

Oldest Church Building in Franklin



Franklin Presbyterian Church, built about 1850, on corner of Church Street and Harrison Avenue.

Many Active Churches In Towns And Country

Baptists, Methodists Have Largest Memberships, Fine Leadership

Macon county valleys and hills are dotted with little white churches on every countryside, with here and there a new house of worship built of native stone. All stand for the high purpose of little groups of loyal God-fearing people who stand for and strive to live by Christian teachings. Under the devoted leadership of their pastors Macon county congregations carry on active programs of church worship, Bible study and good works.

The Baptist and Methodist communions have by far the largest number of churches and members. Methodist circuit riders and Baptist missionaries followed the pioneers into the county when it was first opened to white settlers. There are 35 Baptist churches in the county and a membership of nearly 5,000, served by 29 ordained ministers.

The two Methodist circuits include 14 churches and chapels, besides the Highlands and Franklin churches.

There are several churches of the Pentacostal Assembly in the county.

Franklin Churches

In Franklin there four churches: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal. Catholic services are held in the Legion Hall.

The membership of the Franklin Methodist church has grown in ten years and now numbers 395.

The Baptist church also has a large membership and both churches have fine church plants with Sunday school rooms.

The Presbyterian church is one of the oldest buildings in Franklin, built about 1850. It is a beautiful and dignified example of the architecture of that period.

St. Agnes Episcopal church celebrated its 50th anniversary several years ago. It is a beautiful Gothic chapel with English stained glass windows.

New Pastor



The Rev. Hubert Wardlaw began his duties as Pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian Church on June 1.

All four churches have unusually comfortable homes for their pastors.

These churches are grouped on one block, on Church street, this proximity also marking the spirit of their congregations, who unite in good works to build a Christian community.

A Brief Sketch Of A Good Citizen

By MRS. CHARLES MELICHAR
"Drink your buttermilk, my child, so you'll grow up quick and we can be married!" Dr. Frank T. Smith was a big boy then, and used to tease his small girl playmate. She was Virginia Crawford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crawford. Today Dr. Smith is 82 and has been married to his boyhood companion since 1902.

One of Franklin's most familiar and best loved figures, Dr. Smith has served the town as druggist

and pharmacist since receiving his license in 1897. He studied for it under Dr. S. H. Lyle. One of the oldest druggists in North Carolina in both age and experience. Dr. Smith is still active in business.

From his vantage point in the heart of Franklin's business activities, he has watched the town grow. His particular pleasure has been in his friendships with Franklin's succeeding "younger generations."

He has raised two daughters of his own who, married now, are Mrs. Fleet H. Scroggs of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. John Gibson of Montgomery, Ala. Shortly after being licensed he purchased from his brother, C. C. Smith, the drug store in which he was then working. As his business grew, his location changed many times.

In 1893 during President Grover Cleveland's administration, Dr. Smith was appointed postmaster. The postoffice then was located in his drug store.

For 57 years Dr. Smith has been a member of the Junaluska lodge No. 145 in Franklin and recently was presented with a pin and certificate in recognition of 50 years of continuous membership in the order.

Dr. Smith has lived his life in

the Franklin community. He was born on what is now the George Slagle place just outside of town, the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith. His father, a Methodist

minister, was at one time editor of the Franklin Press and was author of the booklet "A Brief History of Macon County, North Carolina." Rev. Smith was active

in the Holston conference of the Methodist Church which included southwest Virginia, eastern Tennessee, and western North Carolina.

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- 1939 Chevrolet Sedan
- 1931 Chevrolet Coach
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- 1933 Ford Tudor
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- 1931 Model A Ford

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- 1938 Chevrolet 1 1-2 Ton Truck
- 1938 Ford 1 1-2 Ton Truck
- 1936 Chevrolet 1-2 Ton Pickup
- 1939 Chevrolet 3-4 Ton Pickup
- 1937 GMC Pickup
- 1940 GMC Pickup
- 1939 Chevrolet Pickup
- 1936 Chevrolet 1 1-2 Ton Truck Stake Bed
- 1938 Ford 1 1-2 Ton Truck
- 1936 Dodge Pickup
- 1940 Chevrolet Pickup
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- 1939 Chevrolet 1-2 Ton Pickup
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