

Reverend Tom Anderson (1991 - 95), went on to serve the Lord in administrative work at Arden Presbyterian Church, (Arden, N.C.) In September, 1995, we were richly blessed with Reverend Michael D. Austin who is serving as our Senior Pastor and ministering to us with a genuine humble heart for the Lord.

We now have an average attendance of two hundred seventy-five each Sunday.

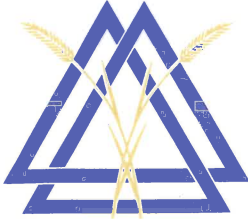
This is a brief history story of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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*Trinity Presbyterian Church
Orangeburg, S.C.*



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September, 1997

On Sunday, June 22, 1986, with two hundred thirty-six present, Orangeburg Presbyterian Chapel held its first service at Orangeburg Preparatory School upper campus gymnasium. After the service, an organizational charter meeting was held calling A. Melvin Wright, III as Pastor and Joseph A. Phillips as Pastoral Assistant.

On July 22, 1986, Mr. Wright was examined by Palmetto Presbytery for acceptance into the Presbyterian Church in America. He was accepted on July 24, 1986.

On July 27, 1986, Trinity Presbyterian Church met at the Orangeburg Preparatory School with Sunday School classes beginning at 9:45 A.M. for all and services starting at 11:00 A.M.

The first WIC steering Committee met on August 18, 1986. In September, 1986, the WIC Bible studies began and the organizational committee recommended a loosely structured board made up of a president, vice president, secretary, Christian growth chairman, and a prayer ministry chairman. We have now added a president elect, treasurer, and a historian.

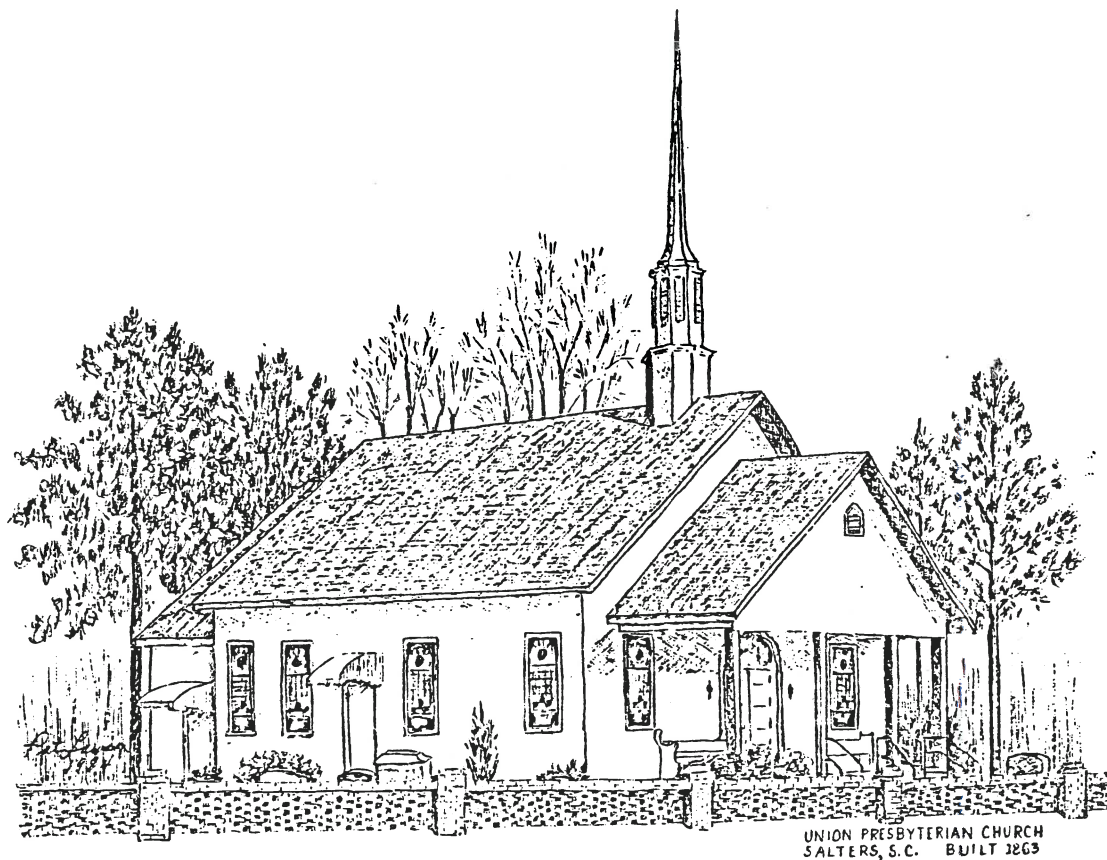
The first Vacation Bible School was held June, 1987.

Ground breaking began in late 1989 for our four hundred seat fellowship hall, twenty-three classrooms, educational building, and church offices on Willington Drive. The building was completed January, 1991. A full kitchen facility also complements the building.

In June, 1991, Trinity was blessed with a new pastor, Reverend Thomas E. Anderson.

We have also been blessed with wonderful music and youth directors. Steven R. Phillips served as Music and Youth Director, but left us in October, 1991. He was replaced by Monty Bennett, Director of Music on July 6, 1992. John Shuler and then Sam Lambrecht filled in as Youth Directors. Soon it became clear to our congregation that a full time Youth Director was a needed ministry. On June 7, 1993, Patrick Poteet became our full time Youth Director. Patrick has now resigned as of this fall, (1997), but will continue part time in the area of discipleship and evangelism as he pursues his Master of Divinity at Columbia International University & Seminary. Our new Youth Pastor as of September will be Scott Herman. We also have been blessed with the fine talents of Bob Vandervliet, our Music Director, since September, 1994, but who is now leaving this fall. We are currently in the process of finding a new Music Director.

“To Know Him and to Make Him Known”



UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SALTERS, S.C. BUILT 1863

*Union Presbyterian Church
Salters, S.C.*



*Union Memorial Presbyterian Church
Winnsboro, S.C.*

HISTORY OF UNION MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winnsboro, S. C. September 10, 1997
By: Maude F. Timms

Union Memorial Presbyterian Church has been called "The granite Church that pine trees built." This beautiful granite church, with its white columns and steeple, dominate the scenery eight miles southwest of Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Mr. Leighton Hawes, who died in 1939, his wife having preceded him in death, left his entire estate to Union Presbyterian Church, with the chief purpose in mind of building a lovely new church building for the church and community he loved so dearly. In his will he left money, buildings in Winnsboro and two tracts of timberland.

The community was called Union because Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterians had joined together and built a small frame building for common use. A committee of five men were elected to set apart the time for each denomination to hold their meetings.

On April 4, 1889 a commission of ministers and elders was approved to visit Union Church and to organize a Presbyterian Church. On June 3, 1889 this commission met and Rev. Garris gave his account of his ministry in the community and the commission was unanimously in favor of organizing a Presbyterian Church. Thus Union Presbyterian Church was organized with 21 charter members including two elders and one deacon.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Arthur Martin the new church was completed in 1942. The Hawes' will stipulated that the church be called Union Memorial Presbyterian Church. The will provided for the upkeep of the church and cemetery,

A bronze plaque hangs in the vestibule of the church as a reminder to all who enter, that this church was made possible through Elder and Mrs. Leighton W. Hawes.

Mr. Hawes left his home to be used as a manse.

Union Memorial Presbyterian Church has given four sons to the ministry. They are Rev. Mills Lemmon, Rev. Russel Park, Rev. Preston Brown and Rev. Grover B. Timms, Jr.

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*Westminister Presbyterian Church
Sumter, S.C.*

A Brief History of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC

Before there was a Westminster Presbyterian Church, there was the Sumter Presbyterian Chapel. The Chapel was served in the early and mid-1970s by several different individuals within the PCA, including Rev. Bob Korn, then Elder Tommy Burgess, ministerial student and now PCA Pastor Archie Moore, Elder Claude Vernon of Cheraw, and others. The Sumter Chapel affiliated with the PCA in 1975. At that time Minister of Church Growth for then Calvary Presbytery, Rev. Harry T. Schutte, began working with the Chapel to call their first organizing pastor. John C. Ropp, Jr. became organizing pastor in November, 1977. At that time, the Chapel consisted of 13 adults. The chapel had been meeting at the Golden Age Club, a private senior citizens group, which was on Hampton Avenue, downtown Sumter. The name Westminster was chosen as the new name in December, 1977.

With high hopes for the future, at the beginning of 1978, the church began looking for land. Westminster was organized in July, 1978, with 26 members. and immediately purchased these six acres of land on Alice Drive at Miller Road. During the year 1979, the church began worshipping in the former Holy Cross Presbyterian(PCUS) Church on Miller Road, a mile and a half from this location. From 1979 to 1982 the church grew to some 100 members.

The Miller Road property was sold in October, 1982 to the Bondovlove Baptist Church, and the congregation proceeded to build the first-stage structure a month later. The first service on Alice Drive was on August 14, 1983. The dedication of the first stage was October 30, 1983, with Rev. Philip Clarke, Coordinator of Mission to North America, preaching.

The mortgage burning for the first stage was on December 29, 1991, and groundbreaking for the new sanctuary and renovations was on October 30, 1994. The first worship service in this sanctuary was on July 30, 1995, with its dedication being October 8, 1995, with Rev. John Oliver, Pastor of First Presbyterian of Augusta, Georgia, preaching.

Westminster is presently blessed with 239 members, 40 non-communicant members, and 125 family units. We praise God for His faithfulness to us over these twenty years of worship and service.