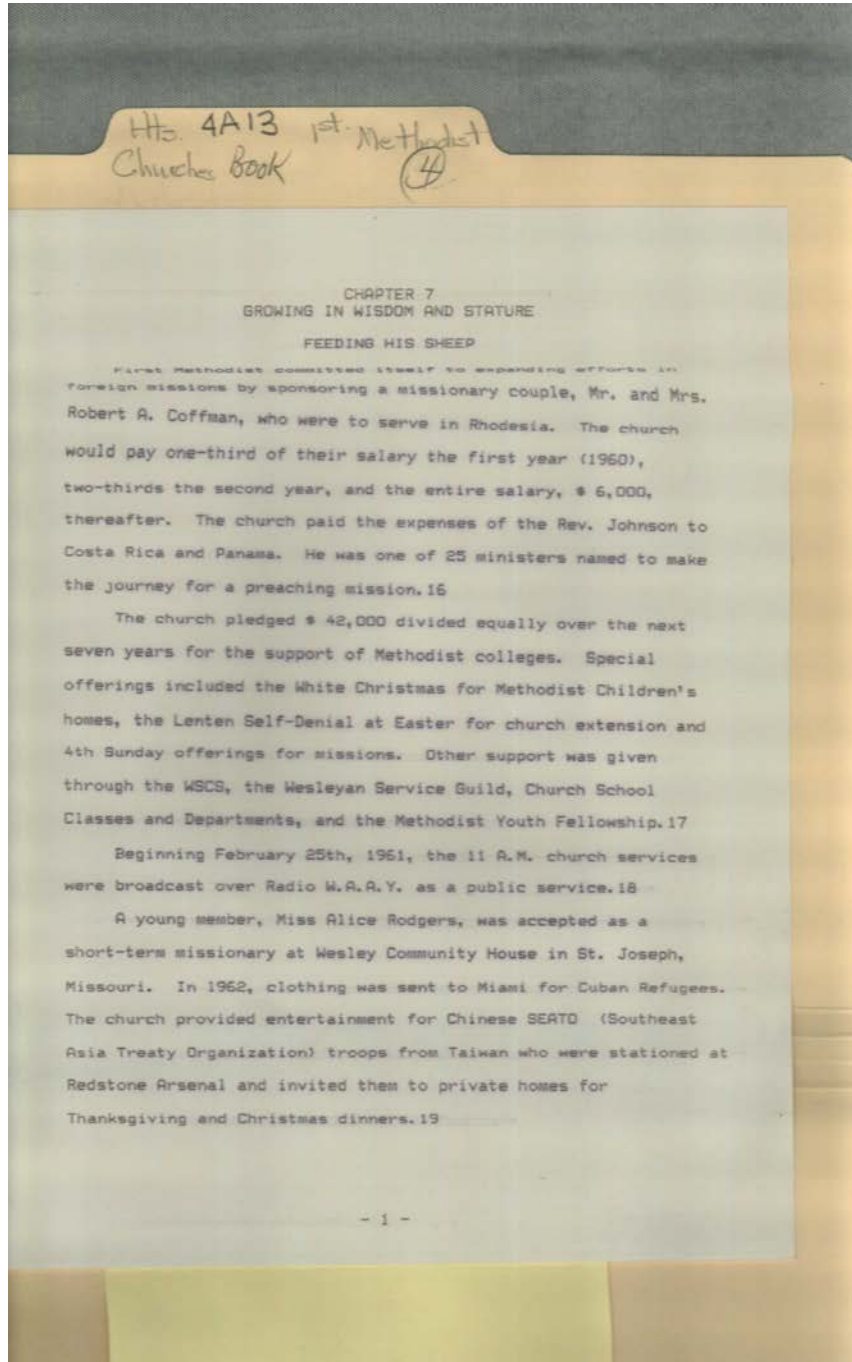


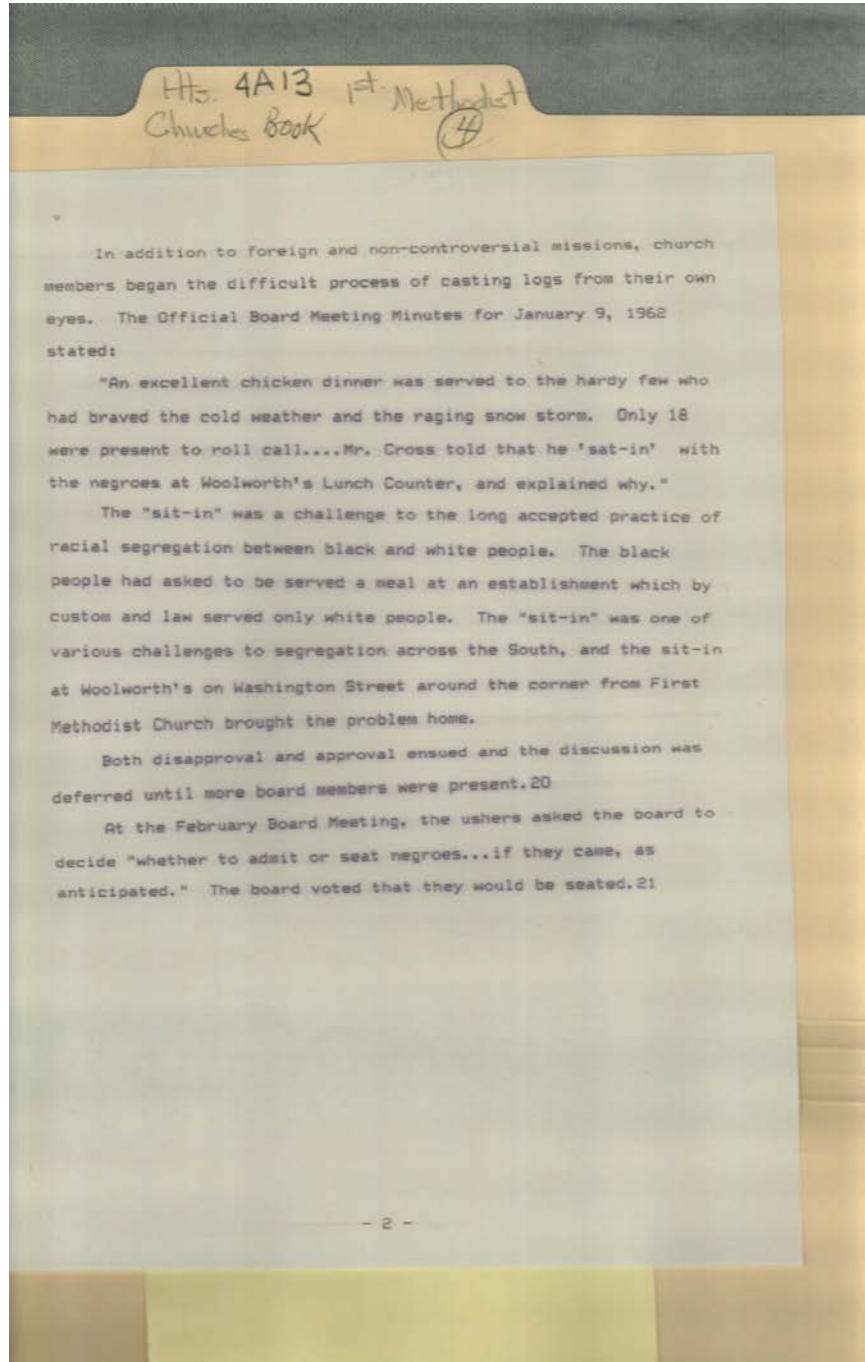




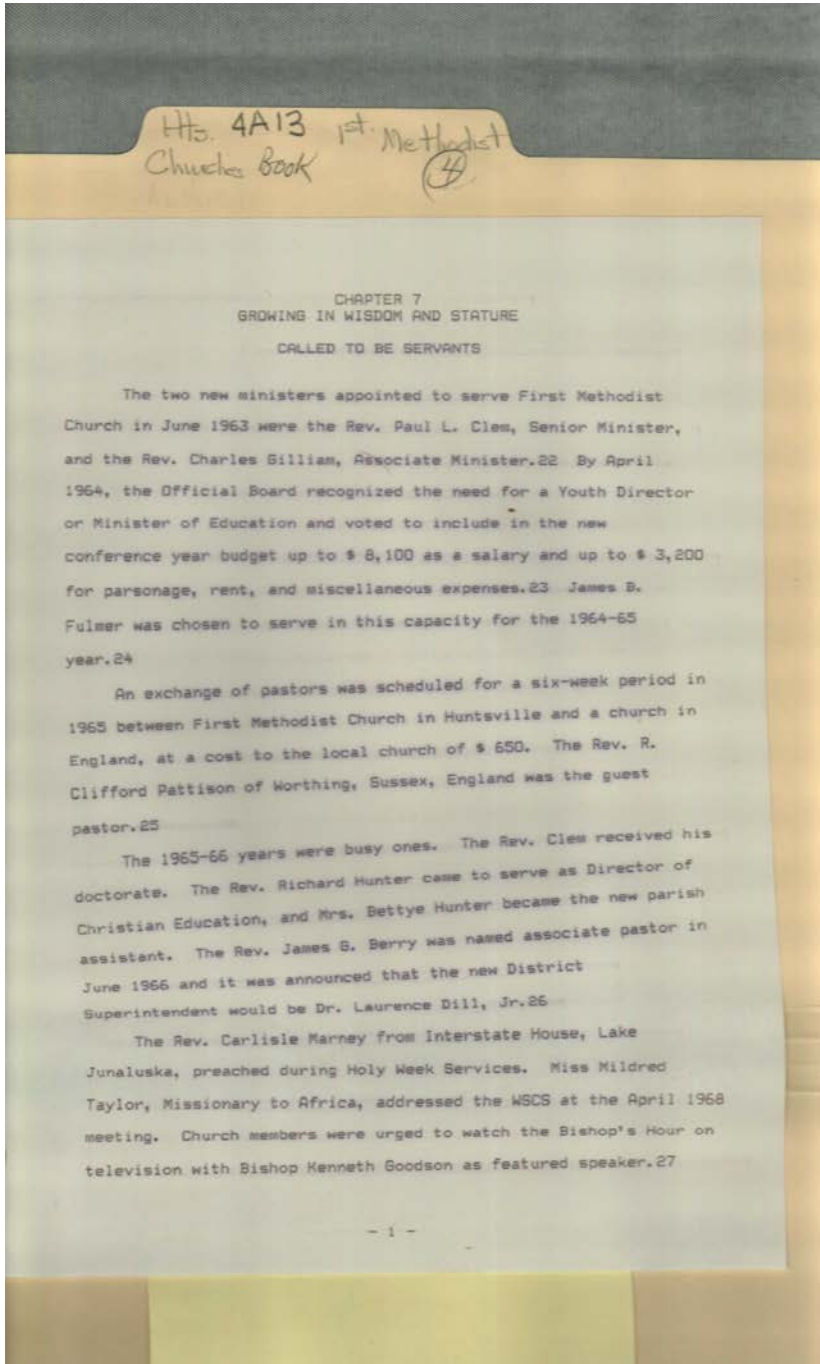


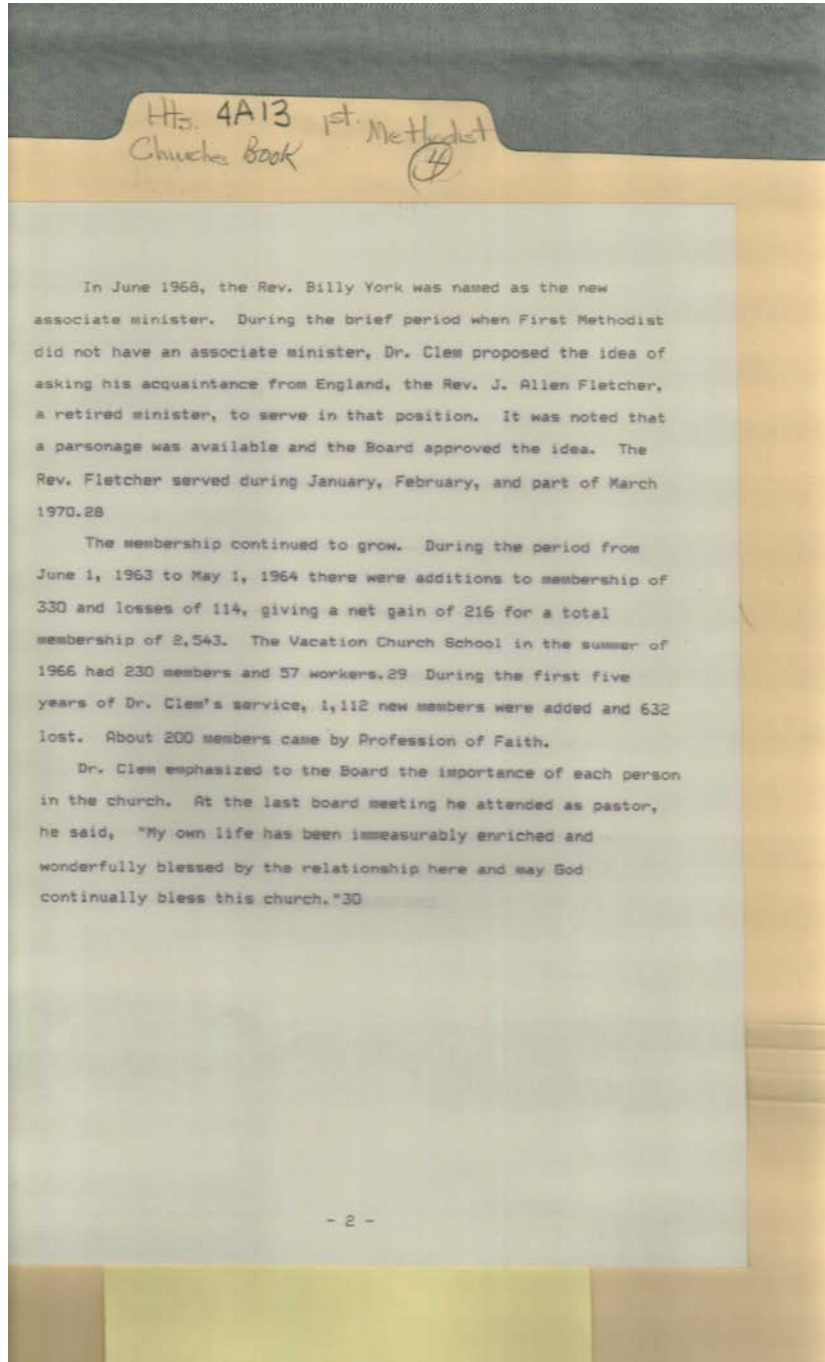








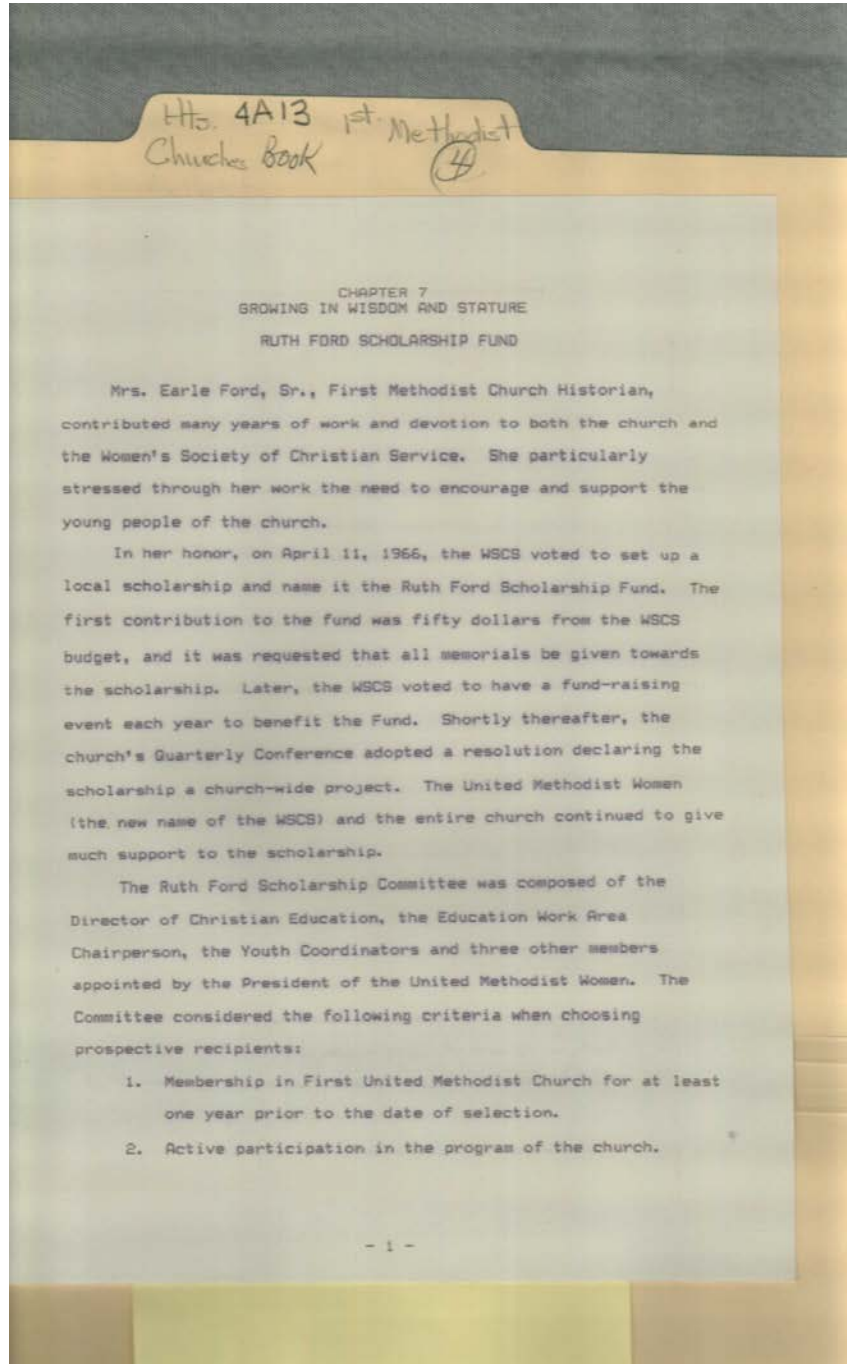


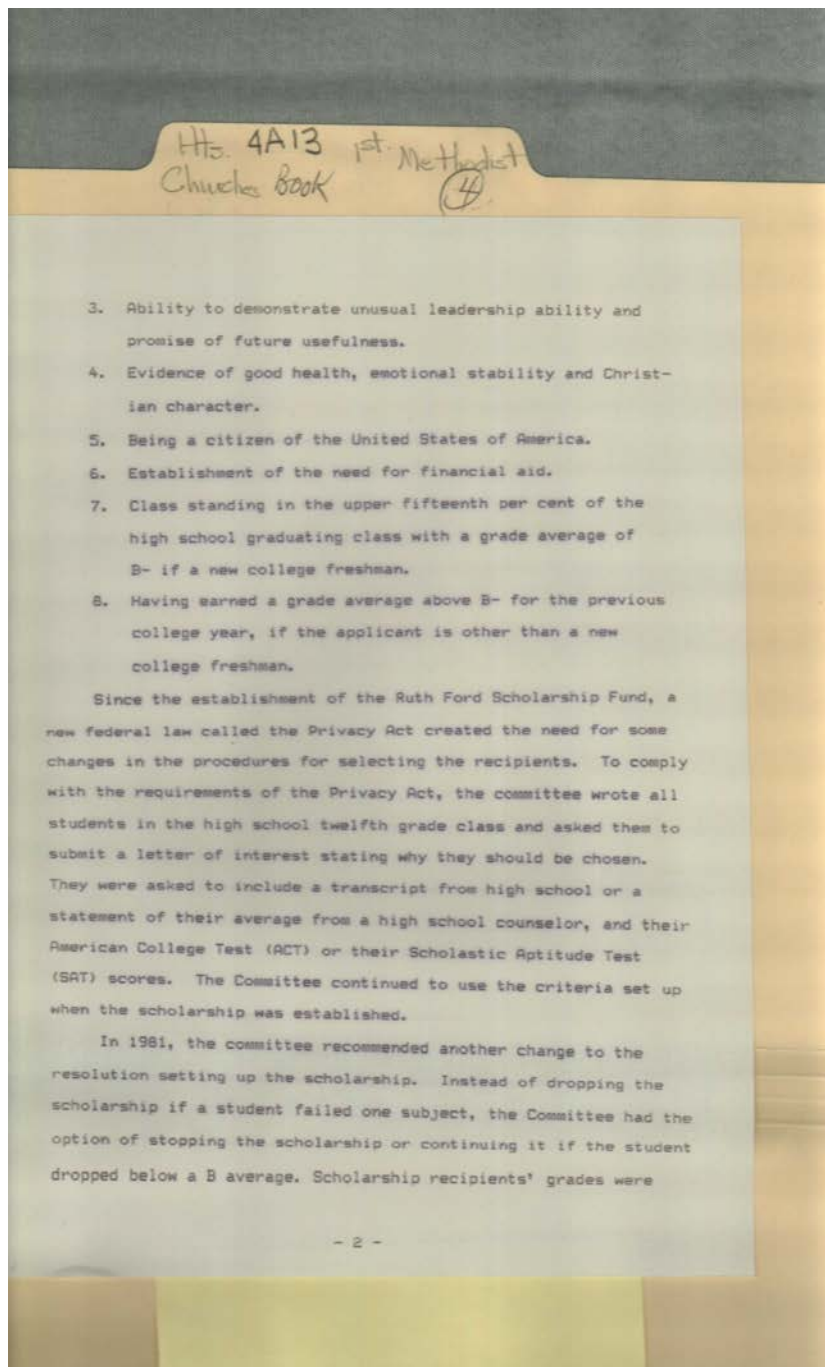


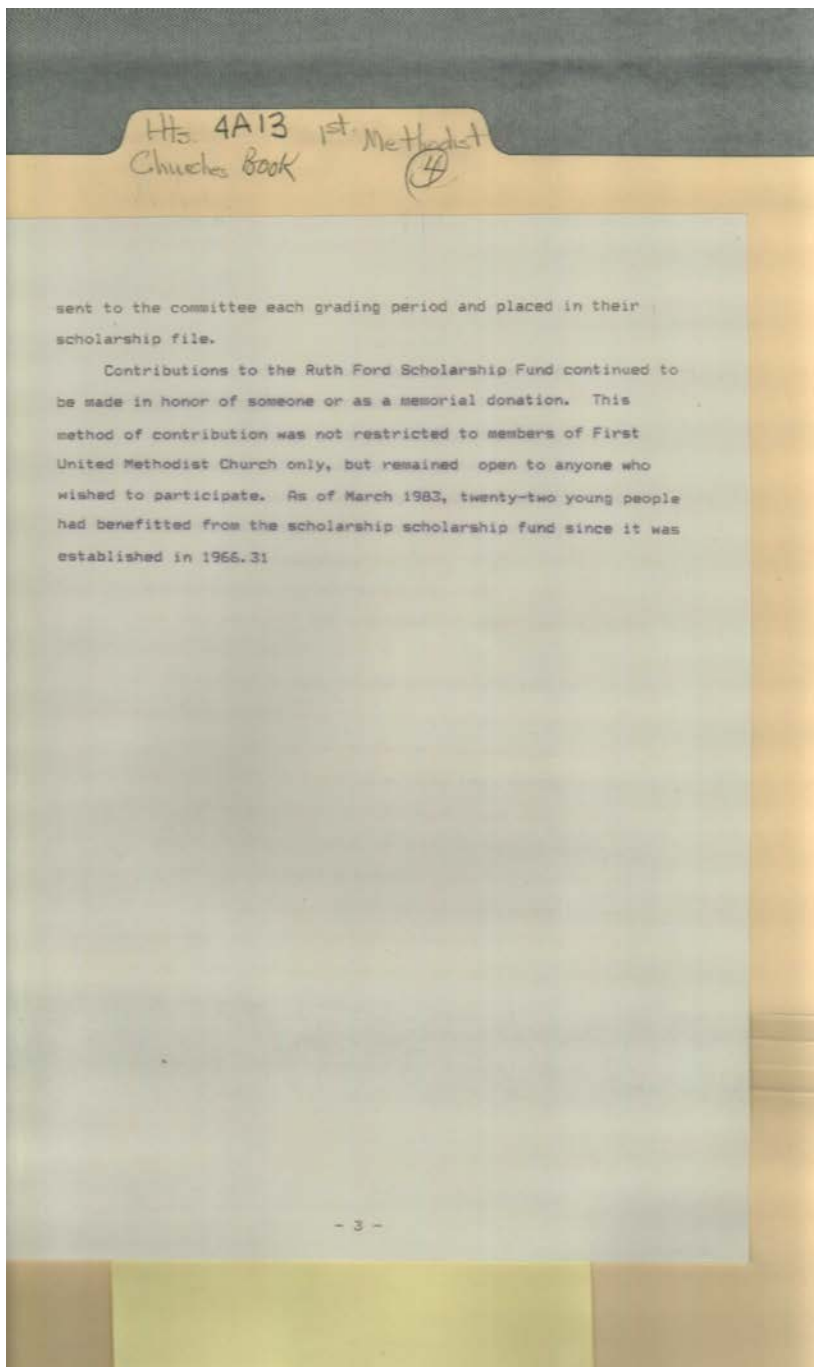
In June 1968, the Rev. Billy York was named as the new associate minister. During the brief period when First Methodist did not have an associate minister, Dr. Cies proposed the idea of asking his acquaintance from England, the Rev. J. Allen Fletcher, a retired minister, to serve in that position. It was noted that a parsonage was available and the Board approved the idea. The Rev. Fletcher served during January, February, and part of March 1970.<sup>28</sup>

The membership continued to grow. During the period from June 1, 1963 to May 1, 1964 there were additions to membership of 330 and losses of 114, giving a net gain of 216 for a total membership of 2,543. The Vacation Church School in the summer of 1966 had 230 members and 57 workers.<sup>29</sup> During the first five years of Dr. Cies's service, 1,112 new members were added and 632 lost. About 200 members came by Profession of Faith.

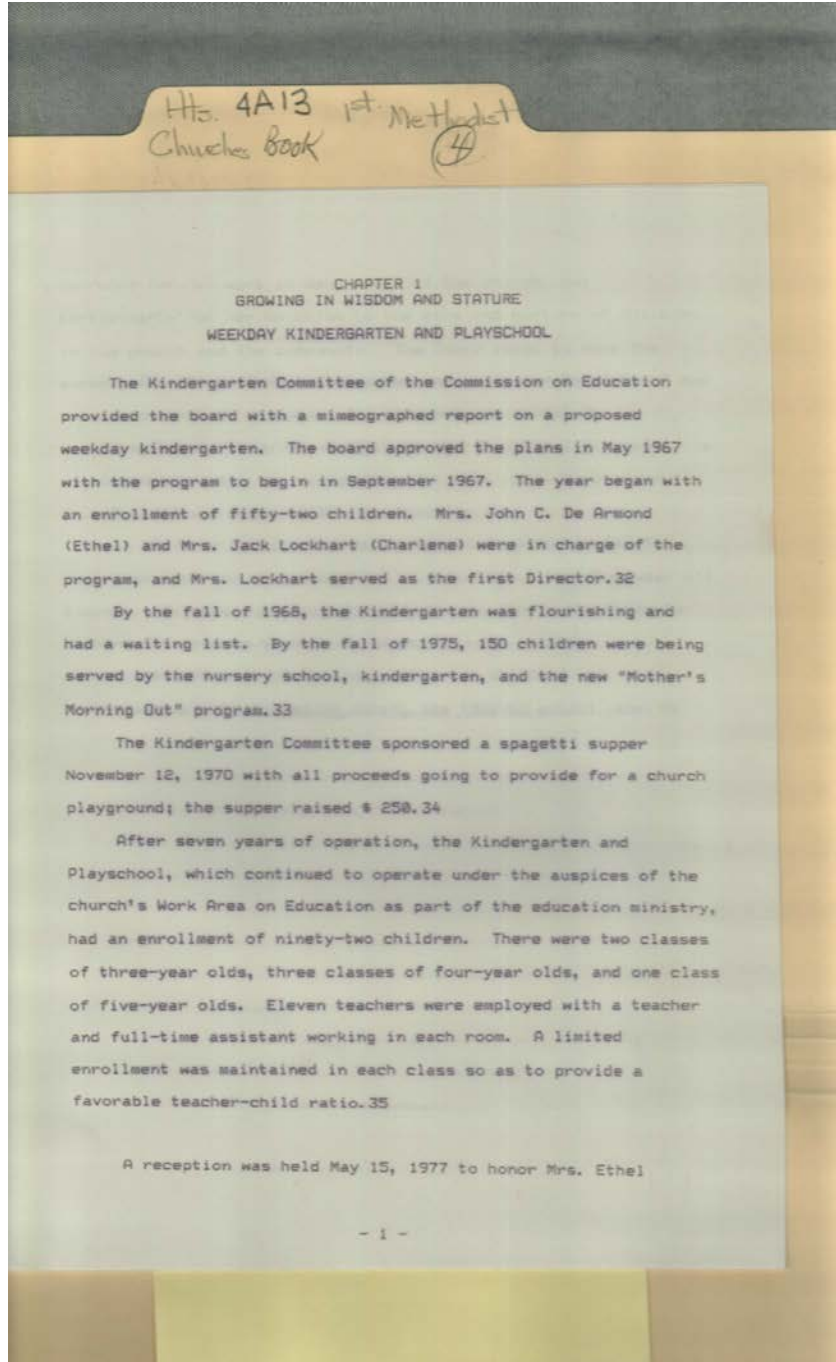
Dr. Cies emphasized to the Board the importance of each person in the church. At the last board meeting he attended as pastor, he said, "My own life has been immeasurably enriched and wonderfully blessed by the relationship here and may God continually bless this church."<sup>30</sup>

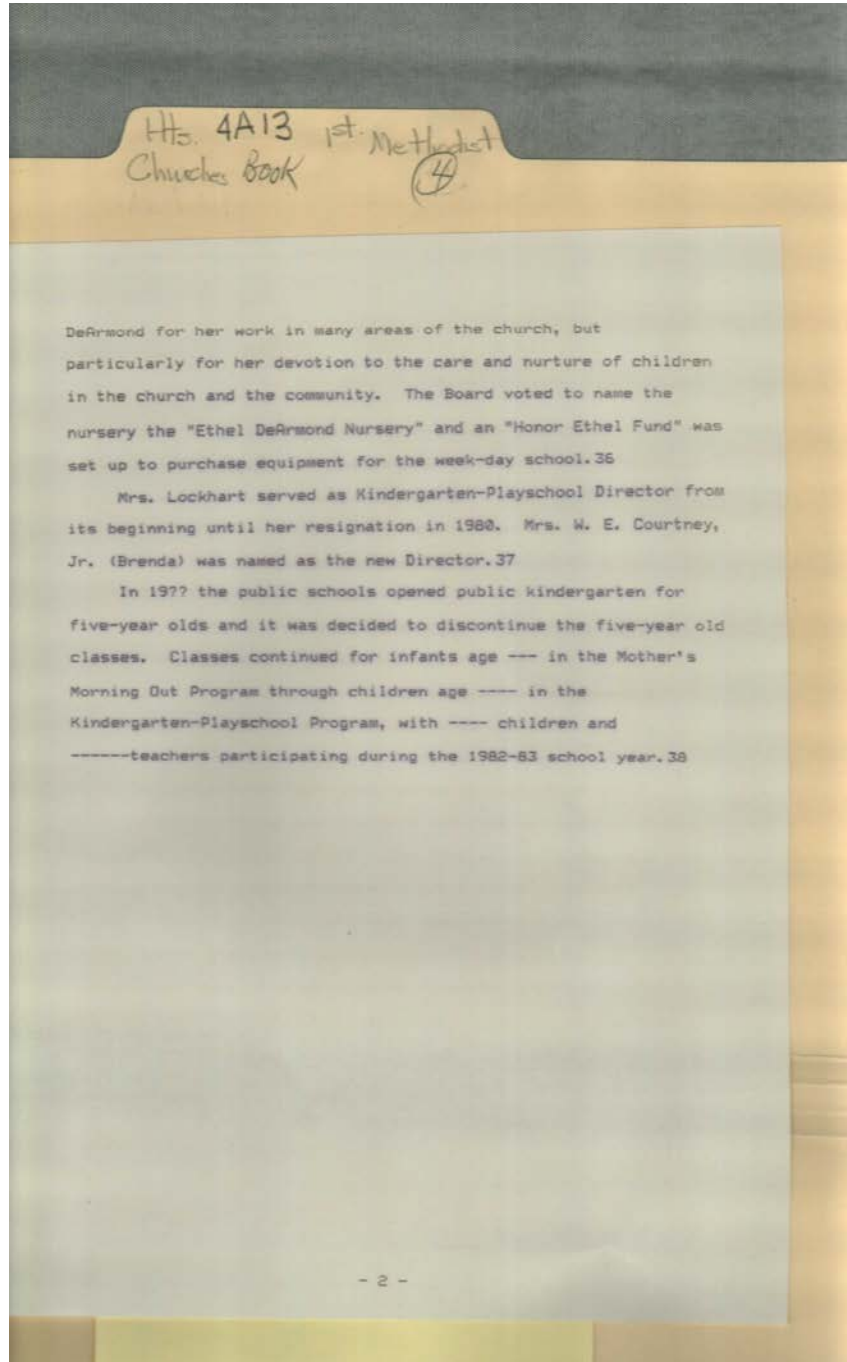


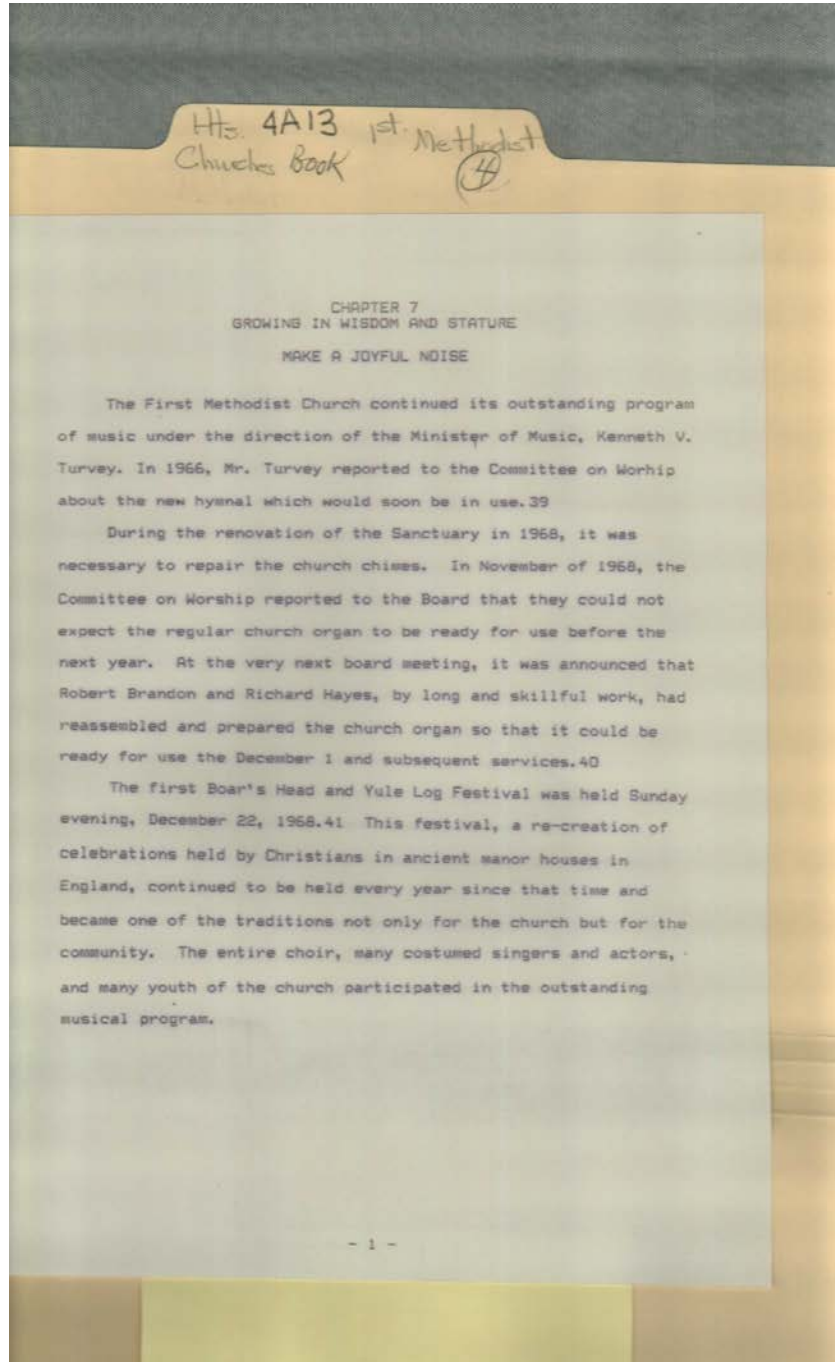












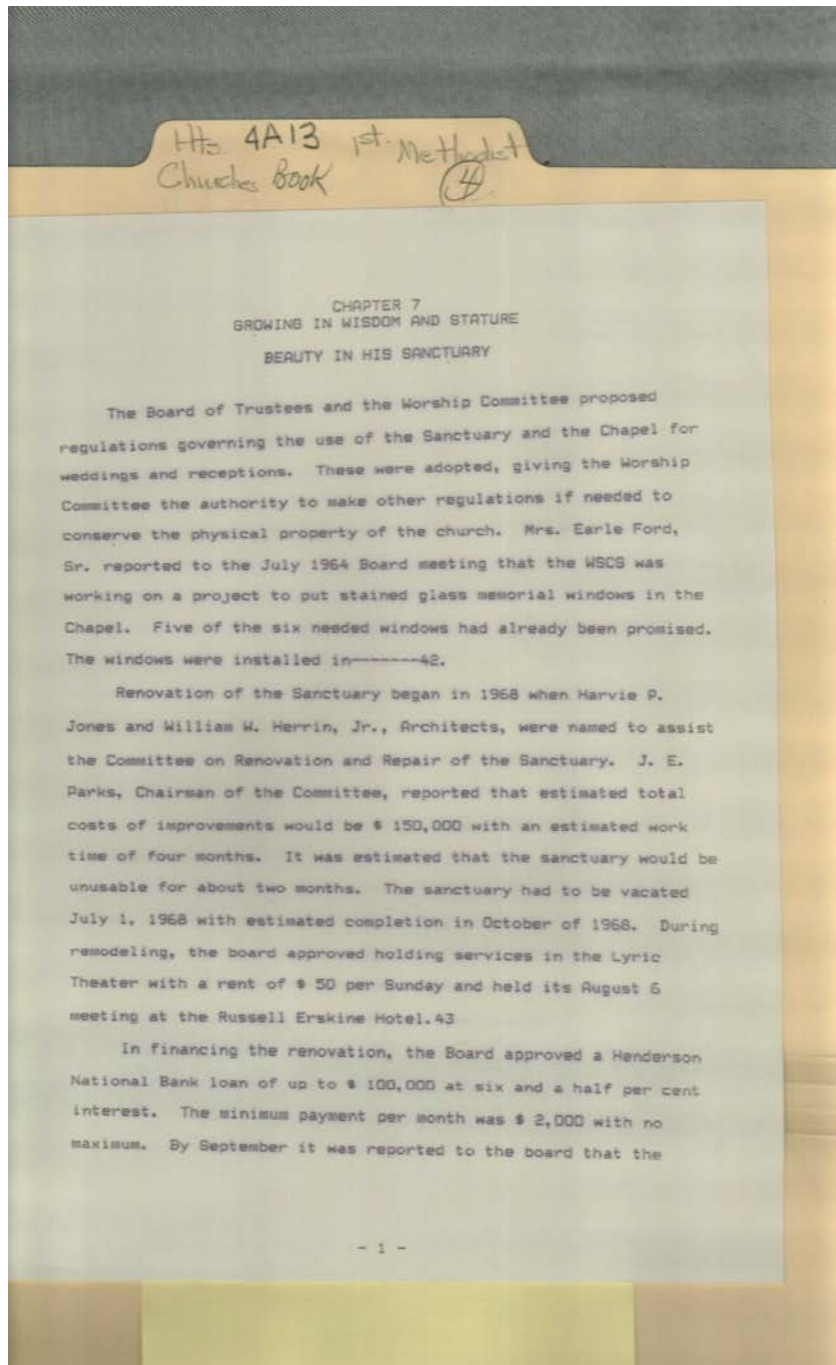
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CHAPTER 7  
GROWING IN WISDOM AND STATURE  
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The First Methodist Church continued its outstanding program of music under the direction of the Minister of Music, Kenneth V. Turvey. In 1966, Mr. Turvey reported to the Committee on Worship about the new hymnal which would soon be in use.<sup>39</sup>

During the renovation of the Sanctuary in 1968, it was necessary to repair the church chimes. In November of 1968, the Committee on Worship reported to the Board that they could not expect the regular church organ to be ready for use before the next year. At the very next board meeting, it was announced that Robert Brandon and Richard Hayes, by long and skillful work, had reassembled and prepared the church organ so that it could be ready for use the December 1 and subsequent services.<sup>40</sup>

The first Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival was held Sunday evening, December 22, 1968.<sup>41</sup> This festival, a re-creation of celebrations held by Christians in ancient manor houses in England, continued to be held every year since that time and became one of the traditions not only for the church but for the community. The entire choir, many costumed singers and actors, and many youth of the church participated in the outstanding musical program.



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original contract price of construction which was \$ 147,000 stood then at \$ 154,000 due to conntingency changes.<sup>44</sup>

The sanctuary was vacated for renovation for a period of ----- months. Services of consecration for the renovated sanctuary were held at both morning services on Sunday, April 13, 1969.<sup>45</sup>

In order to provide more adequate parking space for the church, the property of Mr. Edward McGregor, 305 Randolph Avenue, was the subject of a special session of the Administrative Board on October 19, 1969. A resolution to purchase the property for the amount of \$ 56,595 was passed. At the Administrative Board Meeting of April 7, 1960 it was voted to allow the committee in charge of property on Randolph to make a bid of \$ 10,000 to the Huntsville Housing Authority for some property approximately sixty feet by ninety feet. This property which adjoined the church's recently acquired property would be used for an exit on Lincoln Street. This offer to purchase was turned down by the Huntsville Housing Authority; however, they made available a larger plot and the counter proposal was approved by the board. To purchase the property, the church had to borrow \$ 30,000. By 1974, after several months of problems with unauthorized use of the parking lot, it was announced to the board that the lot was more accessible since several cars had been towed away.<sup>46</sup>



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CHAPTER 7  
GROWING IN WISDOM AND IN STATURE

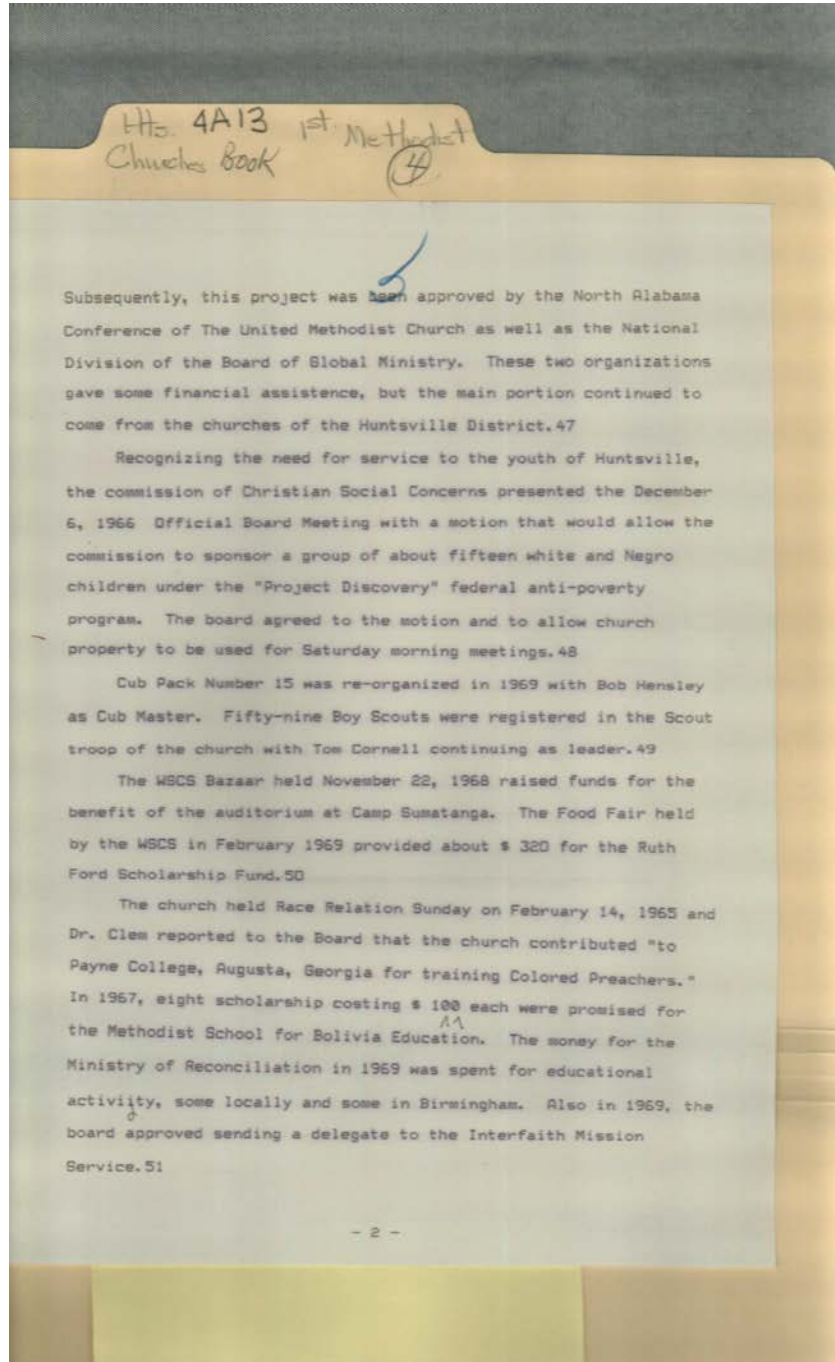
FAITHFUL SERVANTS

The Women's Society of Christian Service throughout its history has served in many capacities in the life of the church, ministering both to members and in mission work both locally, throughout the nation, and around the world. Often they have worked through the Methodist connectional system and when necessary they have made the entire church aware of needs at home and abroad.

One of the most important local needs was to provide services in certain areas of Huntsville where Christian love and concern could help in developing individuals, strengthening family life, and helping persons work toward the creation and preservation of a better community. The Methodist Service Council was organized by the Women's Societies of the Huntsville District in 1954 and its outgrowth later became The United Methodist Service Center.

The Center, which <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ located in a public housing project, <sup>provided</sup> ~~has~~ many activities such as the basketball team, a tutoring program, and enrichment activities <sup>such as</sup> ~~which included~~ music, story-telling, crafts, recreation, and field trips. The Center also sponsored special events such as Halloween carnivals, and Christmas and Easter plays and parties. Social services included instructing young mothers in the care of their children and how to shop and prepare foods economically. This work <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ done by volunteers from the different churches.

When the Service Center was begun, all of the finances were provided by the various churches of the Huntsville District.



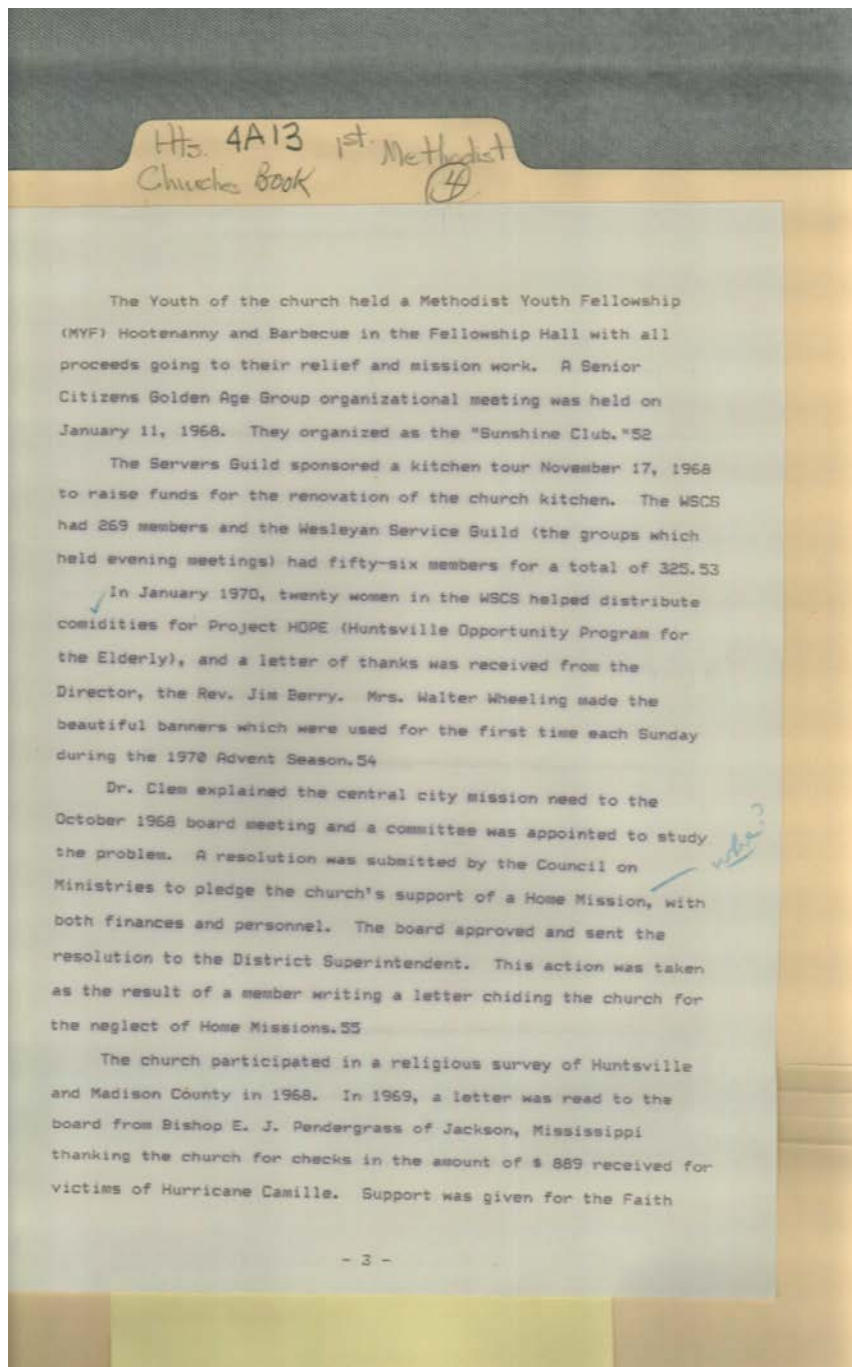
Subsequently, this project was <sup>2</sup>been approved by the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church as well as the National Division of the Board of Global Ministry. These two organizations gave some financial assistance, but the main portion continued to come from the churches of the Huntsville District.<sup>47</sup>

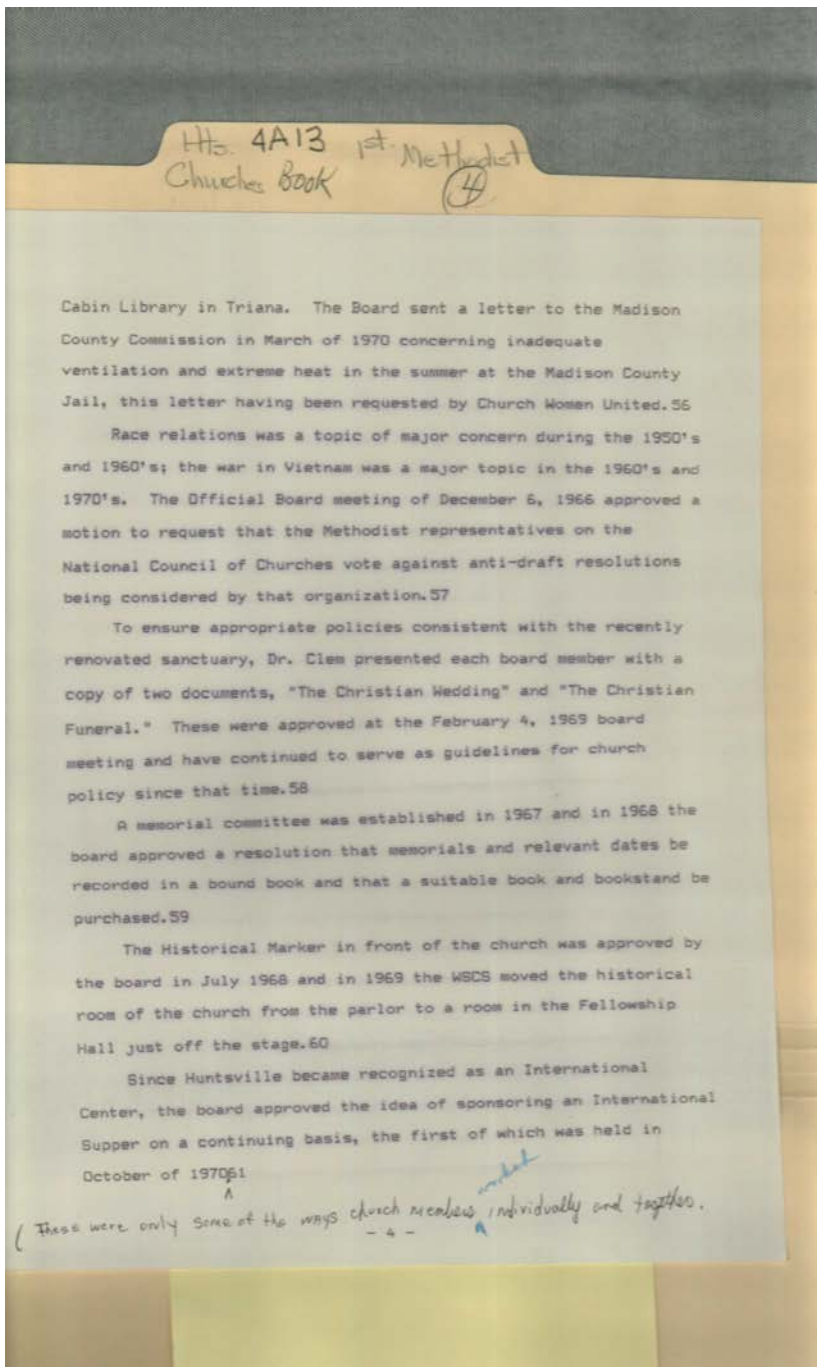
Recognizing the need for service to the youth of Huntsville, the commission of Christian Social Concerns presented the December 6, 1966 Official Board Meeting with a motion that would allow the commission to sponsor a group of about fifteen white and Negro children under the "Project Discovery" federal anti-poverty program. The board agreed to the motion and to allow church property to be used for Saturday morning meetings.<sup>48</sup>

Cub Pack Number 15 was re-organized in 1969 with Bob Hensley as Cub Master. Fifty-nine Boy Scouts were registered in the Scout troop of the church with Tom Cornell continuing as leader.<sup>49</sup>

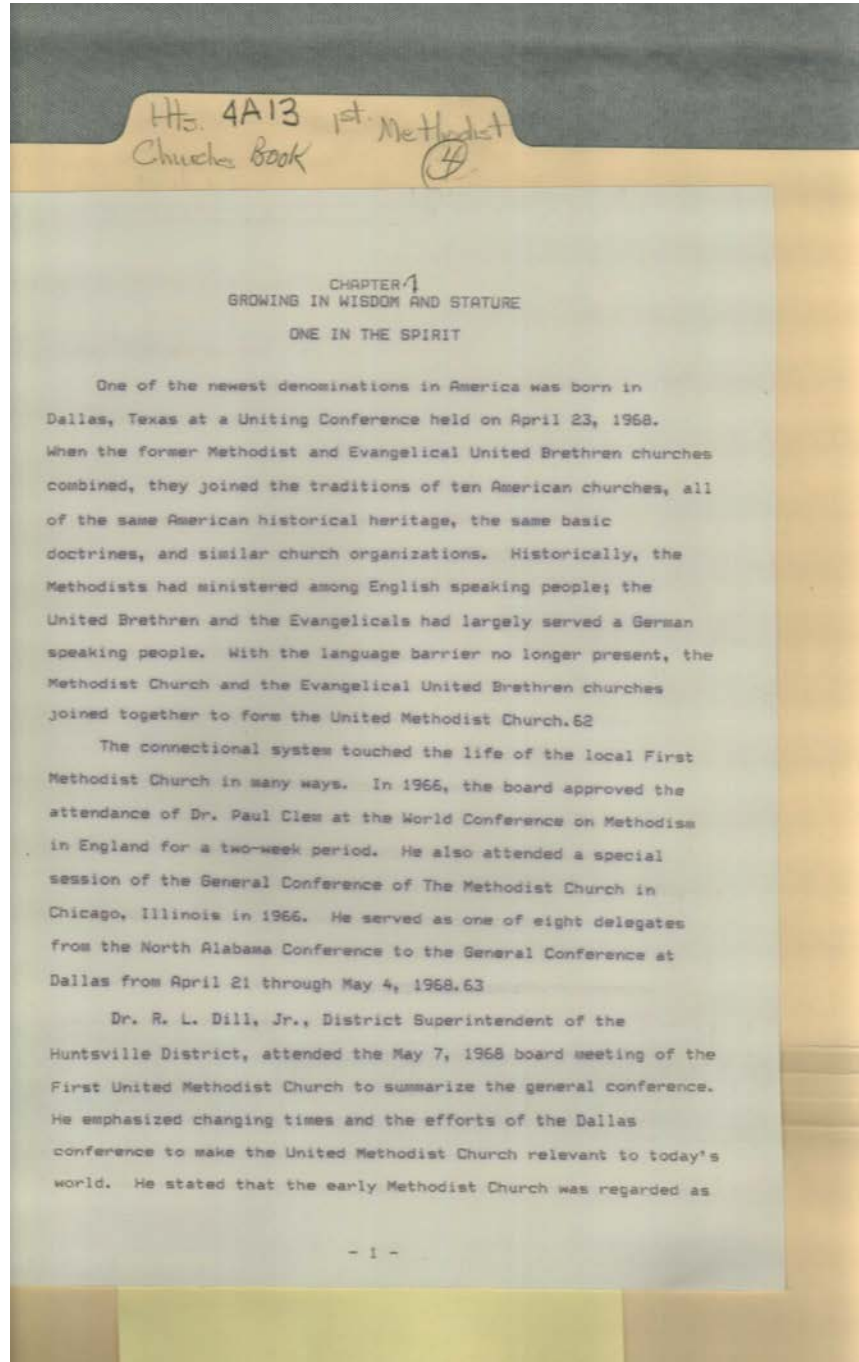
The WSCS Bazaar held November 22, 1968 raised funds for the benefit of the auditorium at Camp Sumatanga. The Food Fair held by the WSCS in February 1969 provided about \$ 320 for the Ruth Ford Scholarship Fund.<sup>50</sup>

The church held Race Relation Sunday on February 14, 1965 and Dr. Clem reported to the Board that the church contributed "to Payne College, Augusta, Georgia for training Colored Preachers." In 1967, eight scholarship costing \$ 100 each were promised for the Methodist School for Bolivia Education. The money for the Ministry of Reconciliation in 1969 was spent for educational activity, some locally and some in Birmingham. Also in 1969, the board approved sending a delegate to the Interfaith Mission Service.<sup>51</sup>

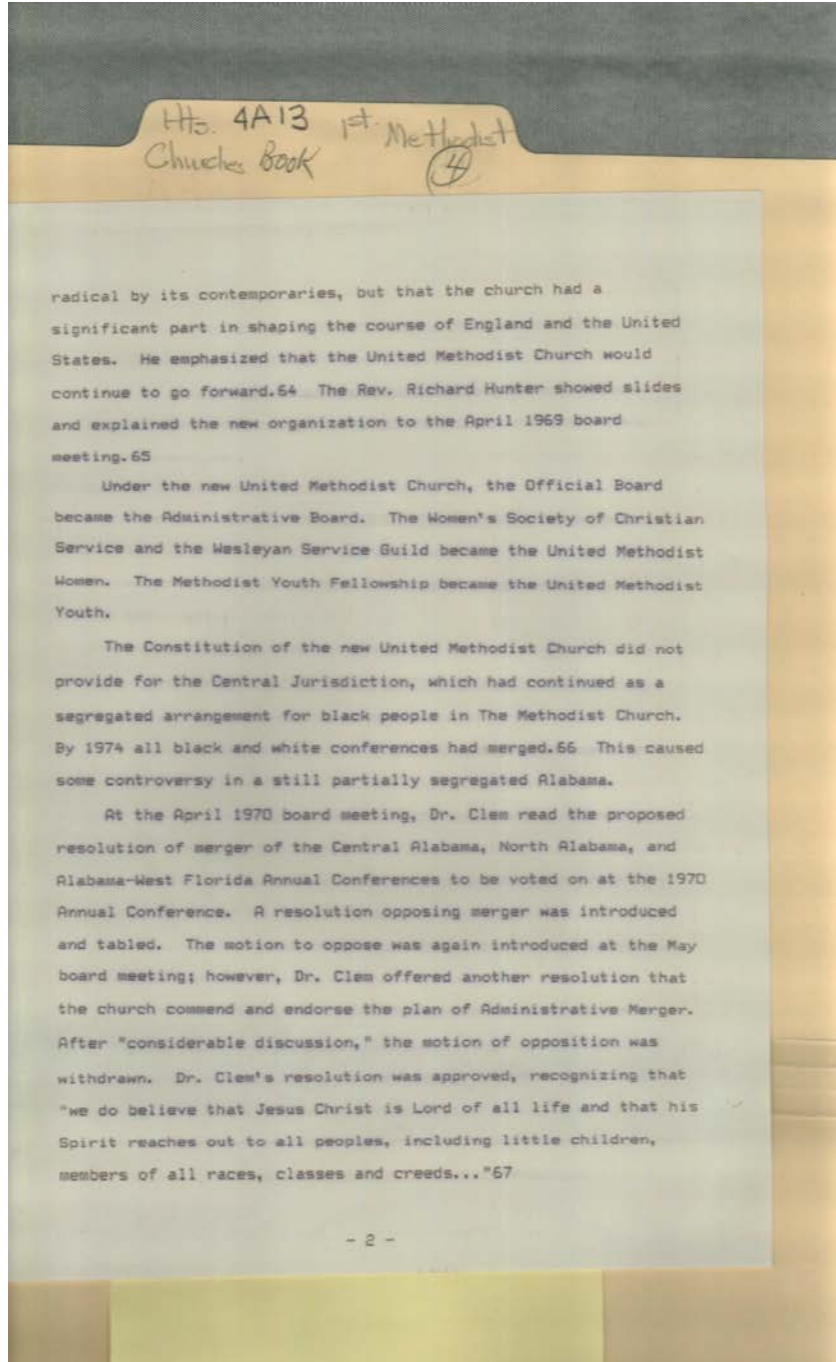


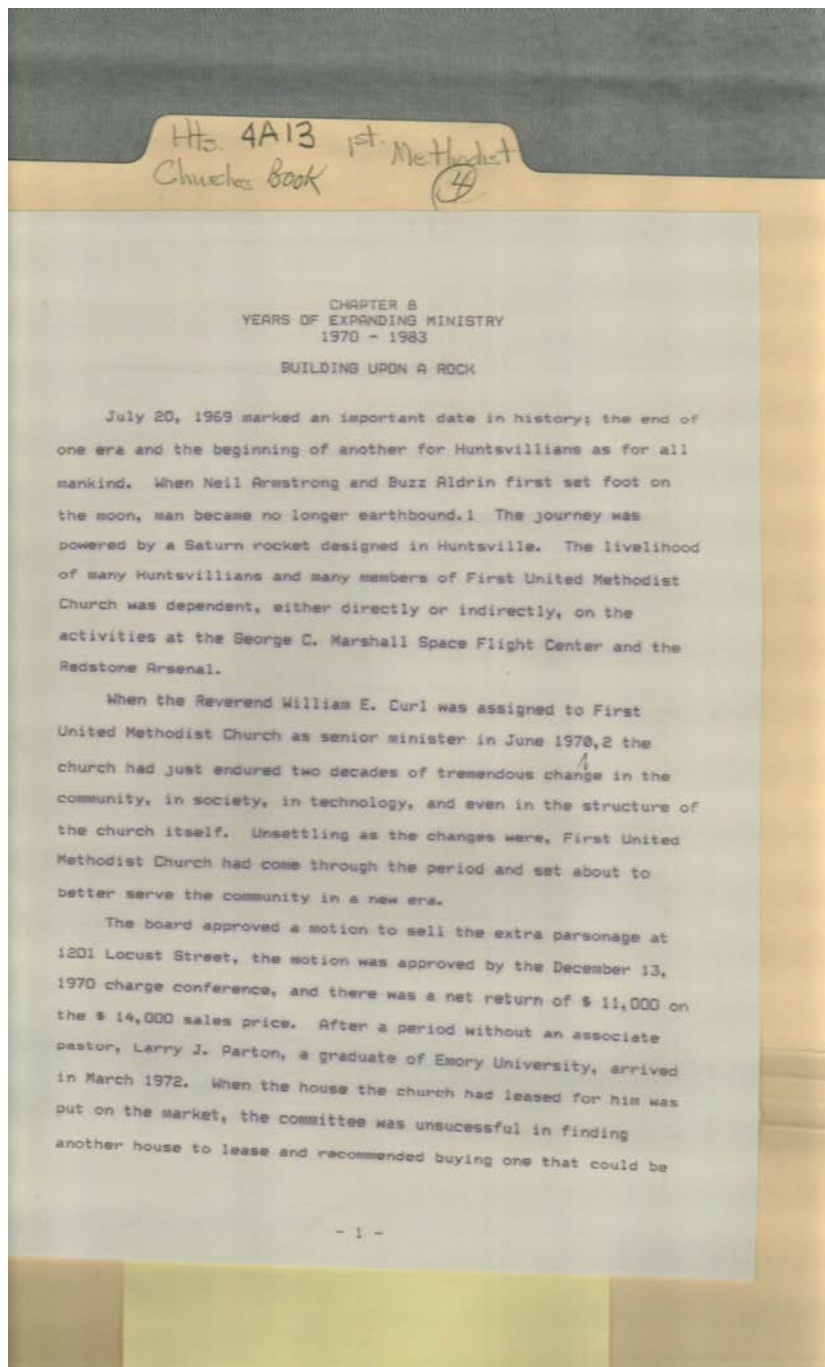


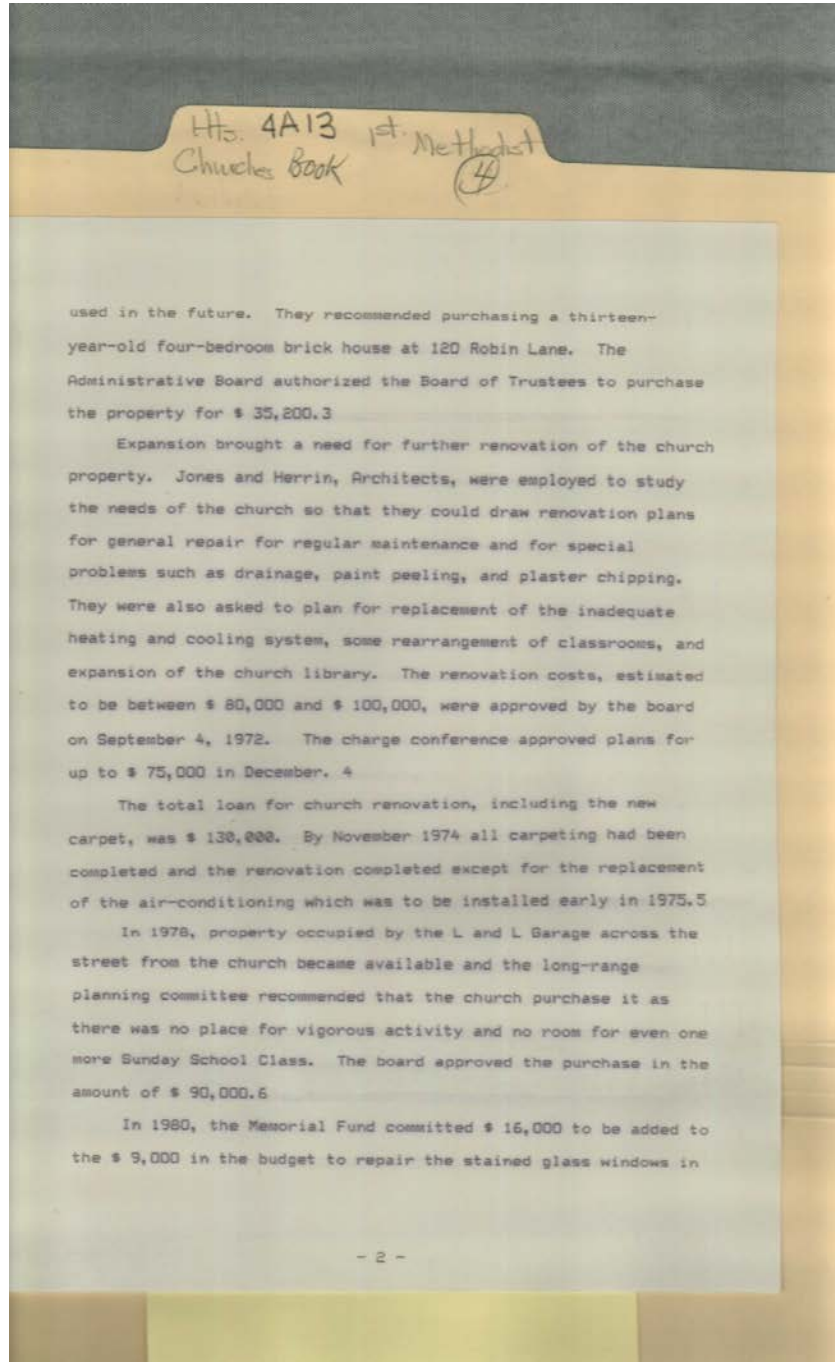












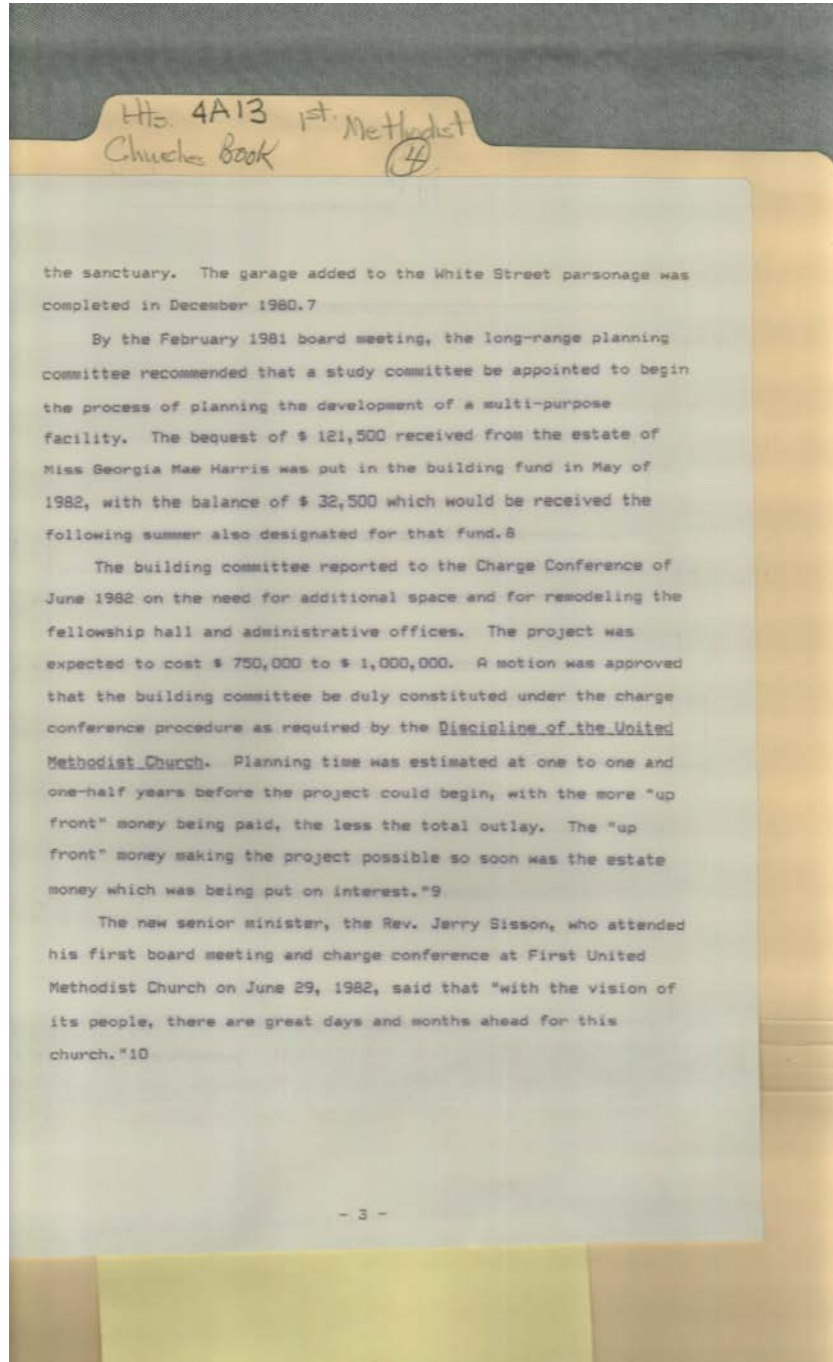
used in the future. They recommended purchasing a thirteen-year-old four-bedroom brick house at 120 Robin Lane. The Administrative Board authorized the Board of Trustees to purchase the property for \$ 35,200.3

Expansion brought a need for further renovation of the church property. Jones and Herrin, Architects, were employed to study the needs of the church so that they could draw renovation plans for general repair for regular maintenance and for special problems such as drainage, paint peeling, and plaster chipping. They were also asked to plan for replacement of the inadequate heating and cooling system, some rearrangement of classrooms, and expansion of the church library. The renovation costs, estimated to be between \$ 80,000 and \$ 100,000, were approved by the board on September 4, 1972. The charge conference approved plans for up to \$ 75,000 in December. 4

The total loan for church renovation, including the new carpet, was \$ 130,000. By November 1974 all carpeting had been completed and the renovation completed except for the replacement of the air-conditioning which was to be installed early in 1975.5

In 1978, property occupied by the L and L Garage across the street from the church became available and the long-range planning committee recommended that the church purchase it as there was no place for vigorous activity and no room for even one more Sunday School Class. The board approved the purchase in the amount of \$ 90,000.6

In 1980, the Memorial Fund committed \$ 16,000 to be added to the \$ 9,000 in the budget to repair the stained glass windows in

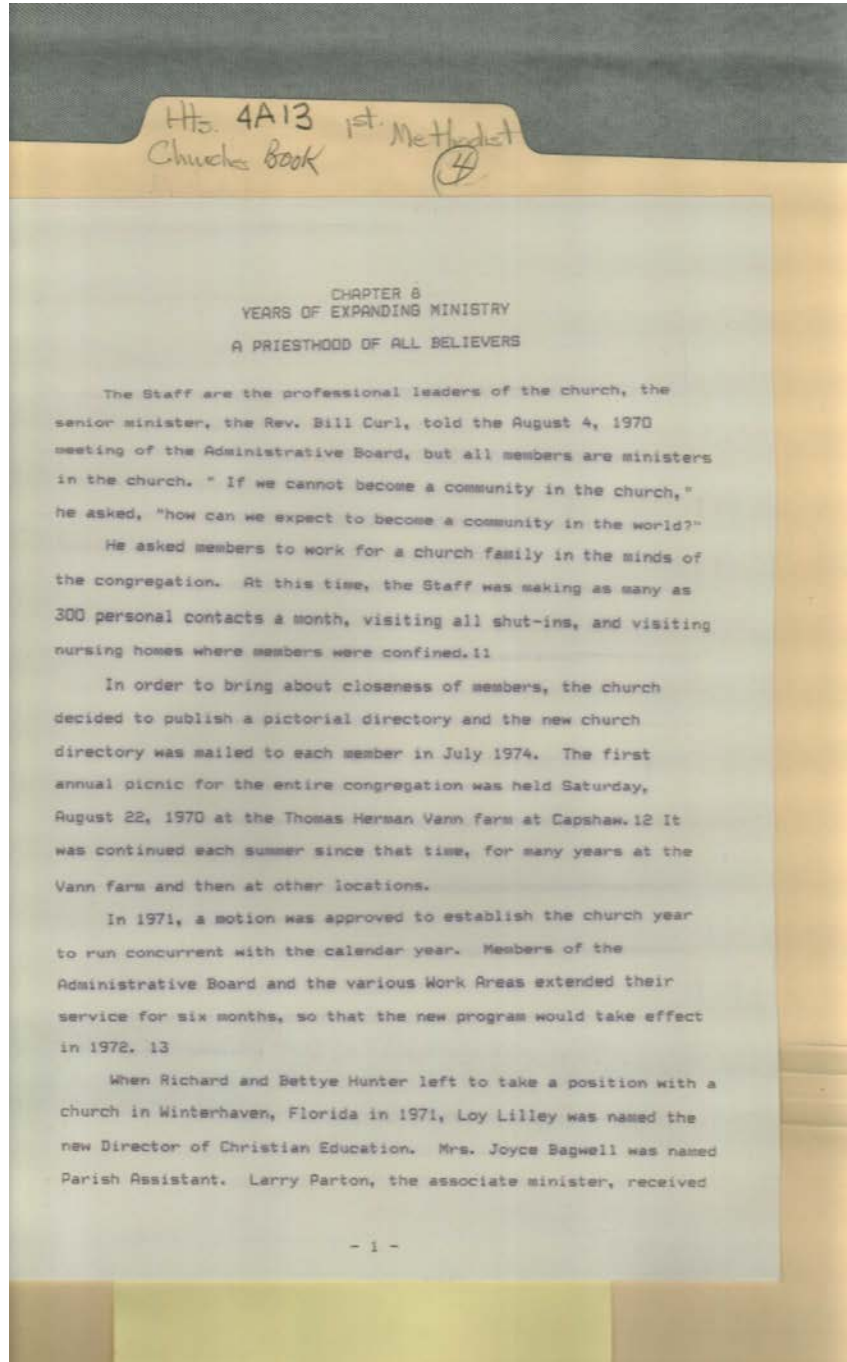


the sanctuary. The garage added to the White Street parsonage was completed in December 1980.<sup>7</sup>

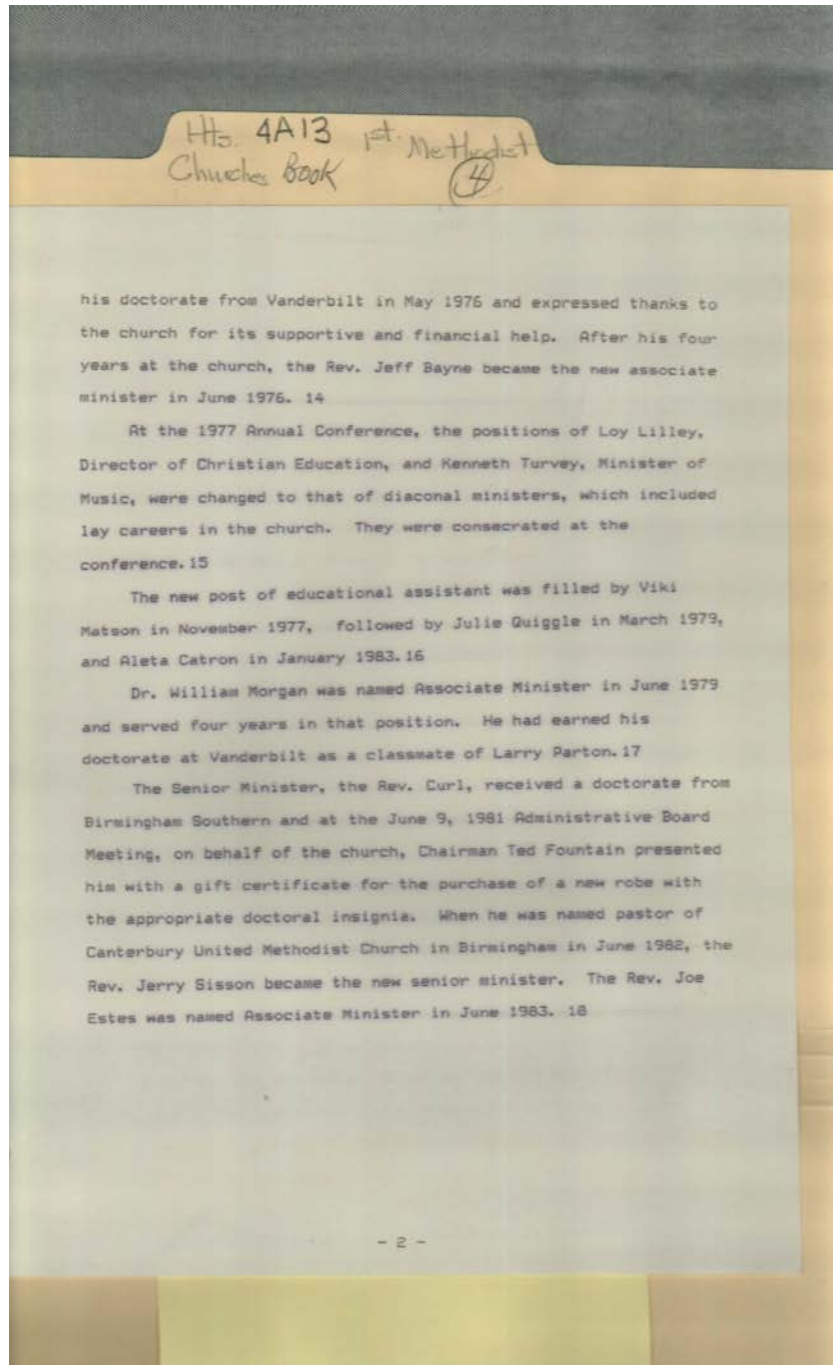
By the February 1981 board meeting, the long-range planning committee recommended that a study committee be appointed to begin the process of planning the development of a multi-purpose facility. The bequest of \$ 121,500 received from the estate of Miss Georgia Mae Harris was put in the building fund in May of 1982, with the balance of \$ 32,500 which would be received the following summer also designated for that fund.<sup>8</sup>

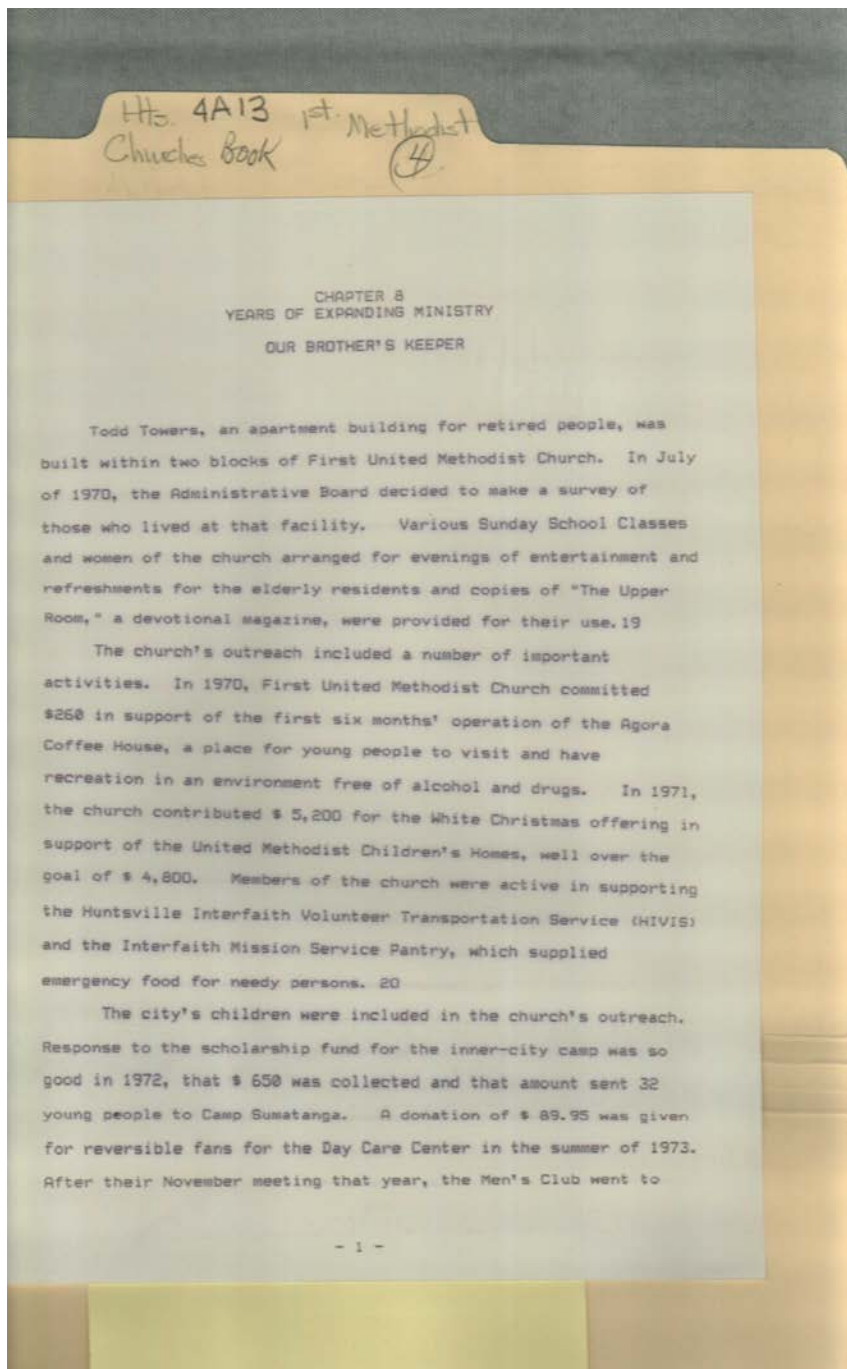
The building committee reported to the Charge Conference of June 1982 on the need for additional space and for remodeling the fellowship hall and administrative offices. The project was expected to cost \$ 750,000 to \$ 1,000,000. A motion was approved that the building committee be duly constituted under the charge conference procedure as required by the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Planning time was estimated at one to one and one-half years before the project could begin, with the more "up front" money being paid, the less the total outlay. The "up front" money making the project possible so soon was the estate money which was being put on interest.<sup>9</sup>

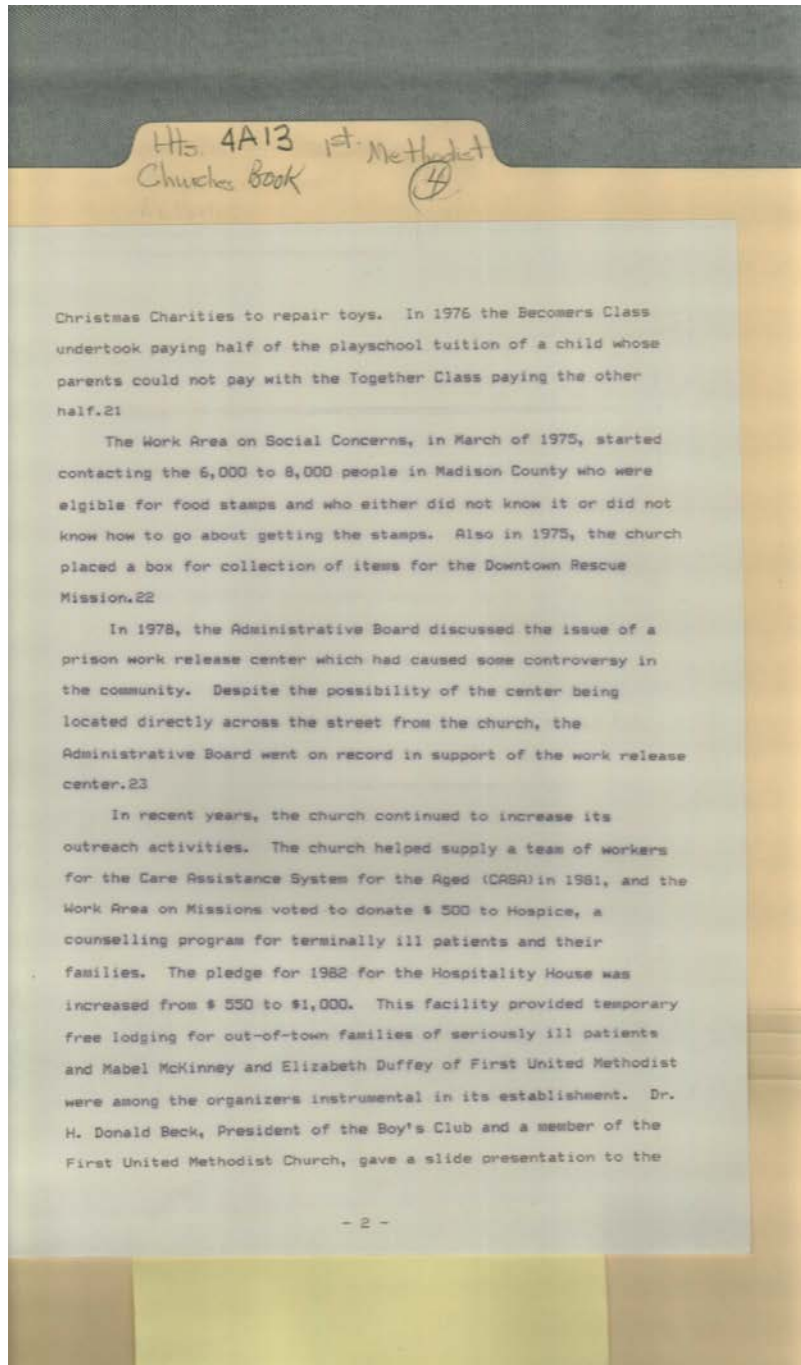
The new senior minister, the Rev. Jerry Bisson, who attended his first board meeting and charge conference at First United Methodist Church on June 29, 1982, said that "with the vision of its people, there are great days and months ahead for this church."<sup>10</sup>

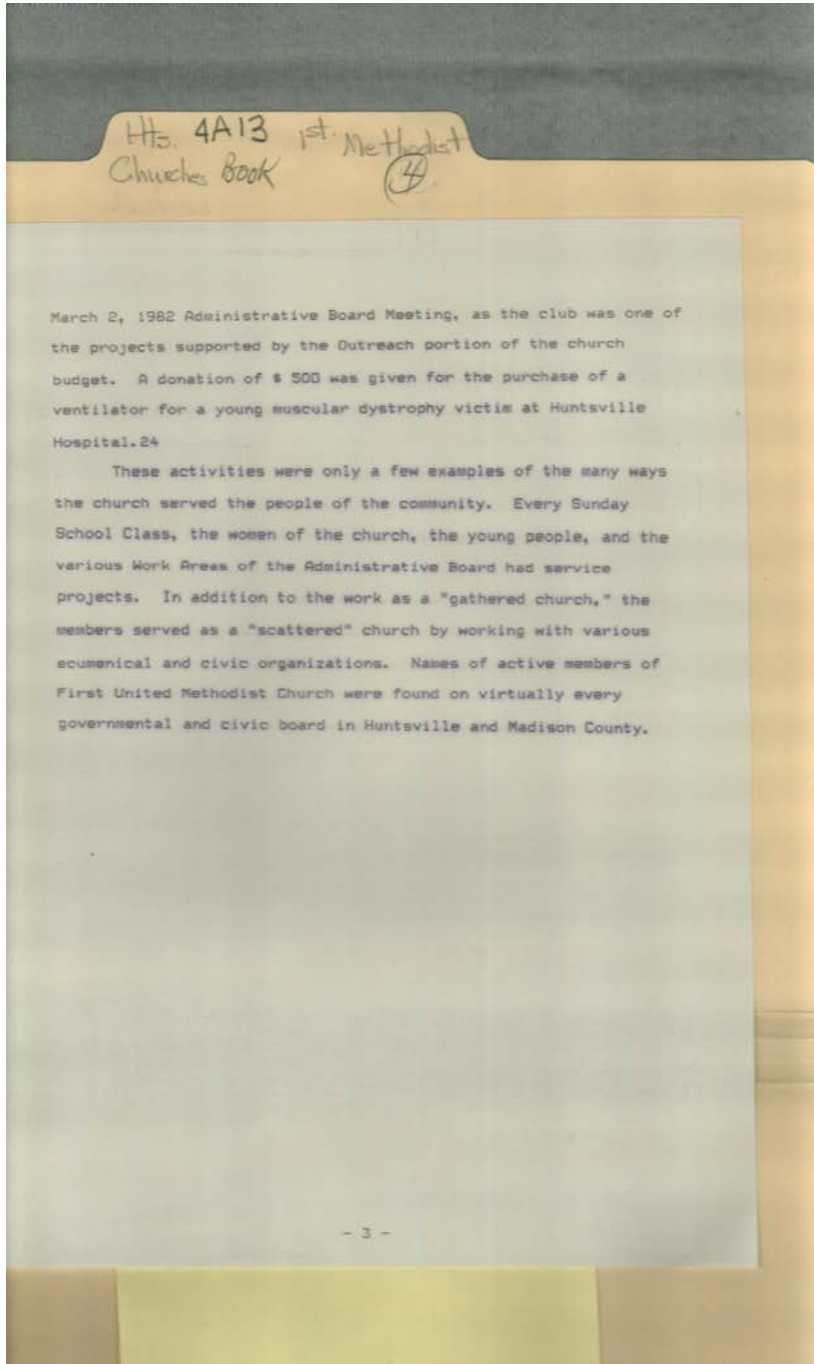


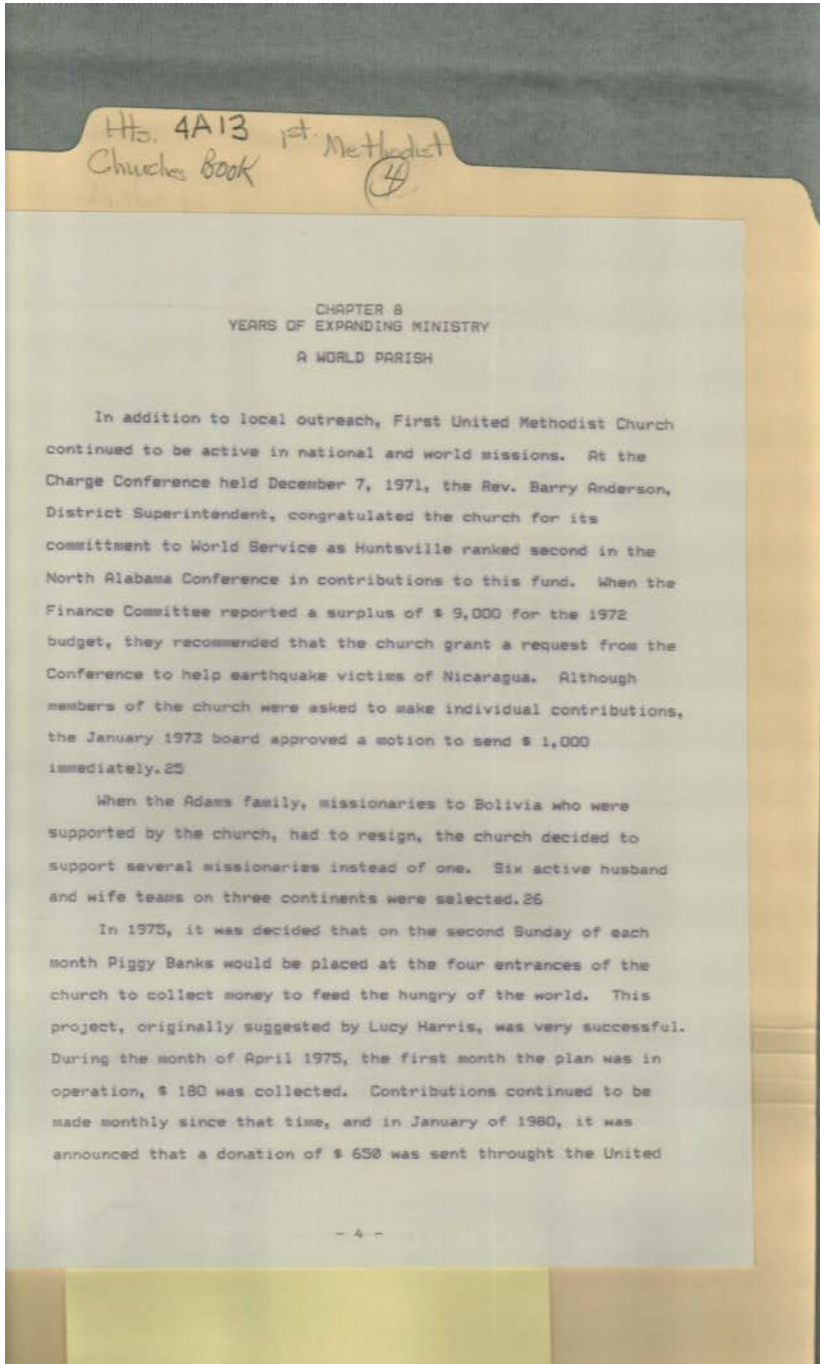














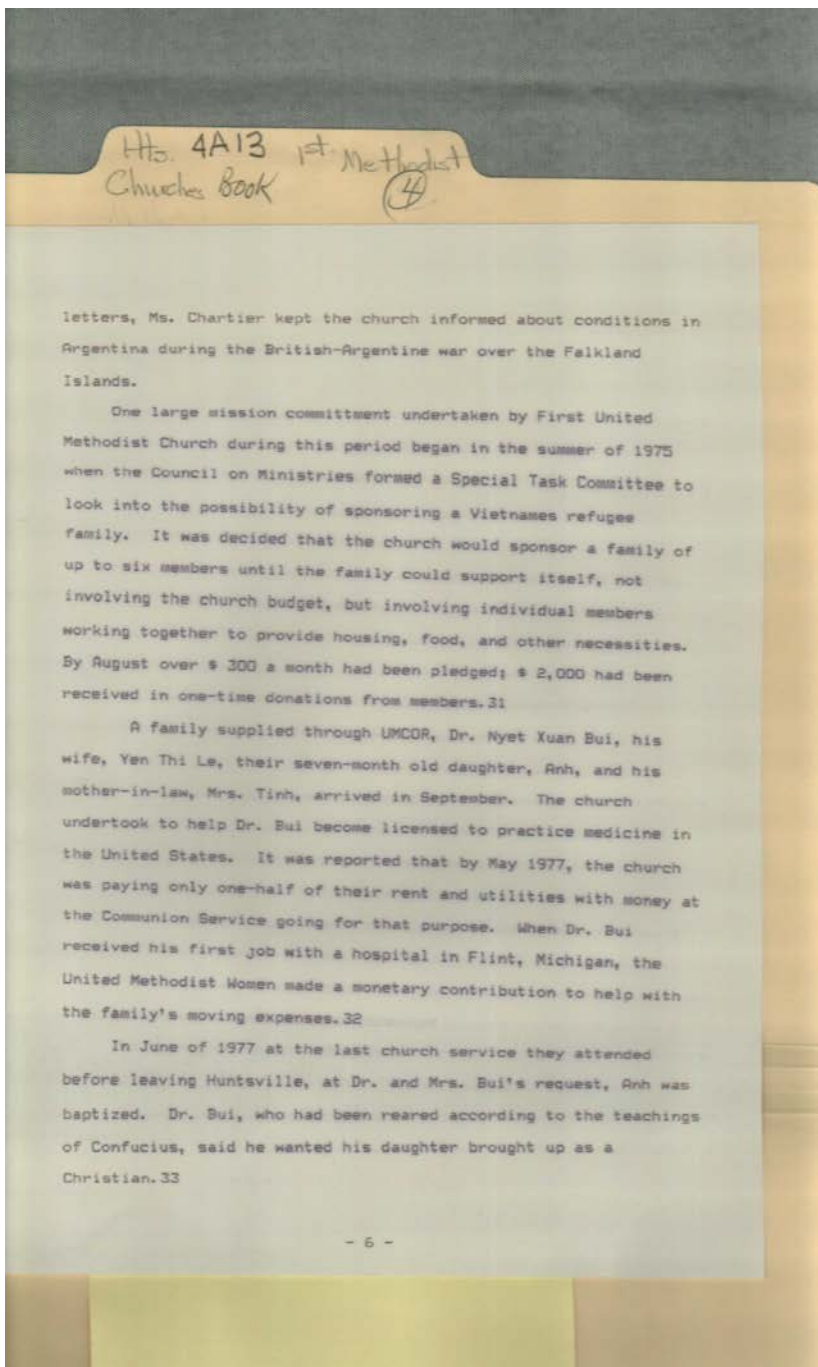
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Methodist on Relief (UMCOR) for Cambodian Relief with funds received through the Piggy Banks. During 1980 almost \$ 3,000 was collected.<sup>27</sup>

When the church missionaries, the McBees, took a leave, the church sent that money to Alan Strickler for use in construction of a school for the mentally retarded in India. Missionary Roy Mays from Bolivia attended a covered dish supper at the church in July 1977 and presented a program. The Paul Law family presented slides of their missionary work in Africa on Sunday, May 28, 1978. Mildred Taylor, one of the church-sponsored missionaries, spoke at a Fellowship Supper on February 25, 1981. She had been serving in Botswana and would be serving in Zimbabwe upon her return to Africa. The 1981 Work Area on Missions sent \$ 280 to Zimbabwe so that four children could attend secondary school, and they supported Betty Lawson's work mission tour to South America by donating \$ 300 since she was a member of a small church.<sup>28</sup>

In October of 1981, the board learned that Pat Fulmer, one of the church-supported missionaries, was convalescing from cancer treatment in Birmingham. Missionary Roy May, whom the church supported in Costa Rica, presented a program January 6, 1982 at a covered dish supper. An emergency relief project for Poland was sponsored by UMCOR in 1982 and the Work Area on Missions donated \$200 from the Piggy Bank Fund.<sup>29</sup>

The church missionary in Argentina, Jenny Chartier, was the speaker at the February 23, 1983 Fellowship Supper.<sup>30</sup> Ms. Chartier was the daughter of an American missionary mother who, according to the citizenship laws of that time, lost her citizenship when she married a citizen of Uruguay. Through her



letters, Ms. Chartier kept the church informed about conditions in Argentina during the British-Argentine war over the Falkland Islands.

One large mission commitment undertaken by First United Methodist Church during this period began in the summer of 1975 when the Council on Ministries formed a Special Task Committee to look into the possibility of sponsoring a Vietnamese refugee family. It was decided that the church would sponsor a family of up to six members until the family could support itself, not involving the church budget, but involving individual members working together to provide housing, food, and other necessities. By August over \$ 300 a month had been pledged; \$ 2,000 had been received in one-time donations from members.<sup>31</sup>

A family supplied through UMCOR, Dr. Nyet Kuan Bui, his wife, Yen Thi Le, their seven-month old daughter, Anh, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Tinh, arrived in September. The church undertook to help Dr. Bui become licensed to practice medicine in the United States. It was reported that by May 1977, the church was paying only one-half of their rent and utilities with money at the Communion Service going for that purpose. When Dr. Bui received his first job with a hospital in Flint, Michigan, the United Methodist Women made a monetary contribution to help with the family's moving expenses.<sup>32</sup>

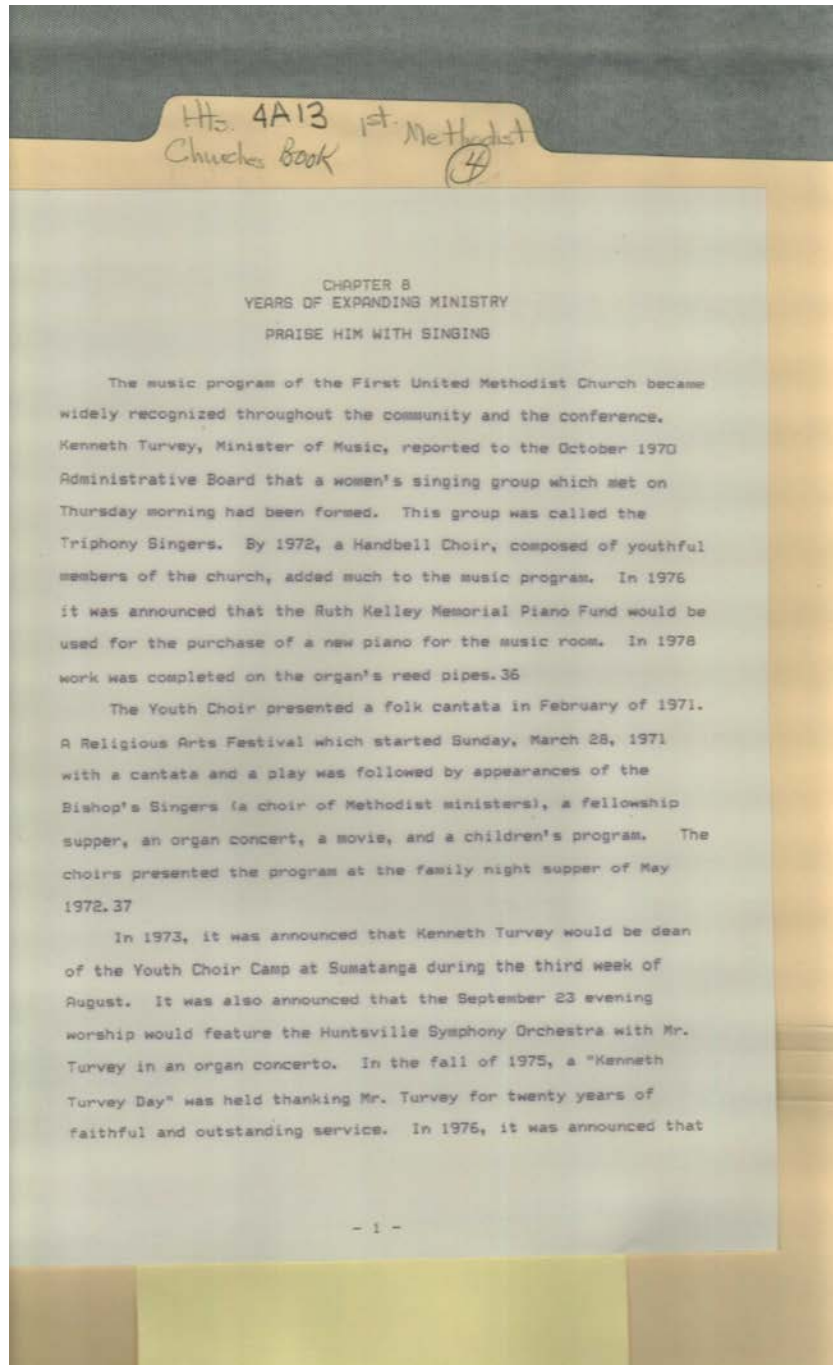
In June of 1977 at the last church service they attended before leaving Huntsville, at Dr. and Mrs. Bui's request, Anh was baptized. Dr. Bui, who had been reared according to the teachings of Confucius, said he wanted his daughter brought up as a Christian.<sup>33</sup>

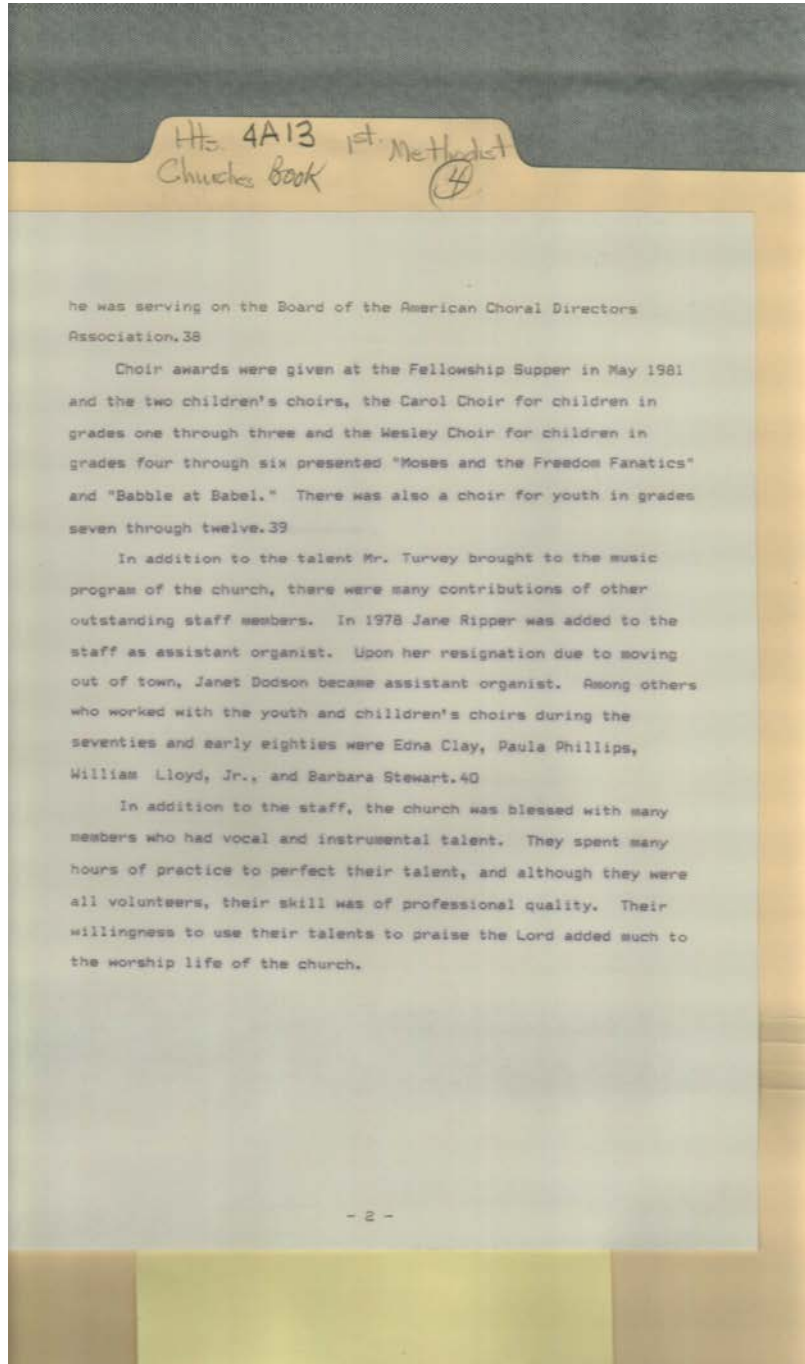
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Three weeks after arriving in Flint, the Bui family was involved in an automobile accident on Friday, July 22, 1977. The accident was announced to the following 9:45 Sunday service and before the 11 A.M. service, Dr. Bui was pronounced dead. During the two worship services, \$ 2,700 was given as an emergency fund for the Bui family. A committee of church leaders met that afternoon and sent as their representative, Lloyd Little, Jr. (Buddy) to Flint to help make funeral arrangements. Task Force Chairman, Sarah Wilkinson, told the August board meeting that Dr. Bui had expressed gratitude many times and had planned to send \$100 per month starting with his first month's salary to the church in gratitude for all the church had done for him.<sup>34</sup>

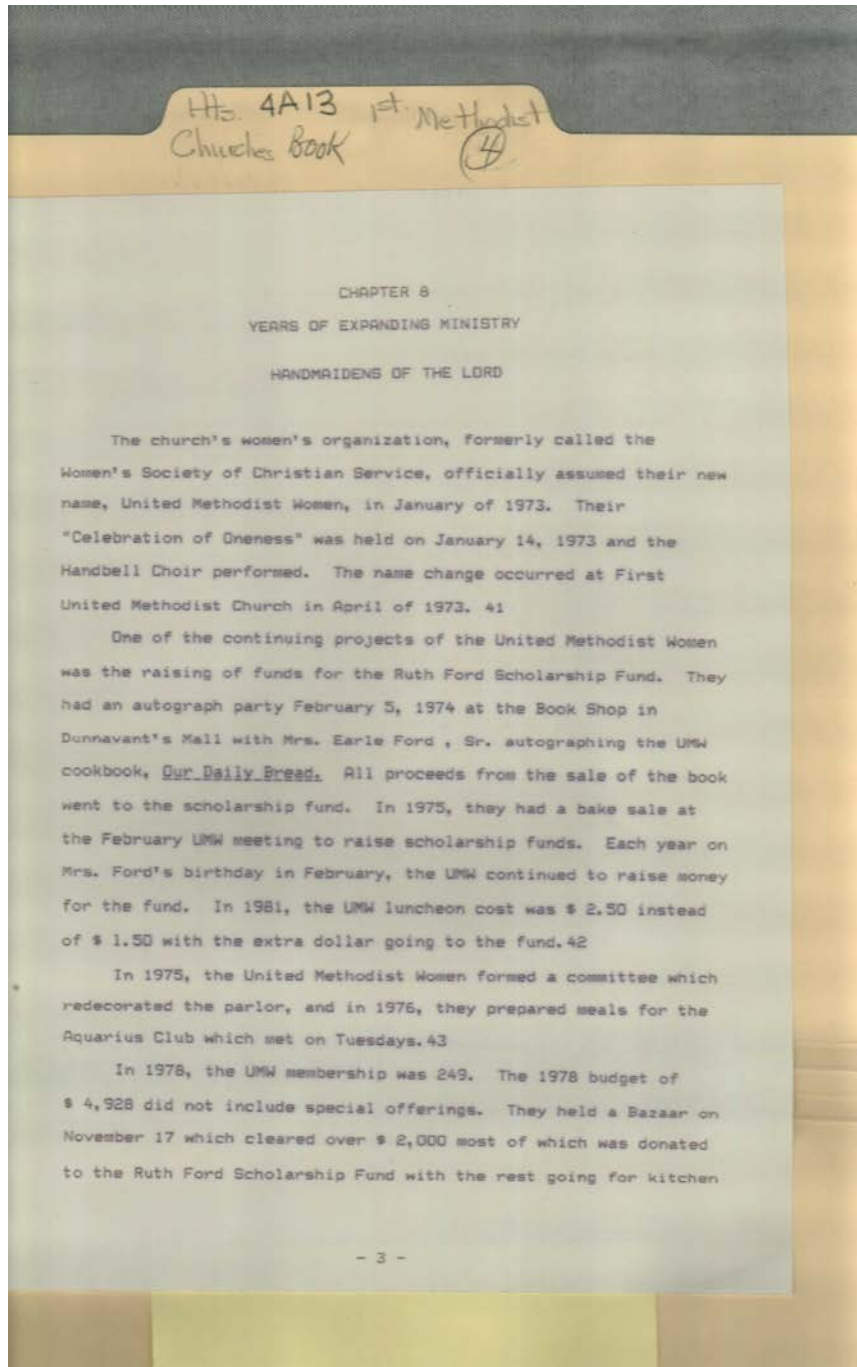
The Youth of the church donated the \$ 526 proceeds from their rummage sale to the Bui family.<sup>35</sup>

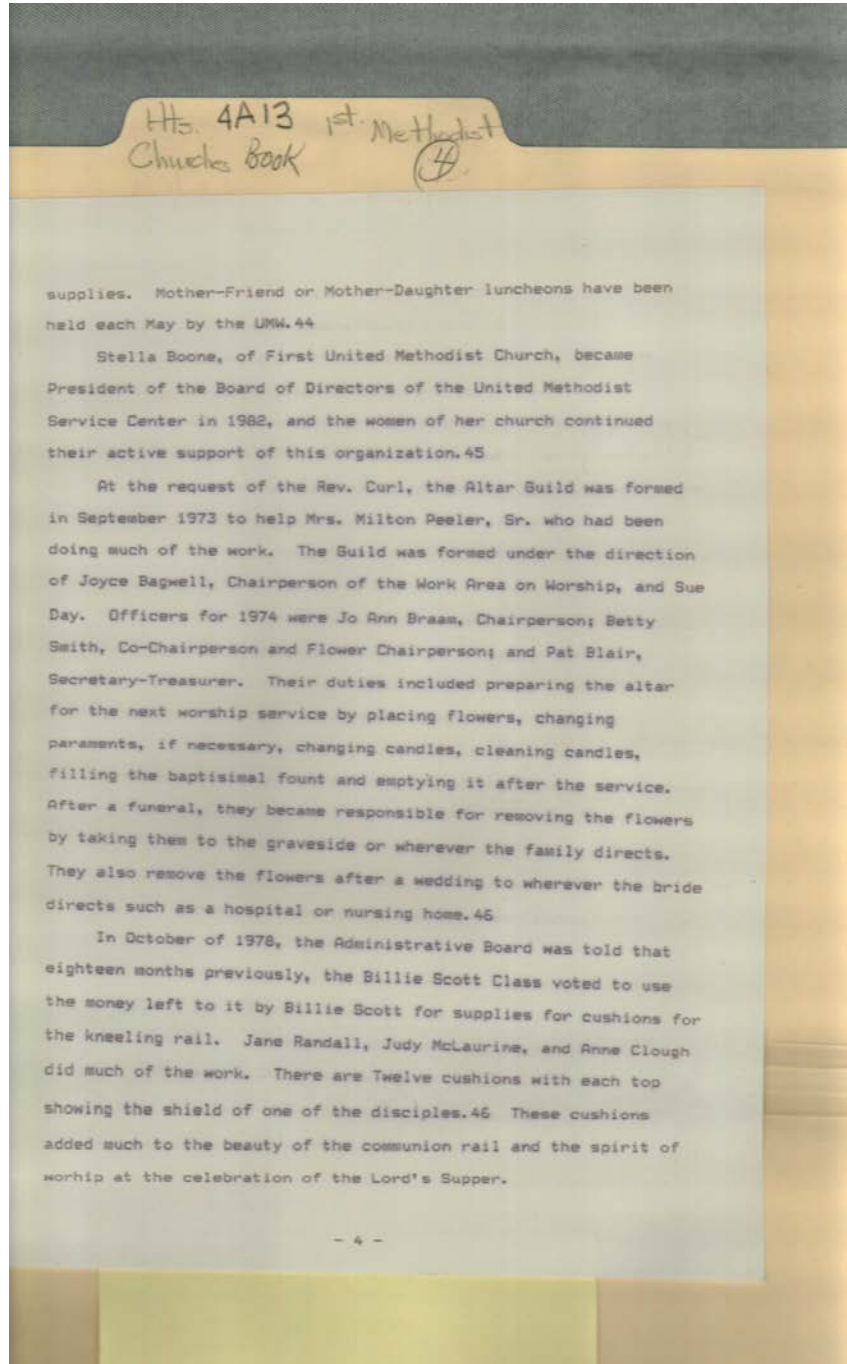
Mrs. Bui received job training through the help of a church in Flint and then the remainder of the Bui fund was given to help the family become established in California where Mrs. Bui found employment.<sup>36</sup>

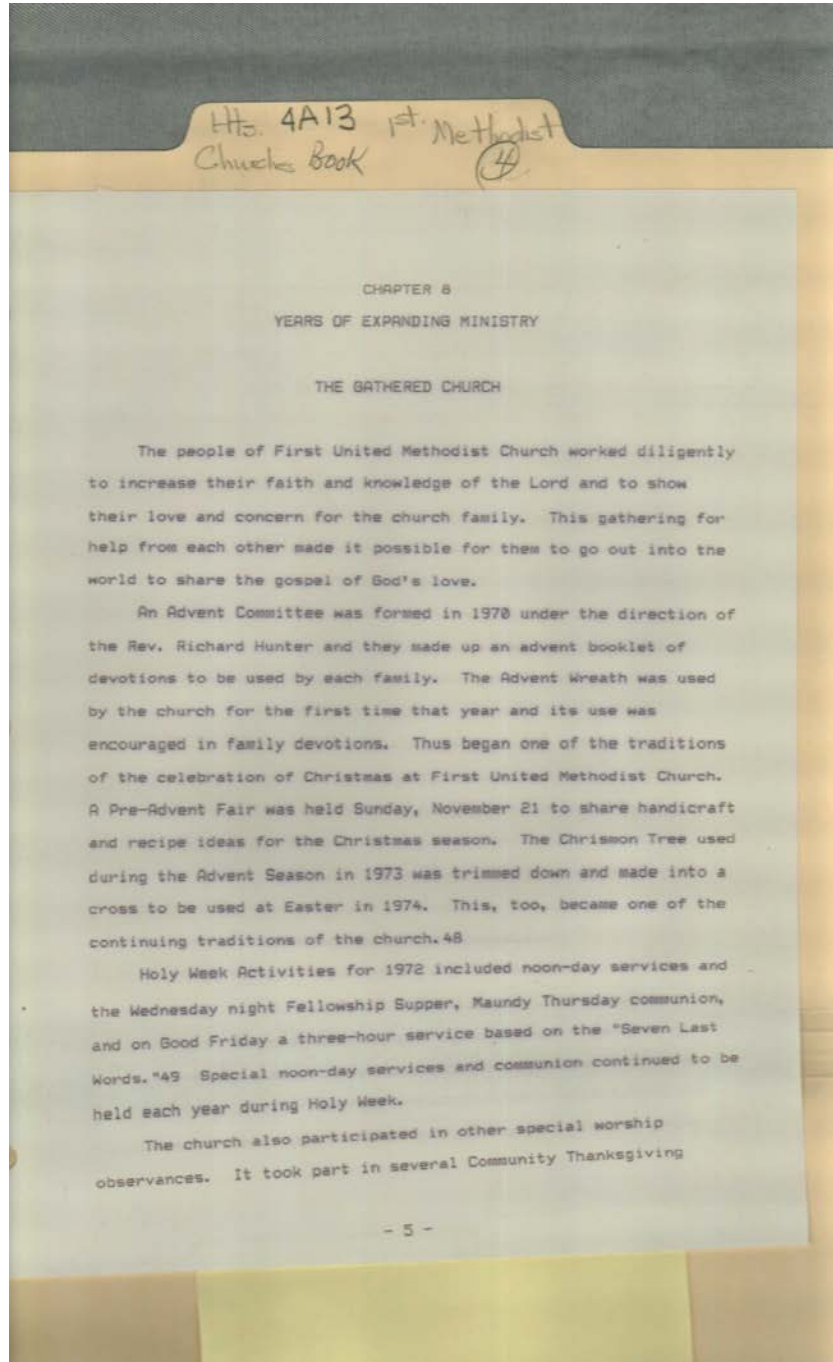












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YEARS OF EXPANDING MINISTRY

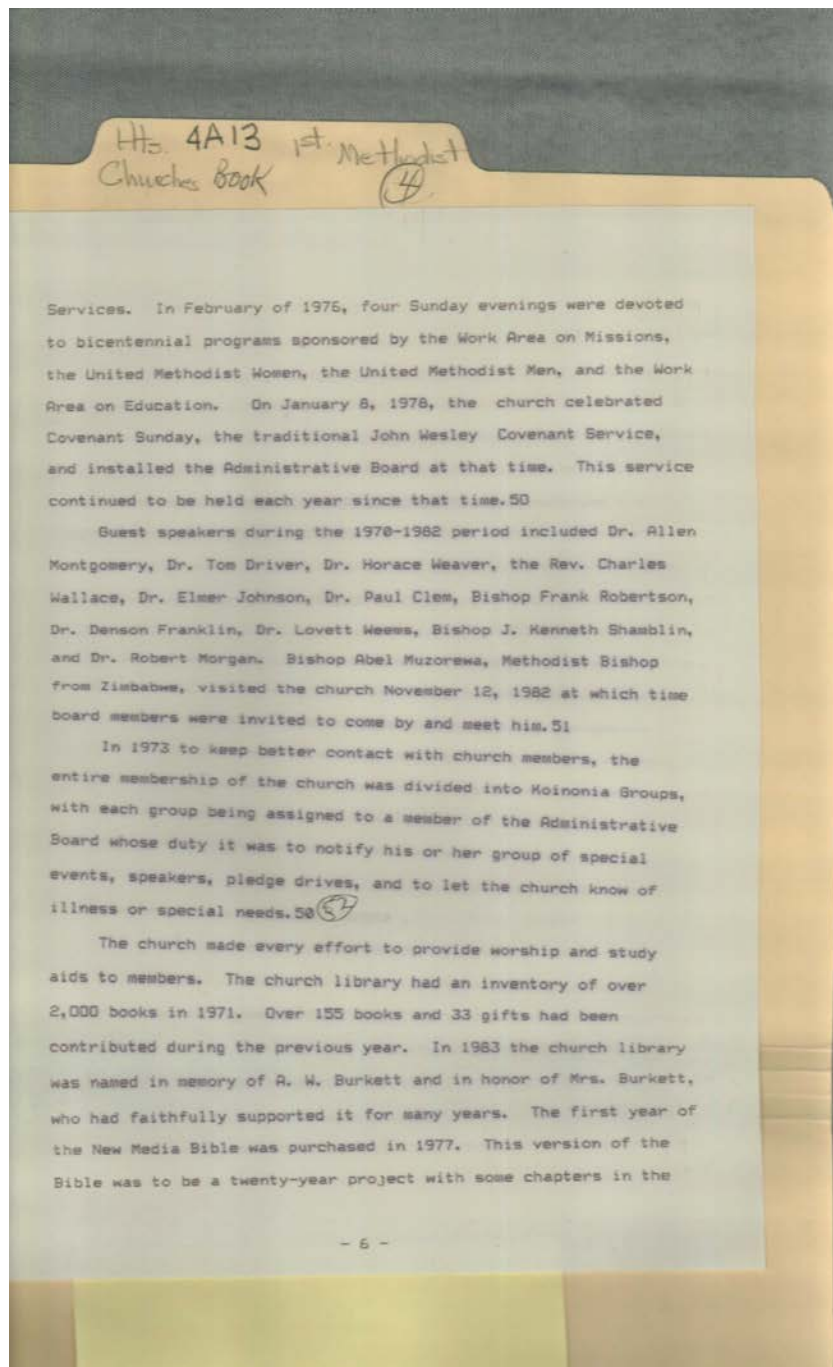
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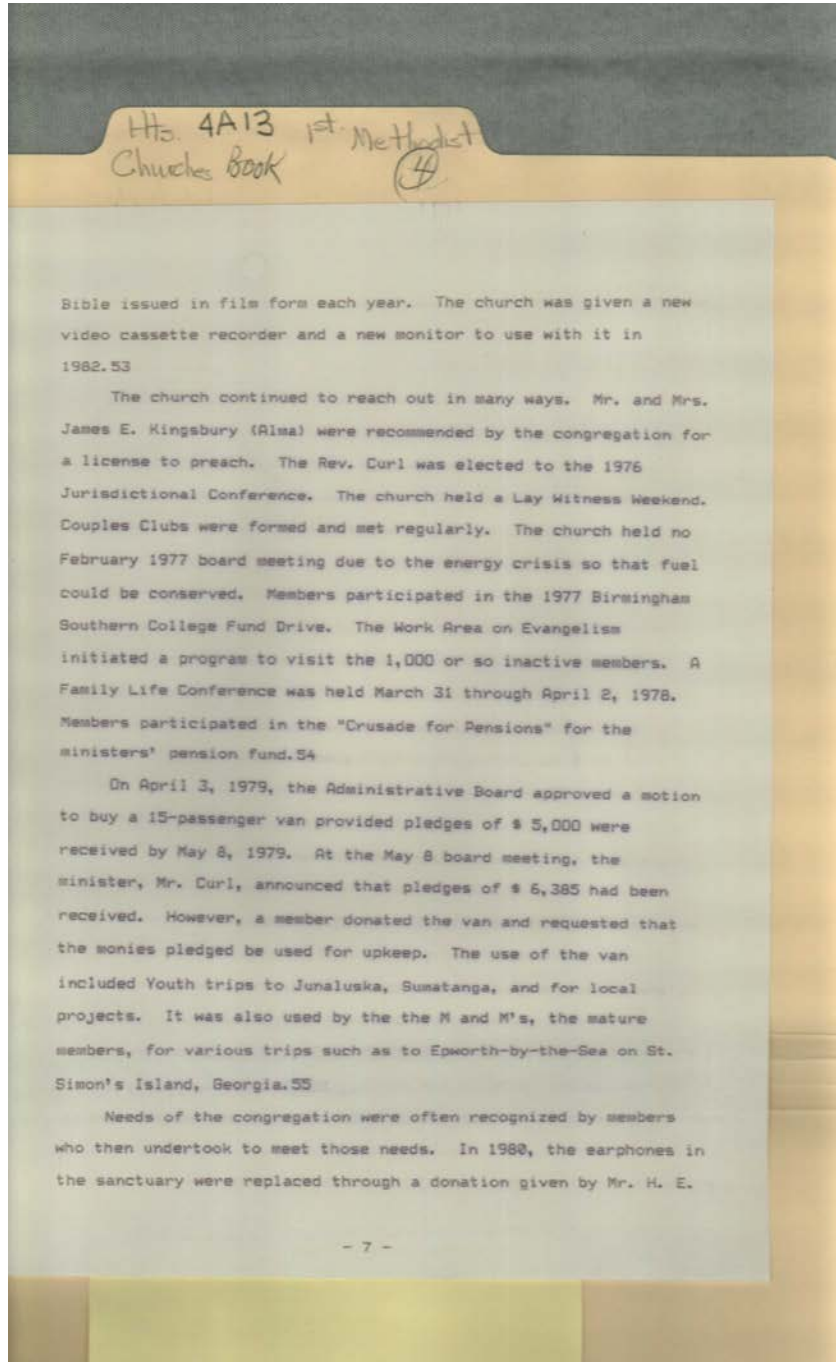
The people of First United Methodist Church worked diligently to increase their faith and knowledge of the Lord and to show their love and concern for the church family. This gathering for help from each other made it possible for them to go out into the world to share the gospel of God's love.

An Advent Committee was formed in 1970 under the direction of the Rev. Richard Hunter and they made up an advent booklet of devotions to be used by each family. The Advent Wreath was used by the church for the first time that year and its use was encouraged in family devotions. Thus began one of the traditions of the celebration of Christmas at First United Methodist Church. A Pre-Advent Fair was held Sunday, November 21 to share handicraft and recipe ideas for the Christmas season. The Chrismon Tree used during the Advent Season in 1973 was trimmed down and made into a cross to be used at Easter in 1974. This, too, became one of the continuing traditions of the church.<sup>48</sup>

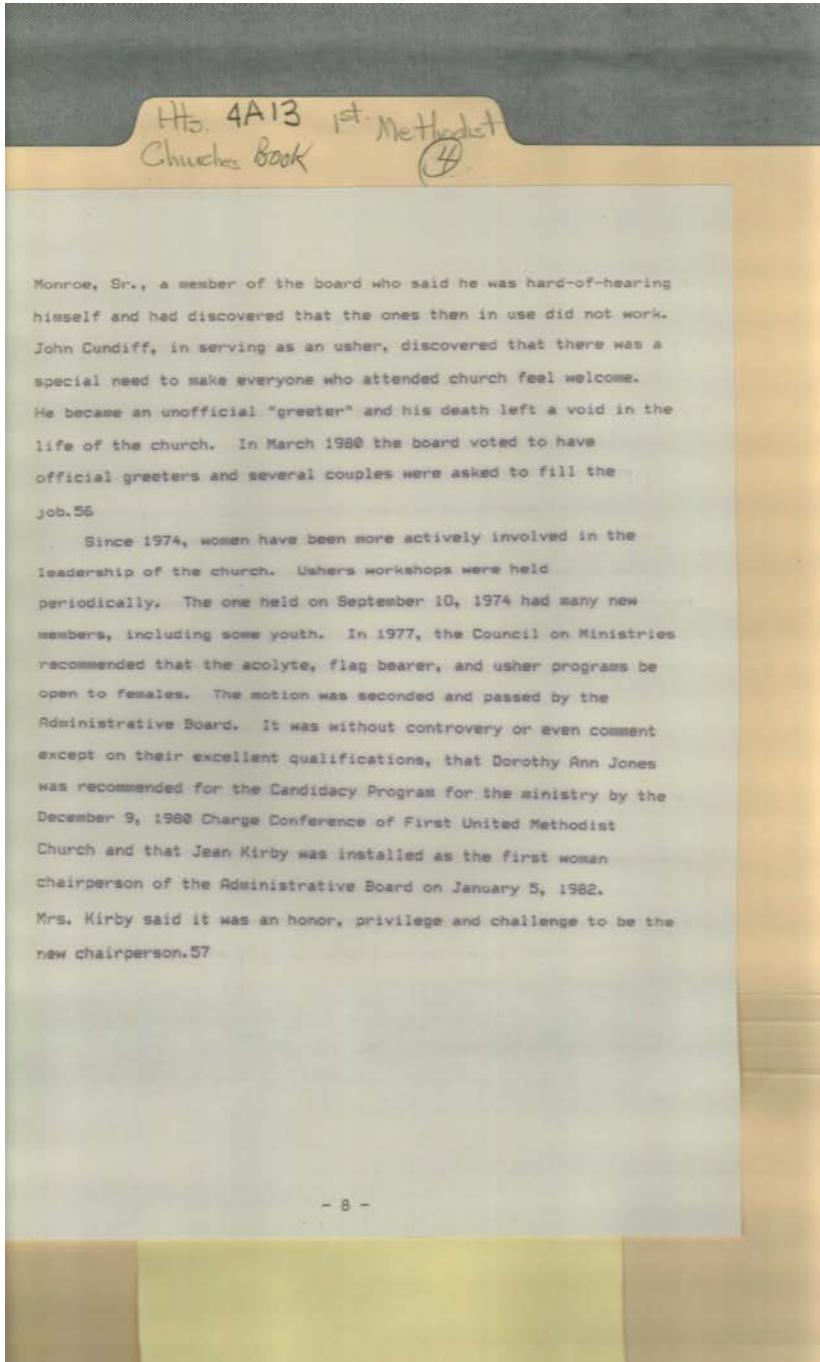
Holy Week Activities for 1972 included noon-day services and the Wednesday night Fellowship Supper, Maundy Thursday communion, and on Good Friday a three-hour service based on the "Seven Last Words."<sup>49</sup> Special noon-day services and communion continued to be held each year during Holy Week.

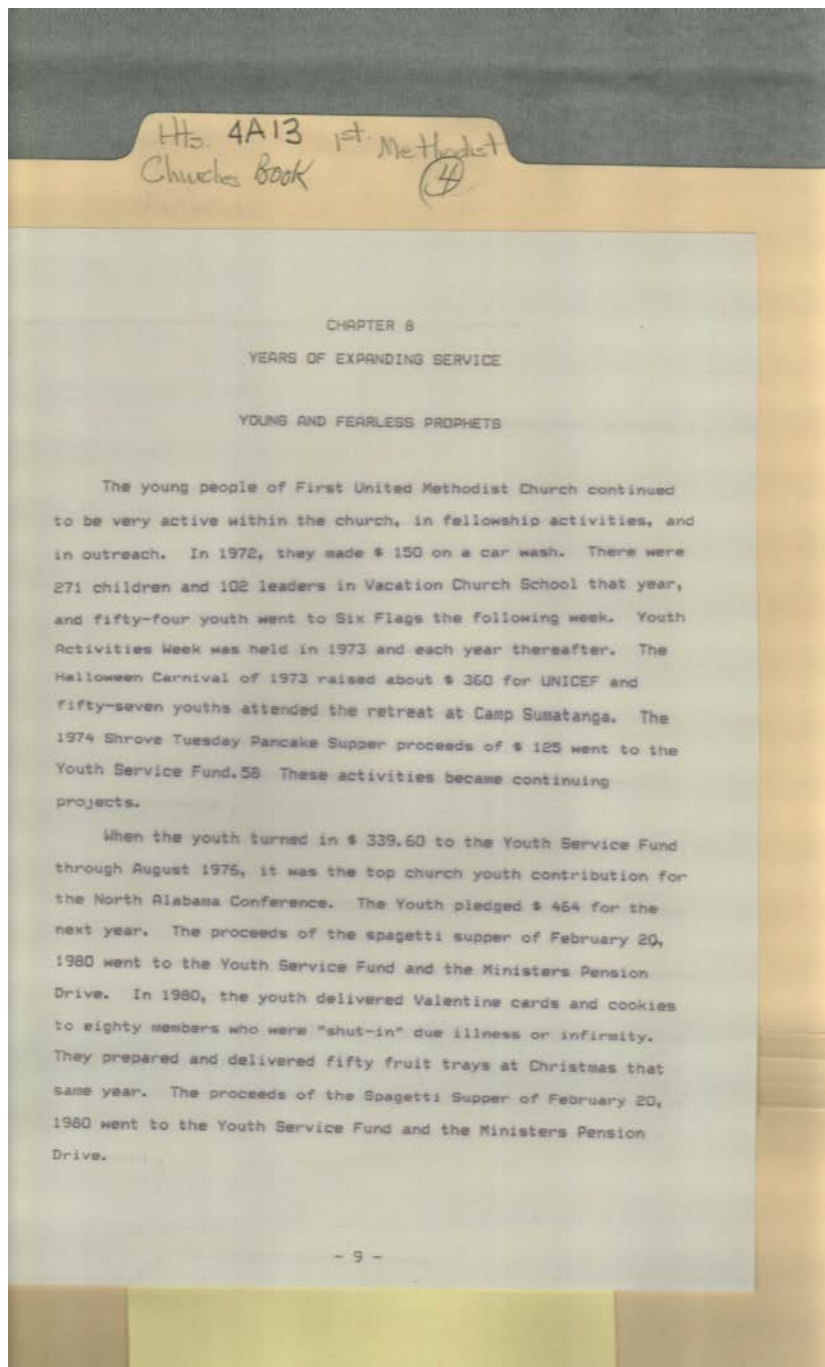
The church also participated in other special worship observances. It took part in several Community Thanksgiving











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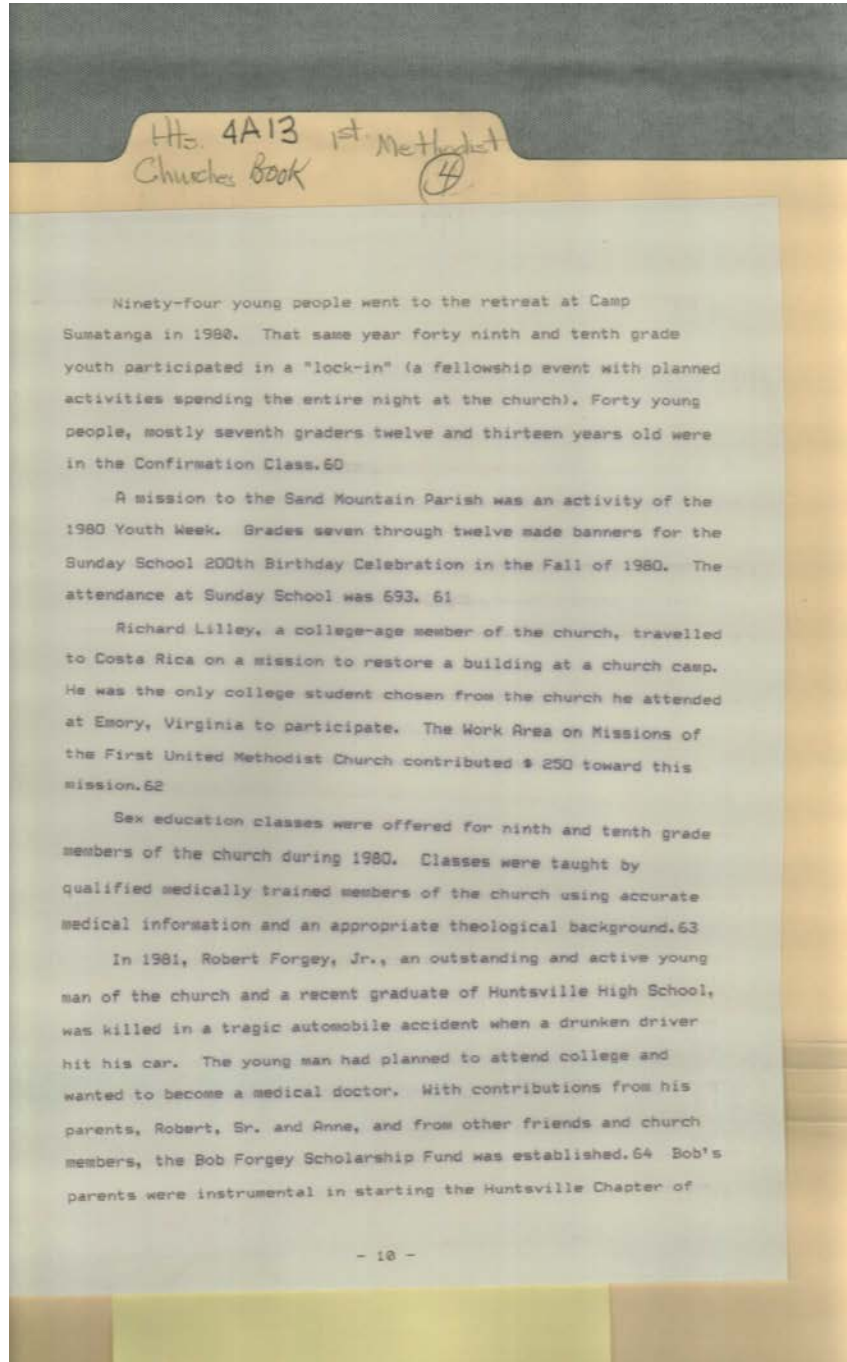
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Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and received help from many members of First United Methodist Church. They worked in many ways to change the laws of the state so that driving could be safer for everyone.

Sponsorship of the Boy Scout Program continued to be an important phase of youth work at First United Methodist Church. In February 1935, a charter was applied for Boy Scout Troop # 15, a troop sponsored by the church. In the fall of 1937, Tom W. Cornell took the post of temporary Scoutmaster. In 1978, Mr. Cornell was recognized for his forty years of service to scouting. Nearly 700 boys were under his leadership with over 60 of them attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. In 1980, the Administrative Board voted to officially designate the scout room the Tom W. Cornell Scout Room, to buy a plaque, and establish a fund in his honor. In memory of Mr. Cornell, the <sup>F</sup>Tom Cornell Boy Scout Troop 15 Camp Fund was established in 1982.65

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CHAPTER 2  
YEARS OF EXPANDING MINISTRY  
THY WILL BE DONE

Many downtown churches lost members during the past twenty-five years. To the contrary, First United Methodist Church received recognition at the 1982 Annual Conference for the largest number of members to join on profession of faith in the Huntsville District. The new minister, the Rev Jerry Sisson, held small group meetings for the entire membership and by the September 1982 board meeting had already set with ten small groups with 225 people participating.<sup>65</sup>

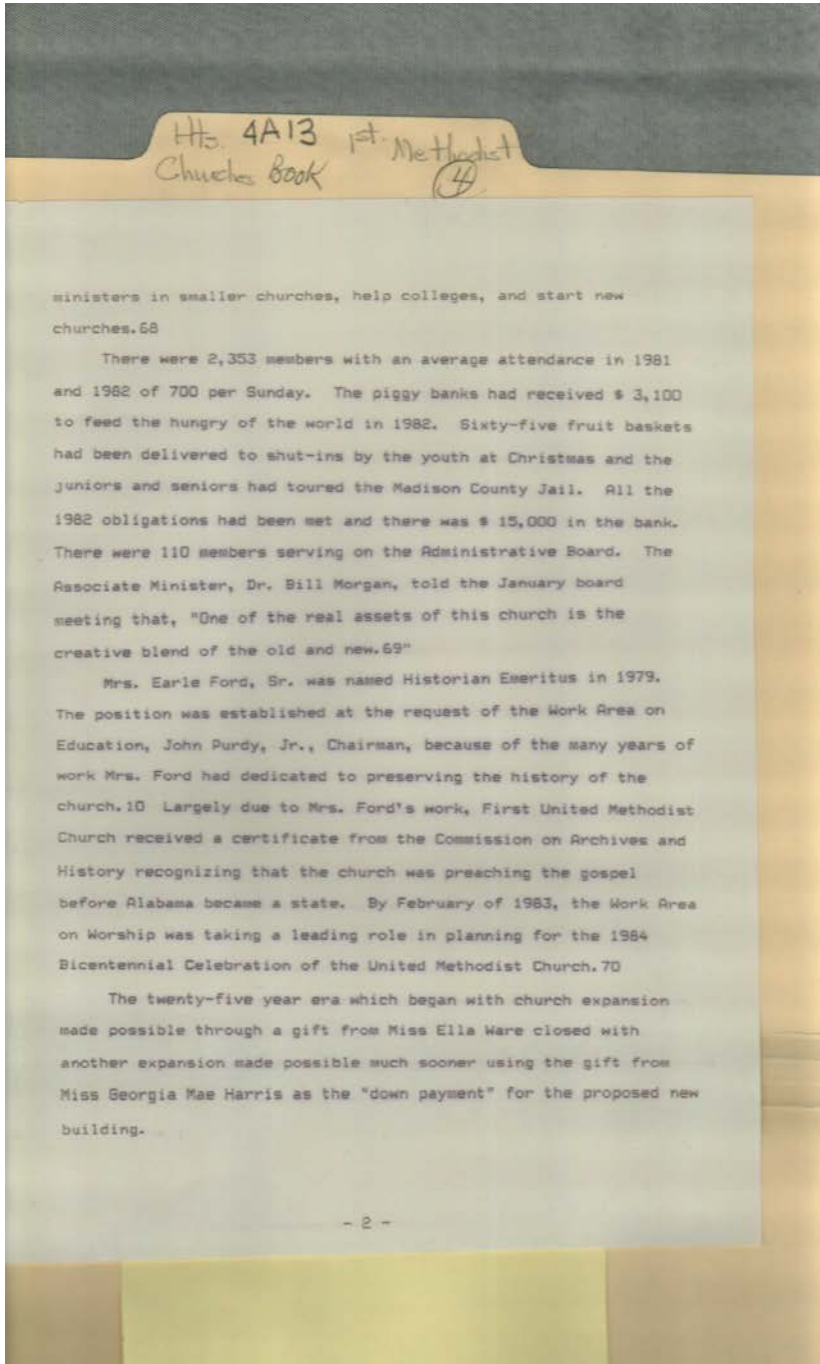
The membership of First United Methodist Church had increased over ten per cent during the last ten years, while the population of Huntsville had increased 2.3 per cent, and the Madison County population had increased 5.6 per cent. Seventy-one per cent of the people in Madison County claimed to belong to churches.<sup>67</sup>

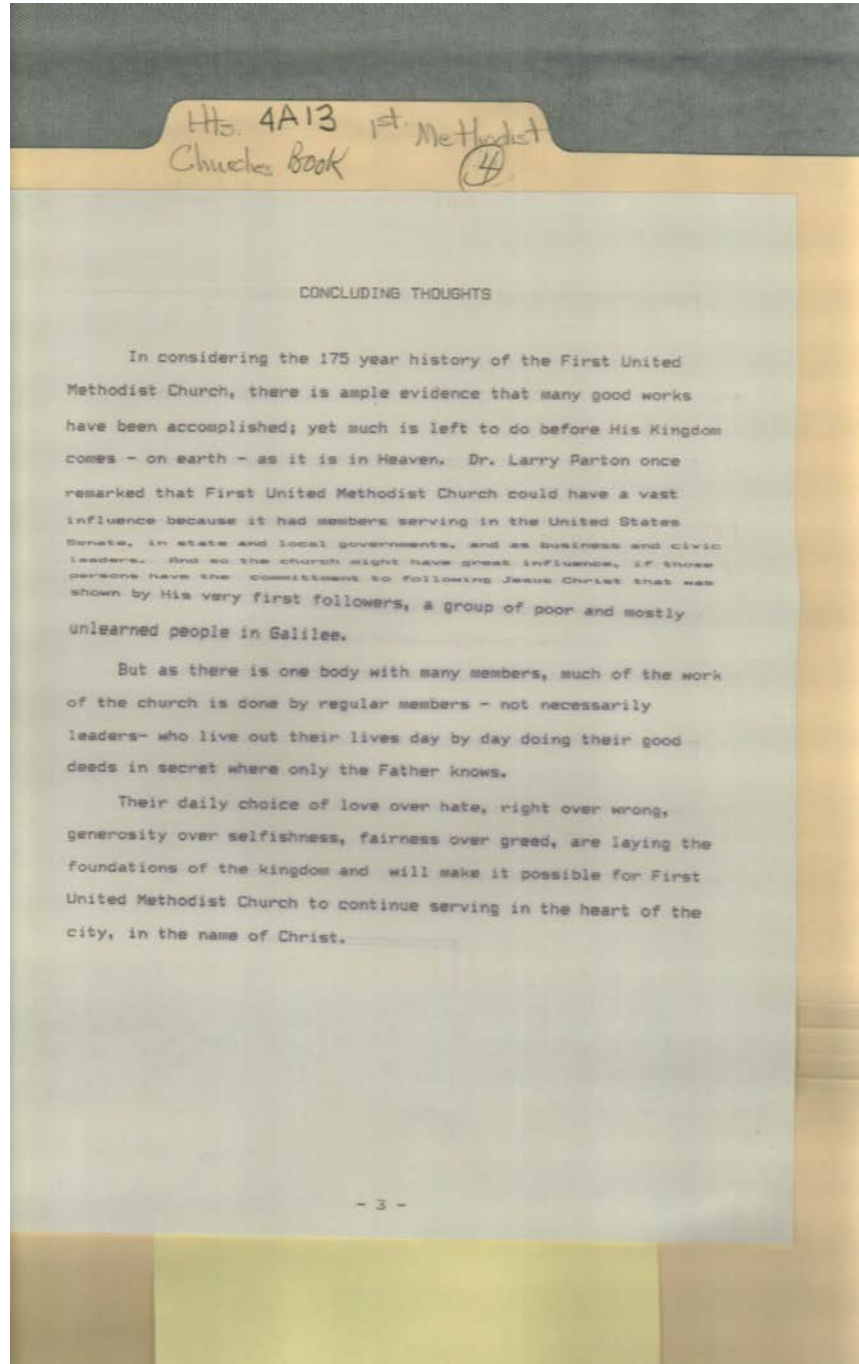
The growth goals for the next ten years were presented to the October 1982 board in contrast to the growth for the past ten years:

	Past 10 years	Next 10 years
1. Membership	+ 10 %	+ 15 %
2. Worship Attendance	+ 5 %	+ 10 %
3. Church School Attendance	- 15%	+ 20 %

A 1983 unified church budget of \$ 473,580 and a building fund of \$ 64,800 was adopted as presented by the Committee on Finance. The church affirmed 100 per cent of its Conference apportionment as it had done for many years. Paying the amount assigned to First United Methodist meant that the church continued to help pay







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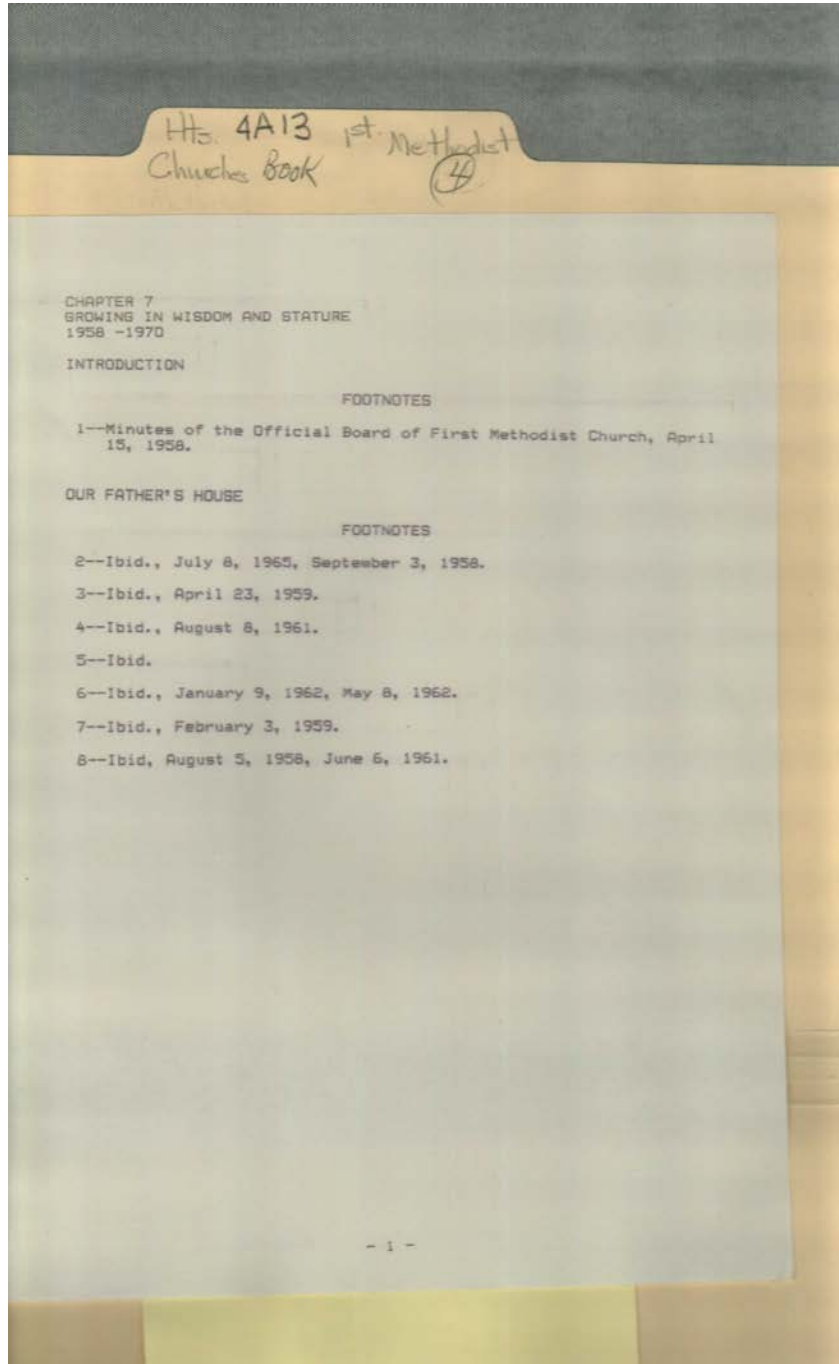
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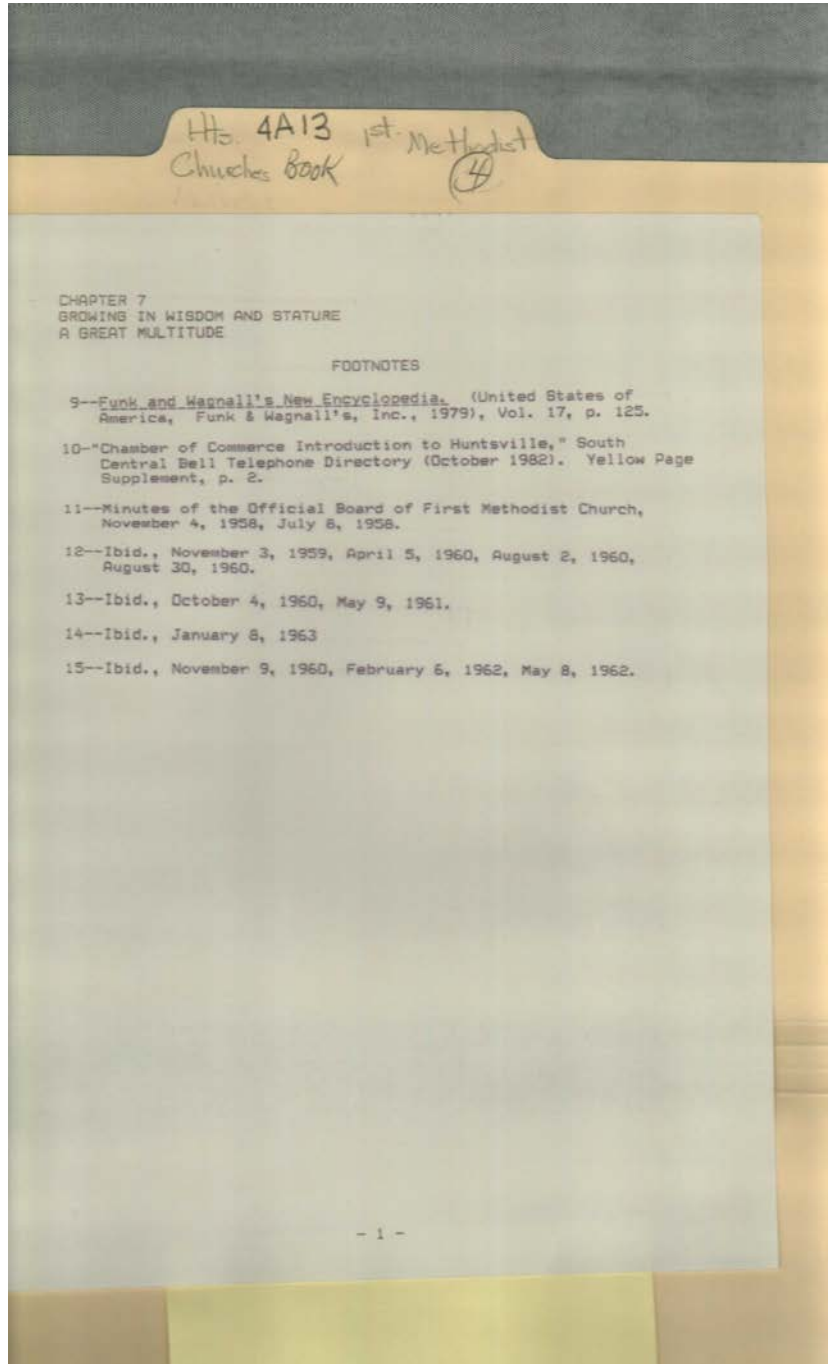
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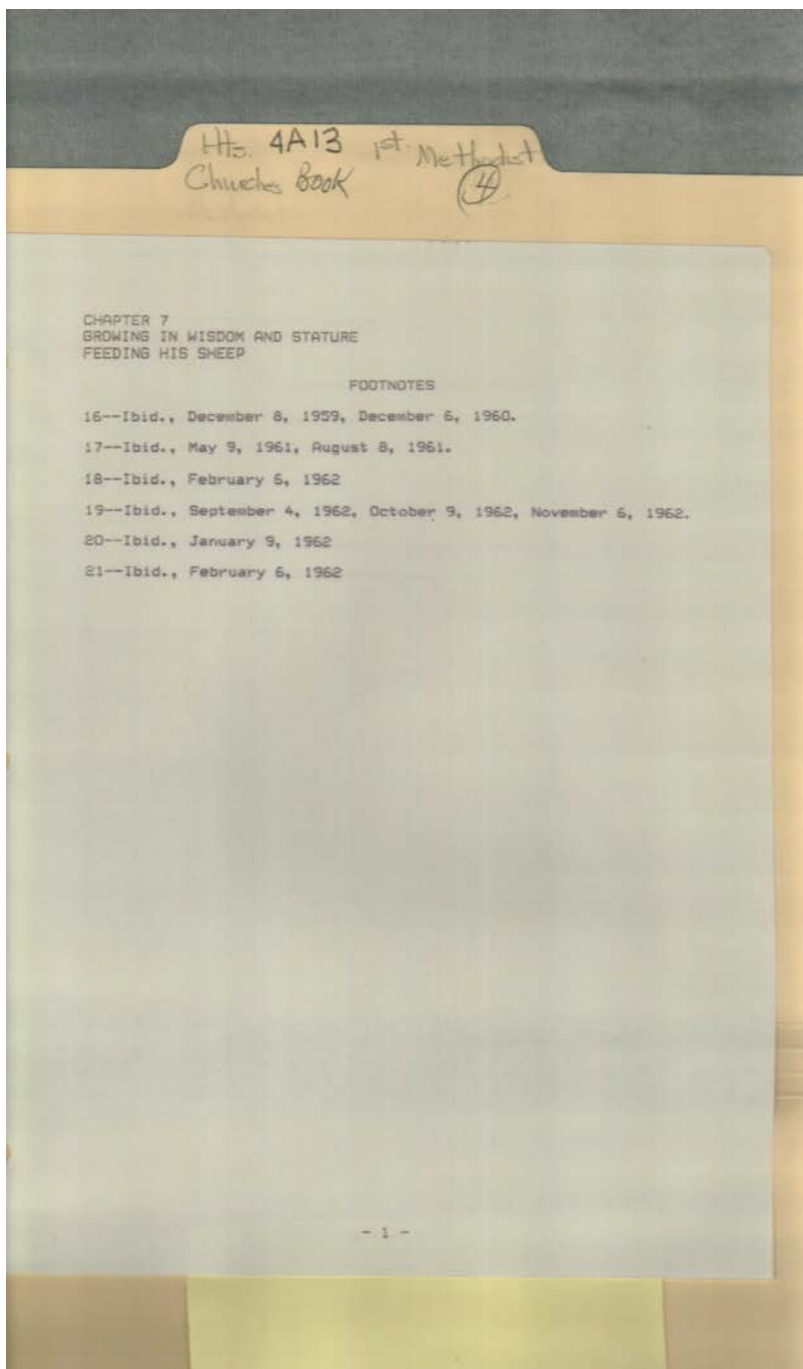
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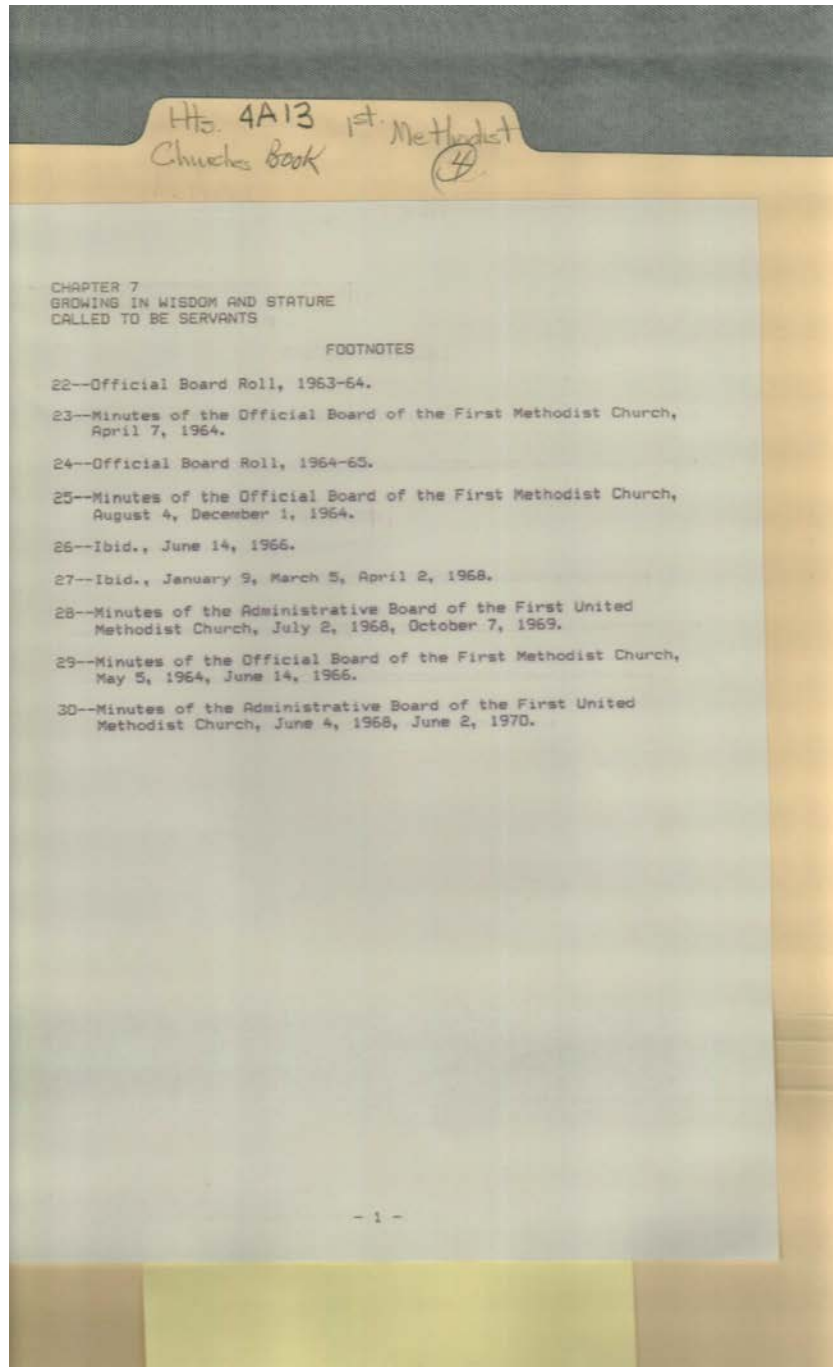
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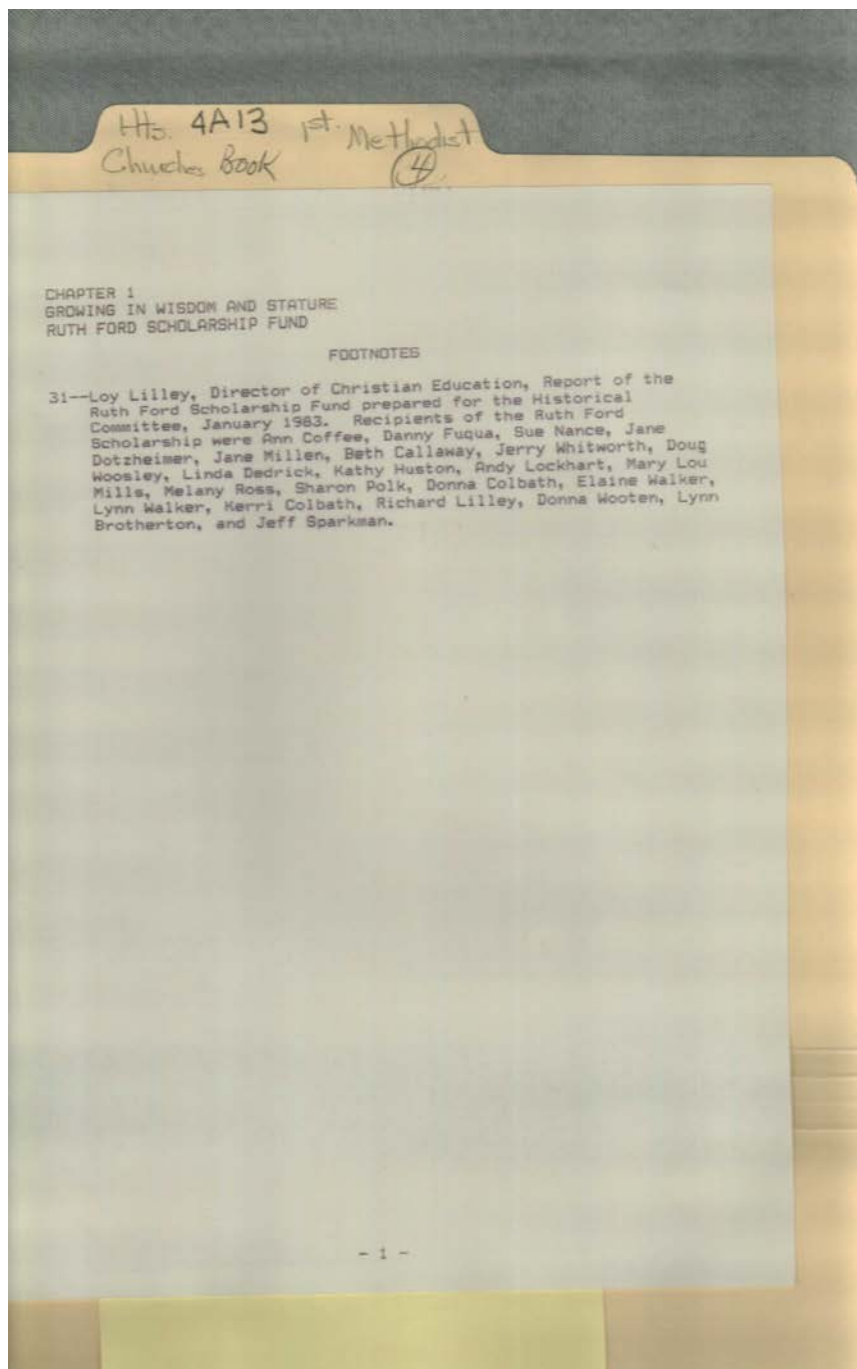
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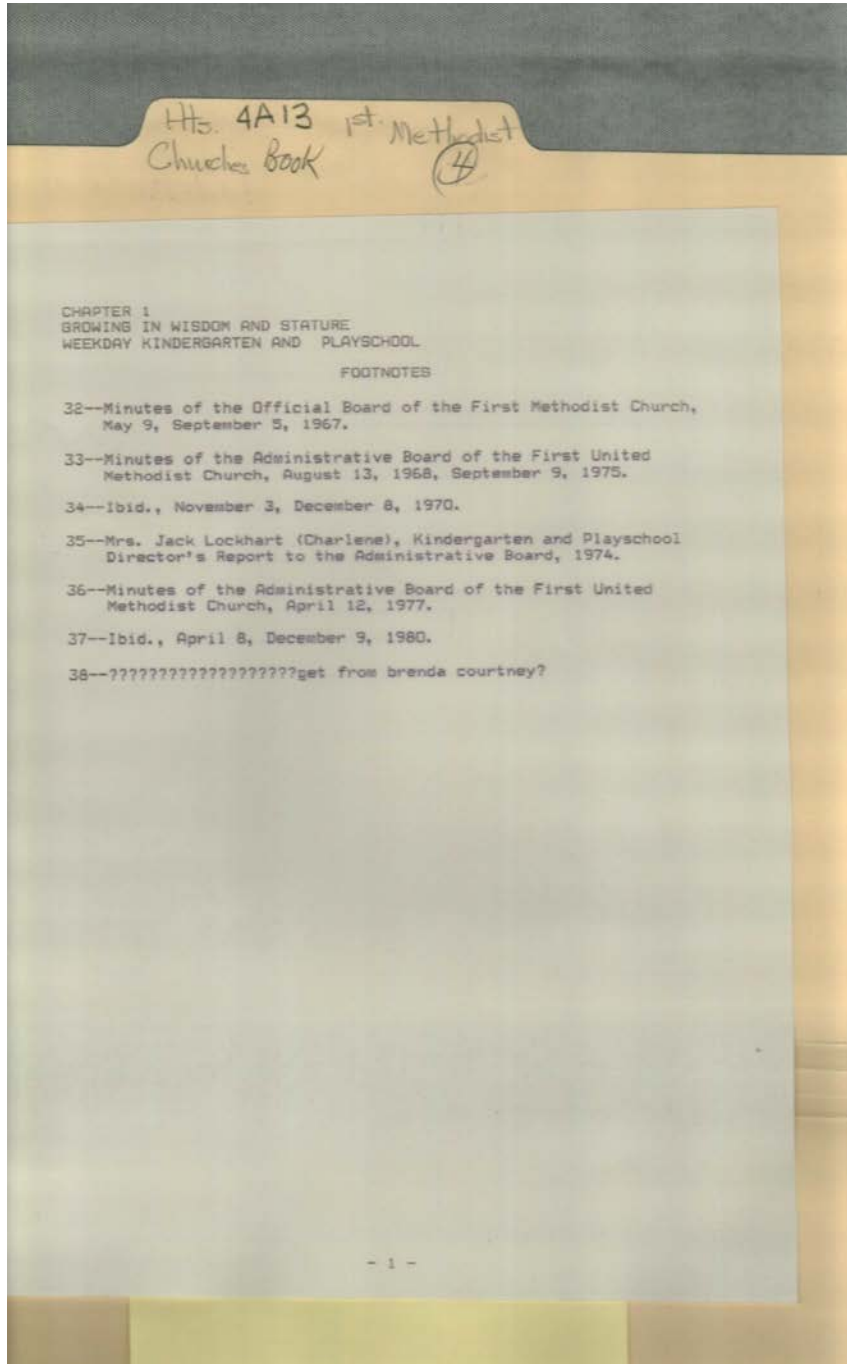
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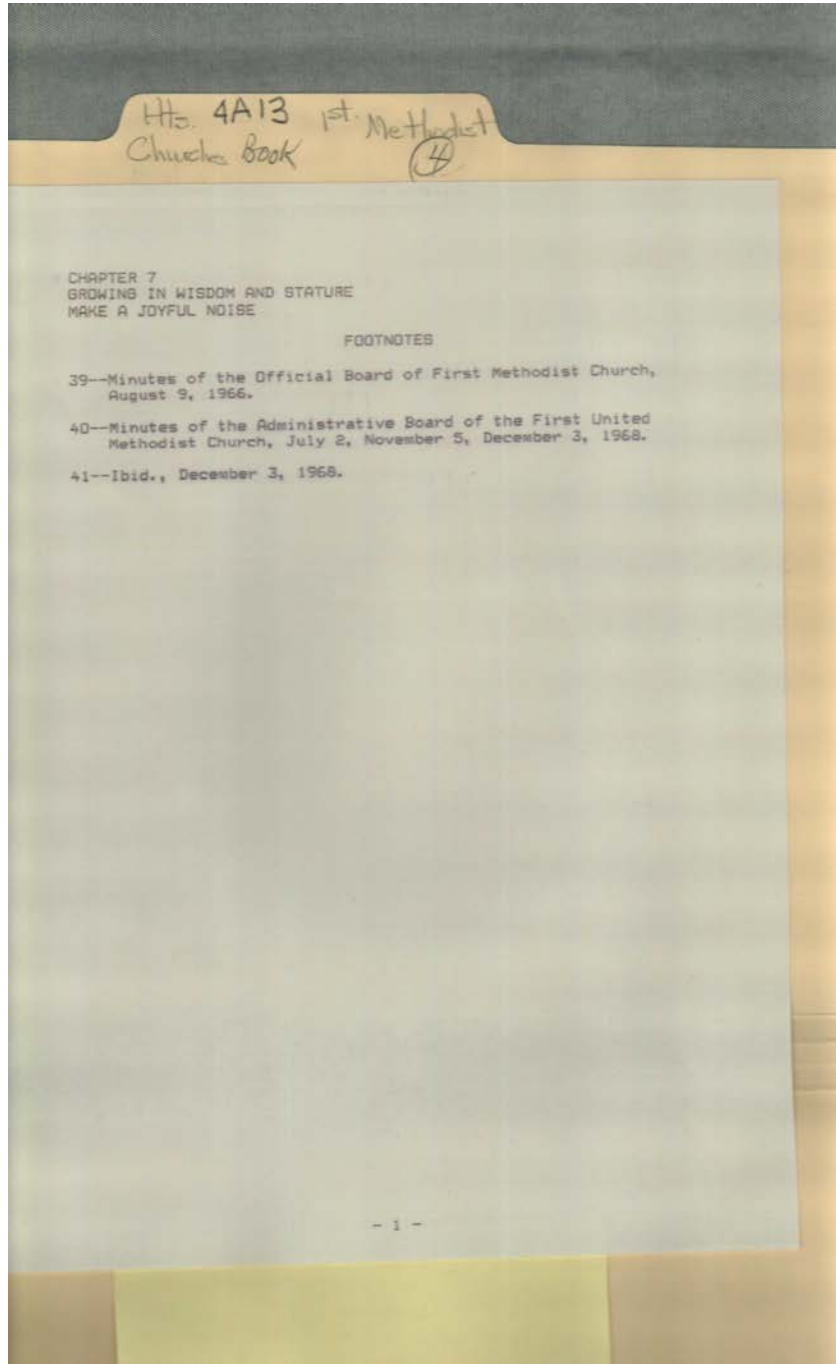
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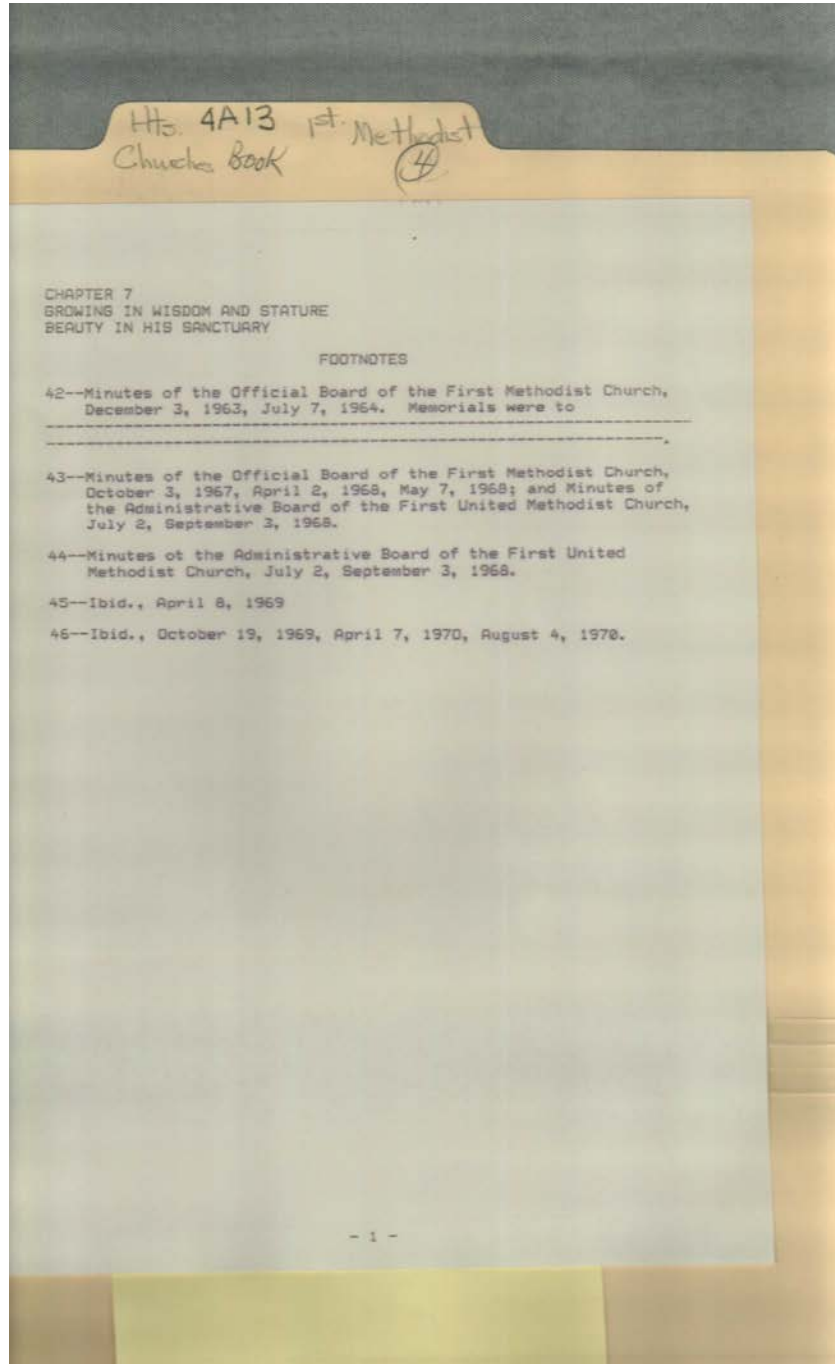
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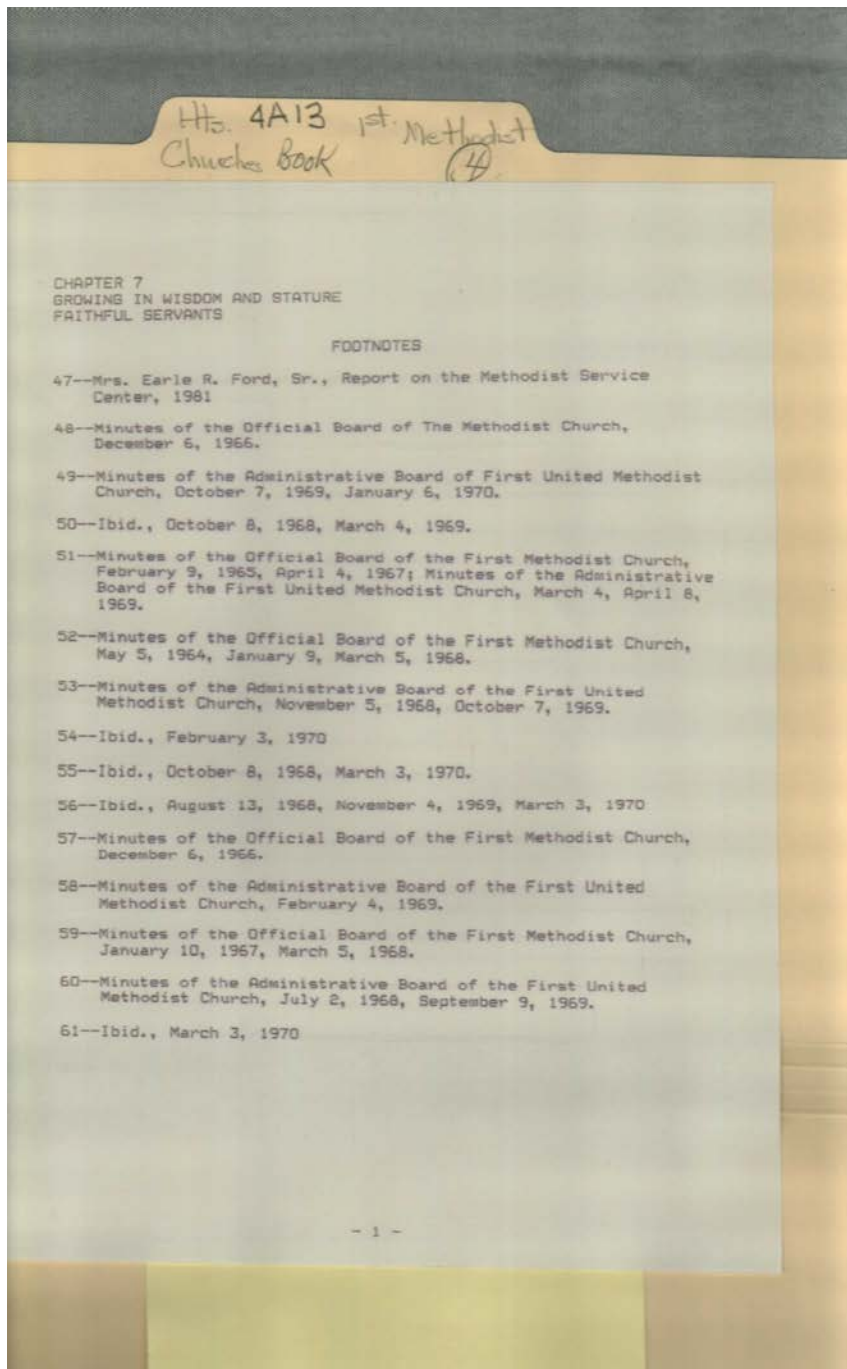
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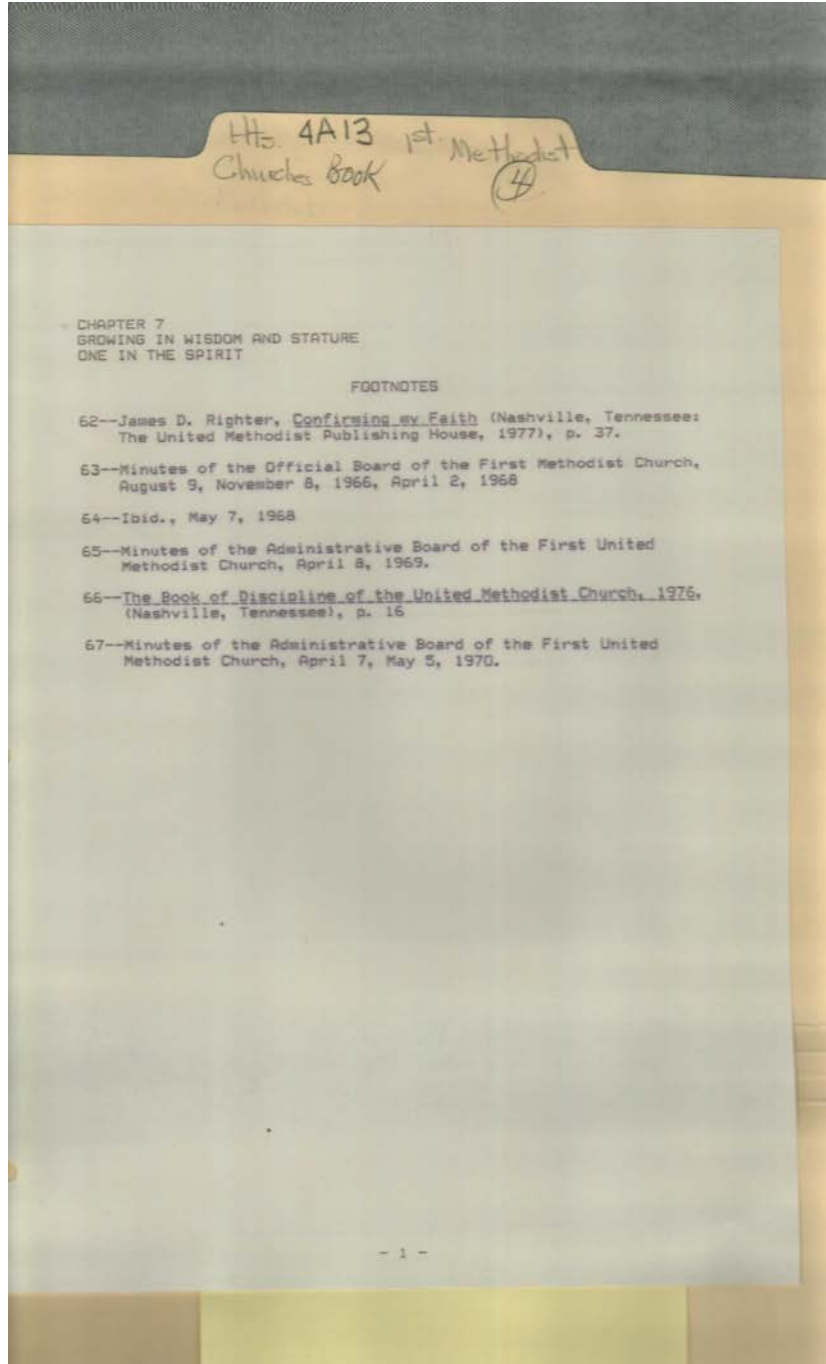
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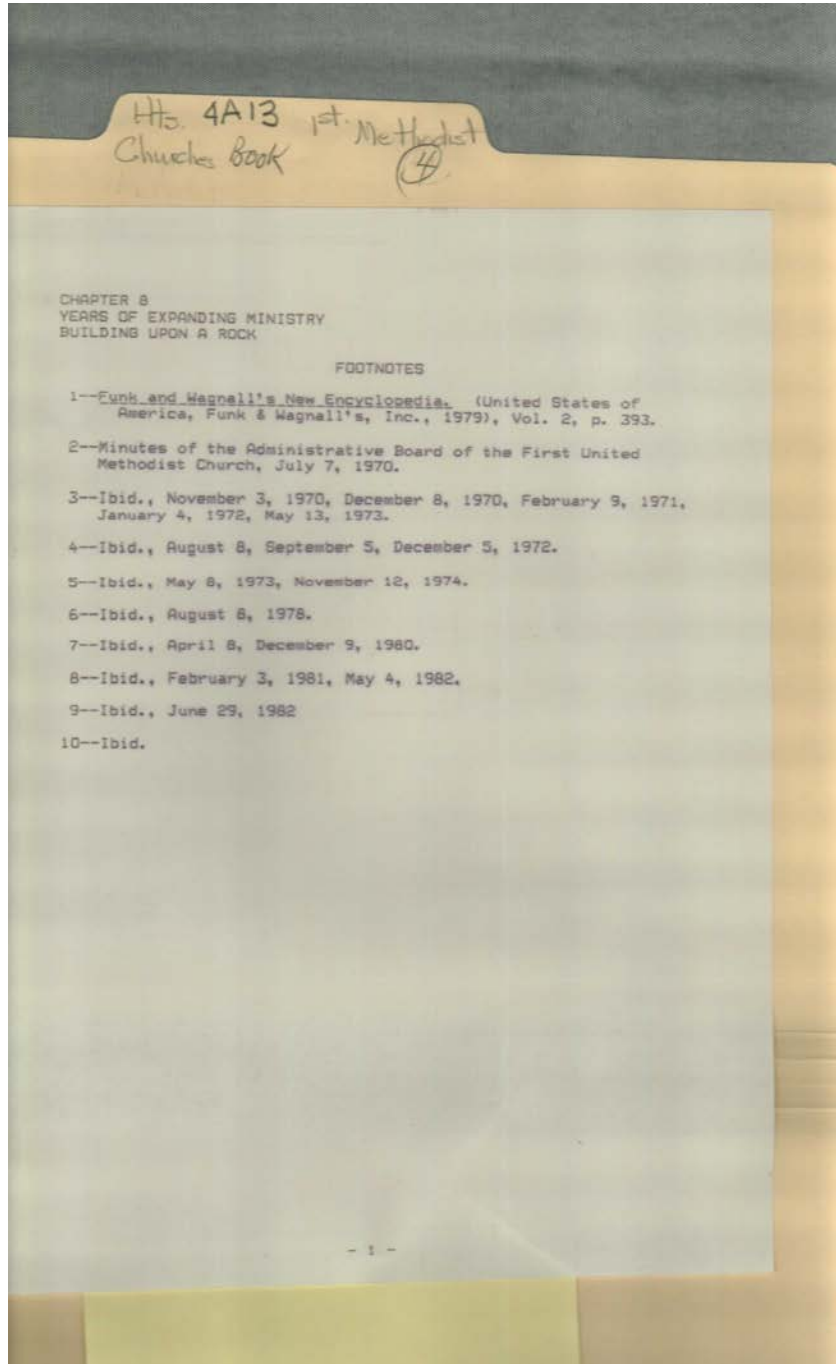
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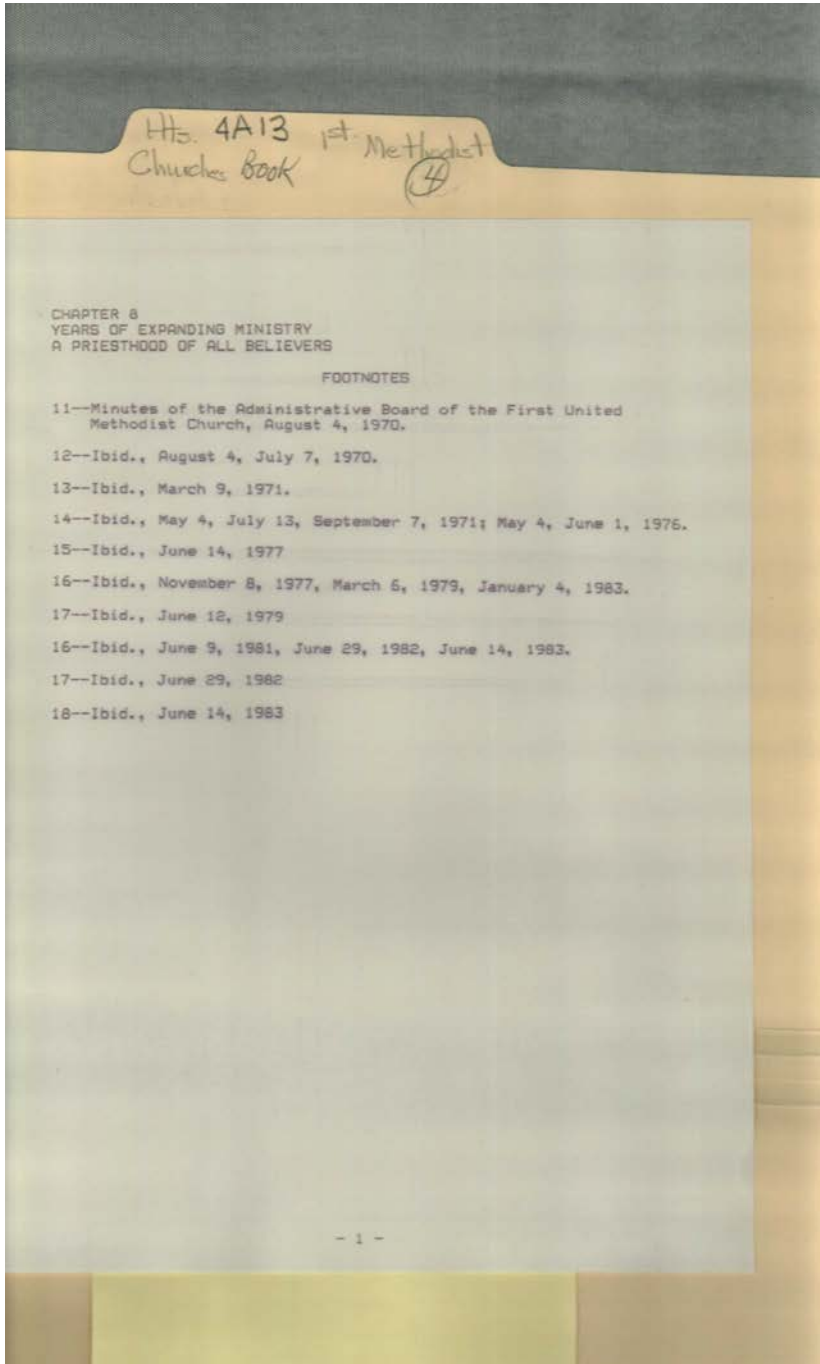
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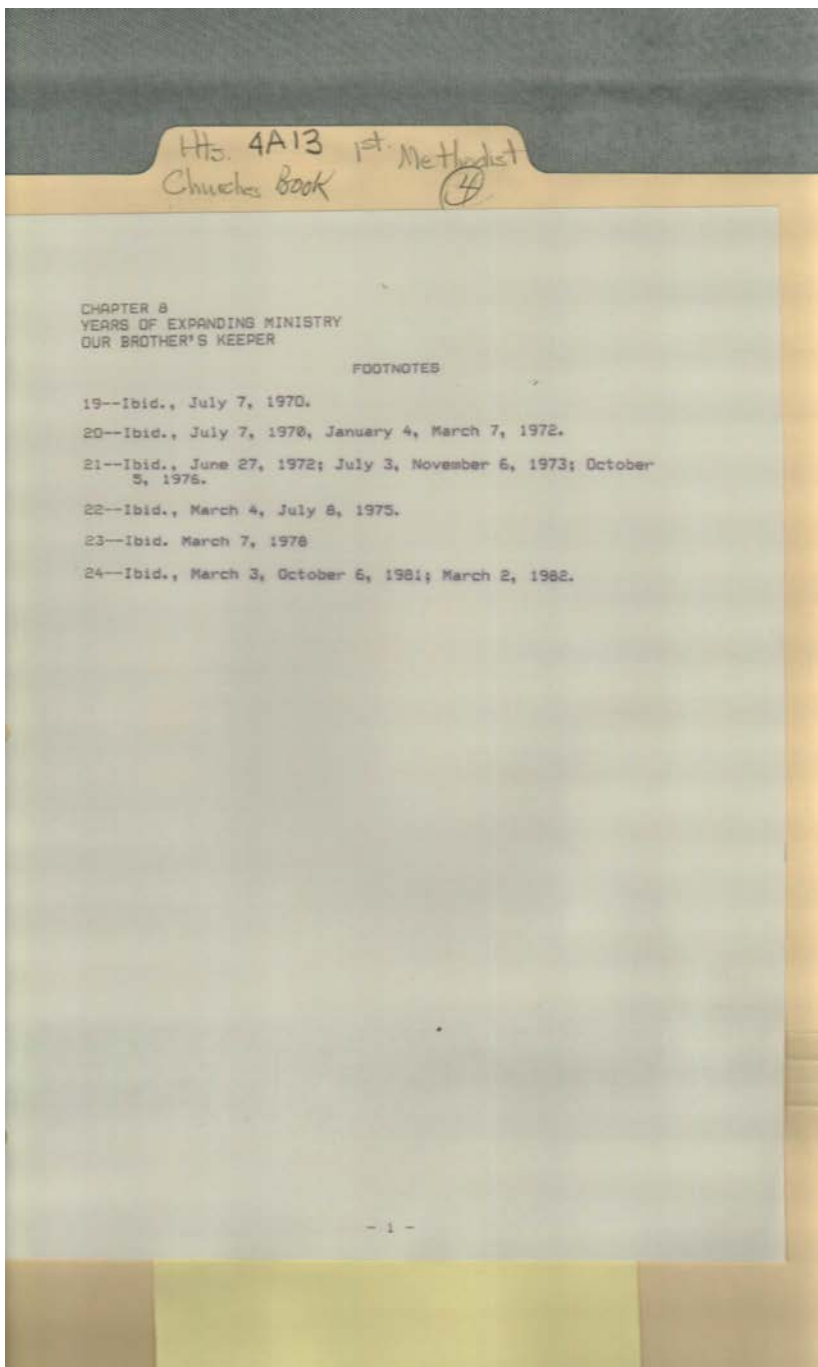
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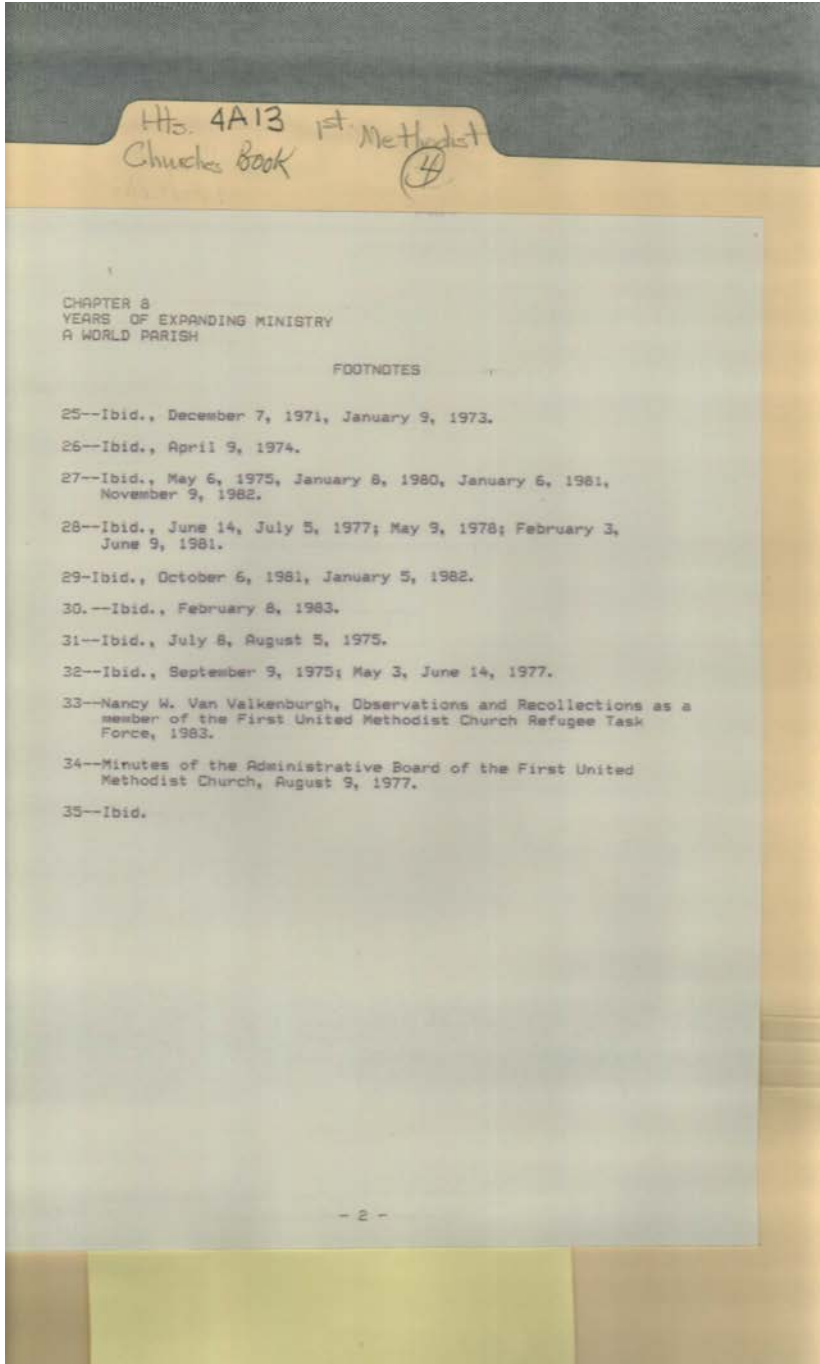
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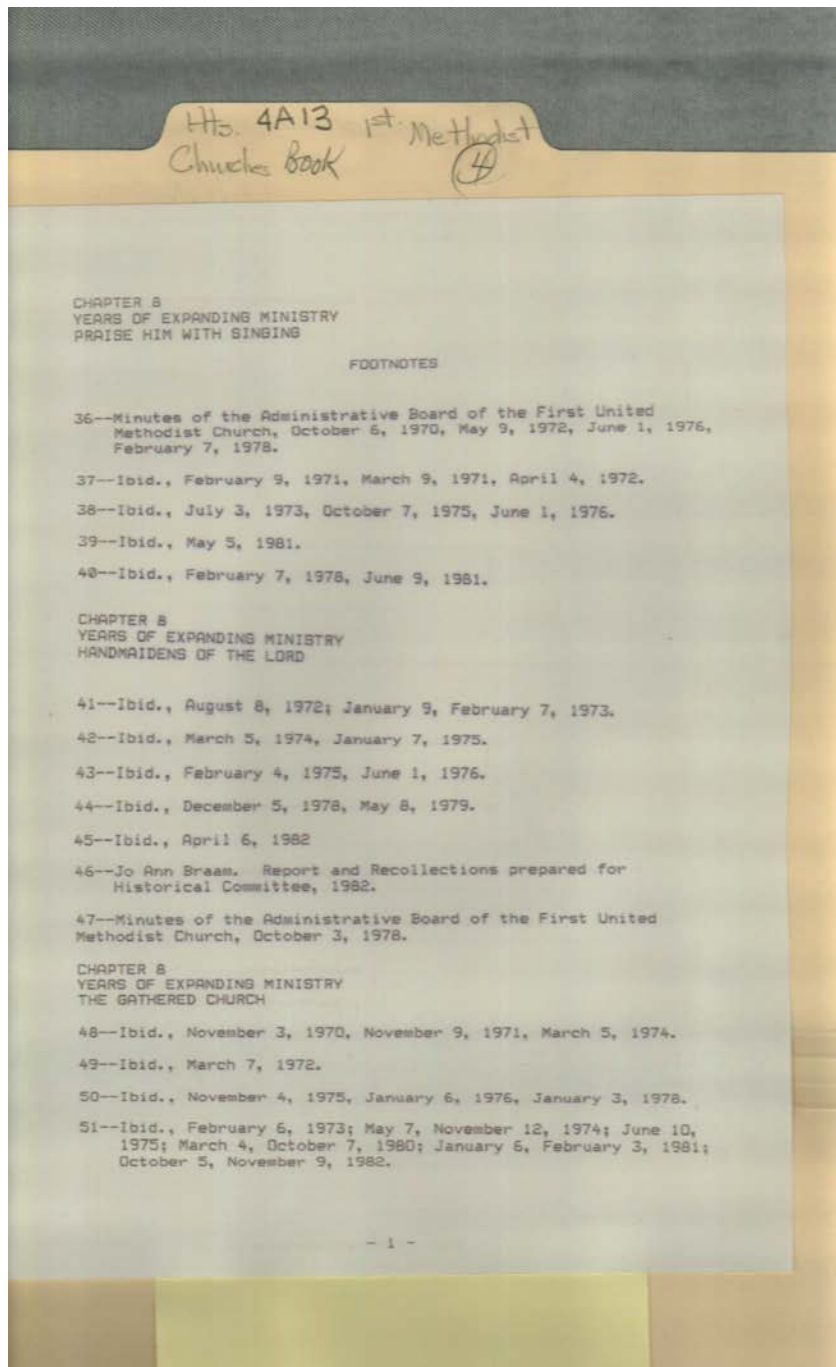
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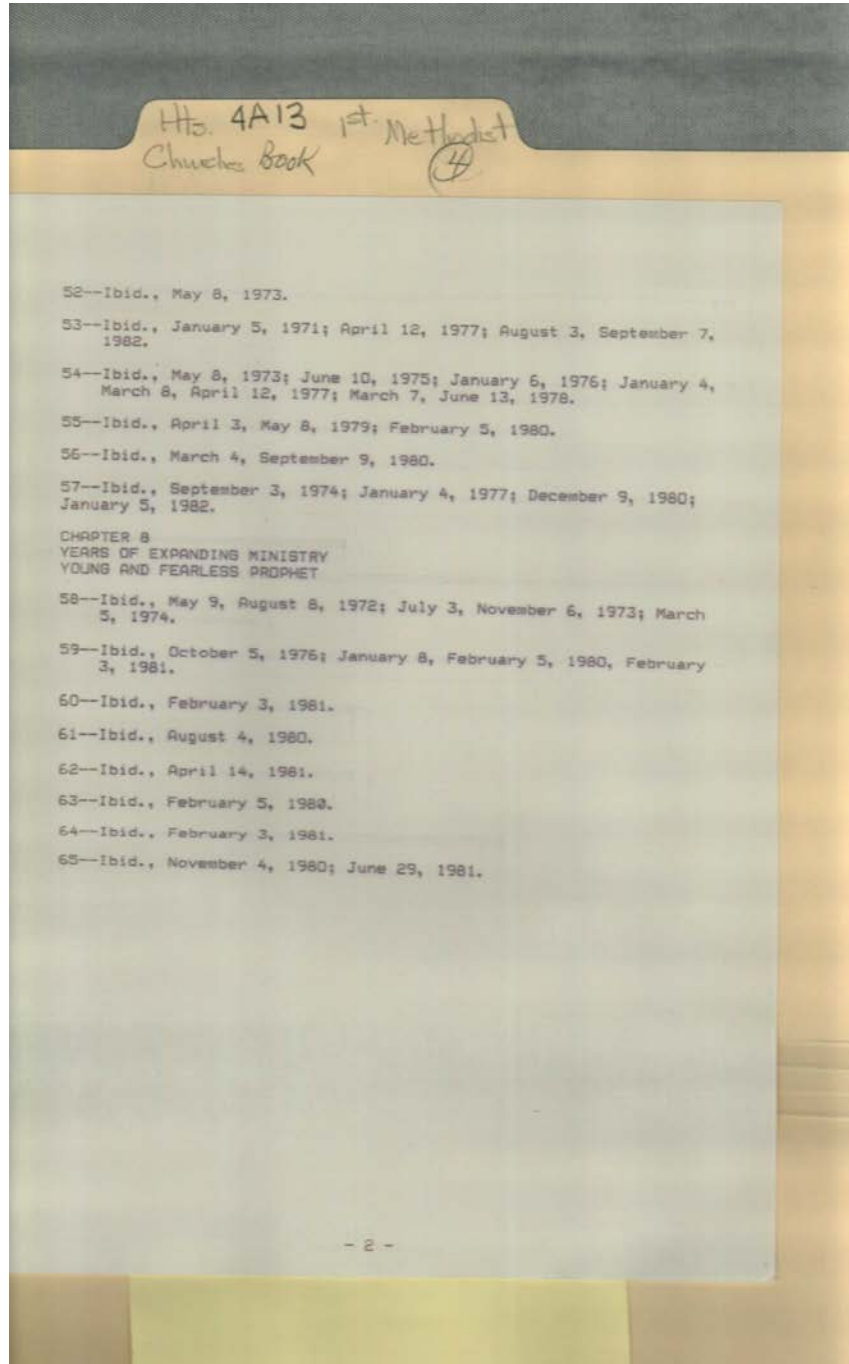
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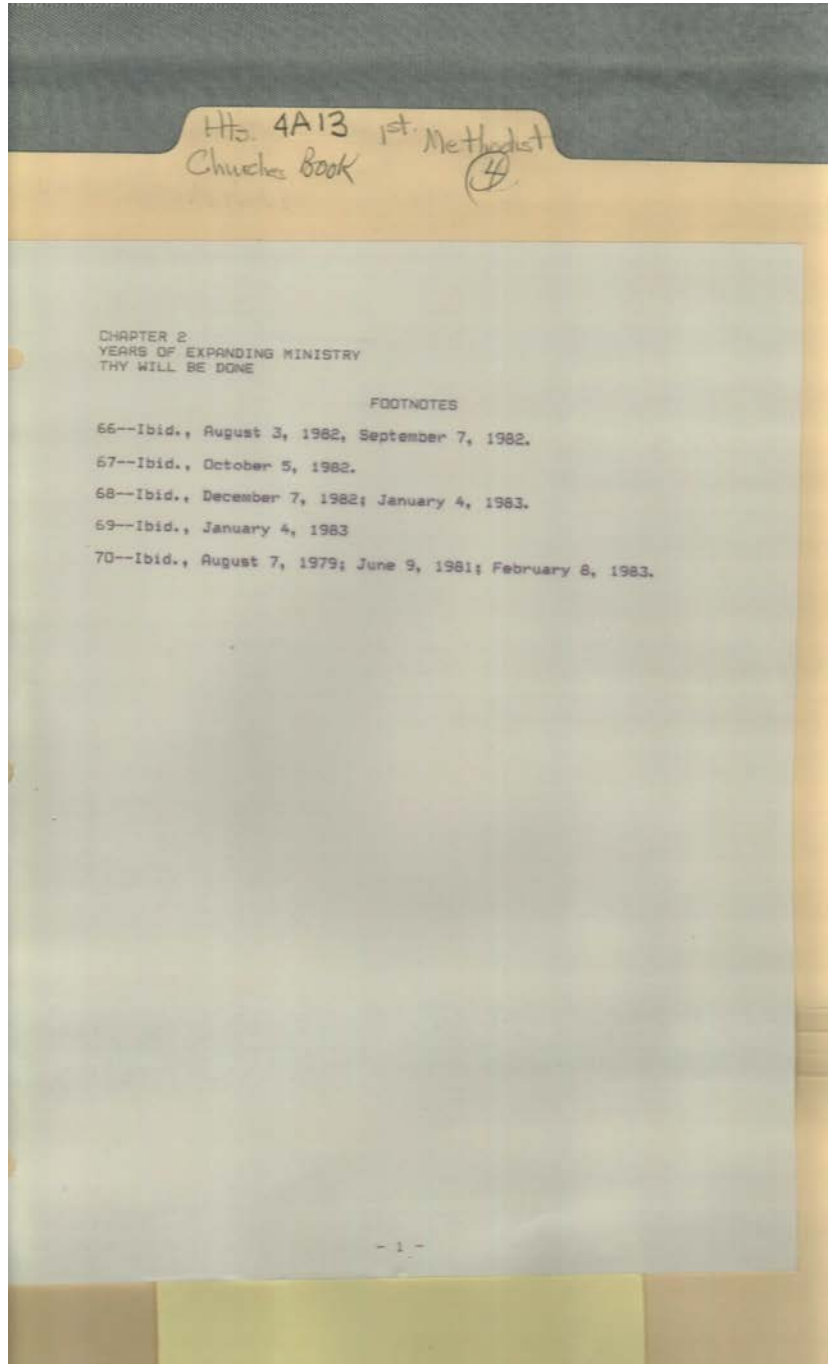
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