



A CONCISE HISTORY OF THE

*Newnan Presbyterian
Church*

1828 - 2016 AND BEYOND



Foreward

The mission of this document is to create a base for an on-going record that present and future Newnan Presbyterian Church members will use to understand more about the church, its history, and those “saints” who have served it so well. To this end, the work has been divided into five sections: History, Ministers, Saints, and an Appendix containing interesting facts about NPC and archives.

Section I – History – provides a brief recap of the history and growth of NPC. Much of the information is based on the document that was prepared to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church, plus some additional information we have since discovered.

Section II – Ministers – provides a chronology of the individuals who have served as pastors since the inception of NPC.

Section III – Saints – recognizes those individuals who, over the years, played leadership roles and supported and contributed to the spiritual growth of the church by their service and faithfulness.

Section IV –Interesting information about the Newnan Presbyterian Church:

- A list of the current long-time members of NPC
- The bells of NPC
- Some Interesting Information about NPC

Section V – Archives --- These archives are perhaps the most important element of this document, as they contain so many important details related to the early years of the Newnan Presbyterian Church (1828—1867).



1890s church members at fishfry.

History

It was **June 21, 1828**. Newnan Presbyterian Church began -- not in Newnan but in Bullsboro, a trading post two miles east of present day Newnan. The settlement had been the county seat of Coweta County before the town of Newnan was incorporated, also in 1828. Fifteen Presbyterian pioneers, eight women and seven men, met to organize a church, and for the next six years they met in a log schoolhouse in Bullsboro.



1925 photo of Bullsboro marker boulder

In **1834**, the church relocated to Newnan and occupied a small building constructed on the southeast corner of the present intersection of Jackson and Clark Streets. As part of that relocation, a church cemetery was created and while the City of Newnan considers it to be part of the Oak Hill Cemetery, it is in fact a separate plot of land located at the intersection of Clark and Jefferson Streets. The local citizens still refer to it as “the Presbyterian Cemetery.” Many long time members of the Newnan Presbyterian Church are buried there.



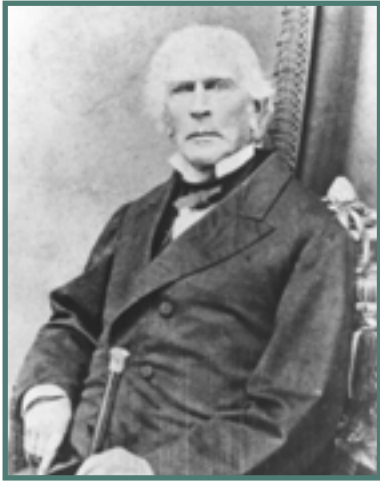
1872 photo of Newnan Presbyterian Church on Greenville St.

In **1845**, the growing congregation built a new church on Jackson Street, where McKoon Funeral Home is now located. The Atlanta Presbytery was organized in this building on April 13, 1867. Continuing to add new members, the church was moved to the present site on Greenville Street. The new building, which cost \$8,000, was dedicated on February 13, 1873, and with the assistance of its sister churches, was built debt free. In 1914, the church steeple, which had been standing for 42 years, was taken down and replaced by a belfry.

The last service in this structure was held on **April 29, 1923**, after which it was demolished for the construction of the present sanctuary building, erected the following year. Services were held at the Coweta County Courthouse while the church was being built. While still under construction, the church was presented with a 15-bell set of chimes. Dedication services for the new structure were held on June 20, 1926. In 1983, an addition, housing a fellowship hall, offices, and classrooms, was completed and dedicated.

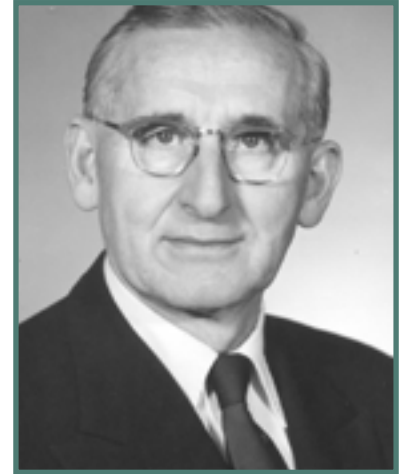
In **1999**, a “Bridge to Tomorrow” fund raising campaign was held to remodel the 1983 structure and to add a new building with classrooms and a larger fellowship hall to meet growth projections. This addition featured a bridge over Salbide Avenue which connected the new structure to the main church building.

Ministers



Dr. J. S. Wilson

From its beginning, the Newnan Presbyterian Church has been blessed to have been shepherded by very distinguished and capable ministers. Four of these men collectively served or have served for over 139 of the 188 years that the church has been in existence. Rev. Joseph E. Hannah led the church for almost 45 years; Dr. James Stacy for almost 43 years; Rev. Joseph Y. Alexander for 20 years; and Dr. Harry Barrow for 31 years.



Dr. Edward Watson



Rev C. O. Martindale

Officiating at the organization of the church in 1828 were the Rev. Mr. Richards and the Rev. Remembrance Chamberlain. They were sent by the Congregational Churches of New England and the Presbyterian churches of New York and New Jersey as missionary ministers to the new church.



Rev. Herman Dillard



Rev. E. P. Nichols



Rev. William Dudley

Ministers who have served Newnan Presbyterian Church (including Supply
Ministers who served in the short interims between called pastors)

1829 -- Rev. Hampden C. Carter (Member of the Congregational Church)
1830 -- Rev. Edmund Lanier
1831 – 1851 -- Rev. Joseph Y. Alexander
1852 – 1853 -- Rev. T. F. Montgomery
1854 – 1856 -- Dr. J. S. Wilson
1857 – 1900 -- Dr. James Stacy
1900 – 1906 -- Rev. Charles O. Martindale
1907 – 1951 -- Rev. Joseph E. Hannah
1951 – 1952 (Feb.) -- Dr. Richard Gillespie
1952 – 1955 -- Rev. E. P. Nichols
1956 – Rev. C. K. Taffe
1956 – 1961 (Nov.) -- Rev. Edward Watson
1961 – 1962 – Associate pastor Rev. James Kershaw
1962 (May – Aug.) -- Dr. Bonneau Dickson
 (Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Atlanta)
1962 (Aug.) – 1971 -- Rev. B. Herman Dillard
1971 – Dr. Eugene T. Wilson
1972 – 1975 -- Rev. William Edwin Dudley
1975 – 1976 -- Rev. Wayne Smith (Founder of the Friendship Force)
1976 (Aug.) – 1983 – Rev. Richard Knox Swayze (Mr. and Mrs. Swayze
 were missionaries to Brazil prior to coming to Newnan.)
1983 – 1984 – Dr. Gary M. Jones
1984 – 2016 (Jan) – Dr. Harry H. Barrow
1994 – 1996 – Associate Pastor Rev. Tammy Brown
1997 – 2010 – Associate Pastor Rev. Meg Jackson Clark
2011 – 2013 – Associate Pastor Rev. David Cole (D.C.) Adams
2014 – 2016 – Associate Pastor Rev. Leigh Campbell-Taylor
2016 – Present – Interim Pastor Rev. Susan Haynes



Rev. Wayne Smith



Rev. Richard Swayze



Rev. Harry Barrow

During their extended tenures at Newnan Presbyterian Church, Reverend Alexander, Dr. Stacy, Reverend Hannah, and Dr. Barrow earned a legacy that certainly qualifies them for “sainthood” in this church.

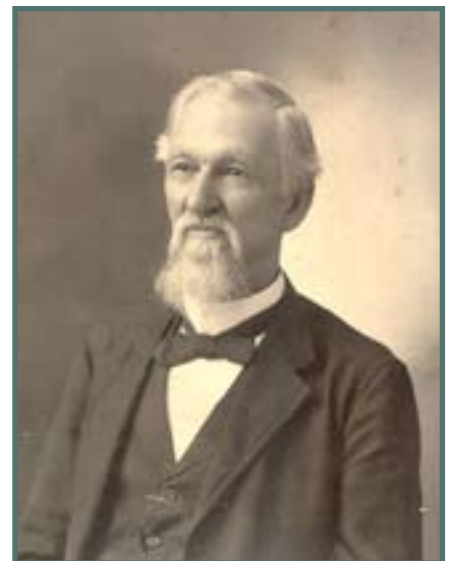
Reverend Joseph Young Alexander (1792-1857)

Reverend Alexander moved to Coweta County in 1831 to the fledgling Newnan Presbyterian Church. In order to sustain his family, he taught school as well as ministered to the church. He organized a Male Academy (later to become co-educational) which he led for fourteen years. In 1837, he established the White Oak Church at Senoia and served as its minister as well. During his pastorate at NPC, two new church buildings were occupied, the 1834 and 1845 Jackson Street churches. He resigned active ministry at NPC in 1851, but continued Synod work until his health failed. Rev. Alexander died in 1857 and is buried in the Presbyterian Church Section of Oak Hill Cemetery.



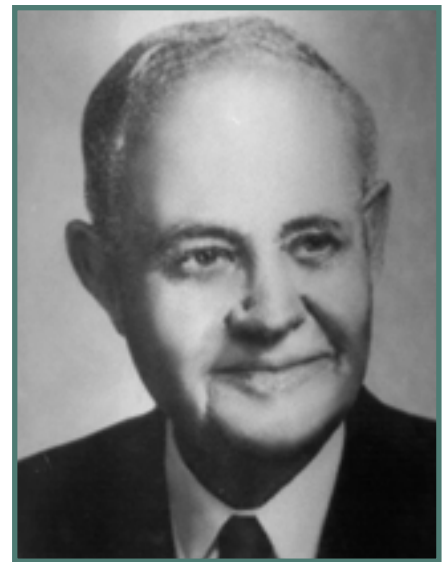
Dr. James Stacy (1830 – 1912)

Dr. Stacy was a prominent Presbyterian minister in Georgia and author of a number of books. He was President of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary for ten years, served as the Stated Clerk of the Georgia Synod for thirty-three years, and Minister of the Newnan Presbyterian Church from 1857 - 1900. He served as pastor in the White Oak Church as well. During his tenure, the Atlanta Presbytery was formed at NPC in 1867, and a new church was erected on Greenville Street in 1872. Dr. Stacy's tombstone in the Presbyterian section of Oak Hill Cemetery reads, "He was beloved by God and Man."



Reverend Joseph E. Hannah (1877 (?) – 1951)

“The people’s pastor loved by everyone in Coweta County and a part of each of us.” These are but a few of the many accolades paid to the Reverend Hannah. He served as NPC pastor from 1906 until his death in 1951. The present church building and the bells were installed during his ministry. He never owned a car and was known for walking considerable distances to nearly every appointment and visitation and communing with those he met along the way. Sincerity and simplicity were his trademarks, but he was also known for his studious ways and scholarly manner. “No one handled the Word of God more expertly and reverently than he,” remarked Dr. Simril F. Bryant in his tribute upon the death of Rev. Hannah. Hannah Fellowship Sunday School Class is named for him.



Dr. Harry Barrow (1950 – present)

Dr. Harry Barrow faithfully served as pastor, preacher, guide, colleague, and friend to Newnan Presbyterian Church from 1984 until his retirement in Jan 2016. After a B.S. in Zoology from LSU and a Master’s in Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary, Harry served as Associate Pastor of Raleigh Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN for Three Years, and then for over seven years as Director of Admissions and Associate Director of Seminary Relations at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. He served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and received the “Distinguished Alumni” Award from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2011. During his ministry, NPC approved three capital campaigns to build a new Fellowship Hall and Educational Building and to make major additions and improvements to the original structure. Newnan Presbyterian Church also became a teaching congregation, sponsoring 28 seminary interns during his tenure.



Harry was always there when needed. His natural gift for pastoral care was a blessing for NPC members as well as the Newnan community. He worked with community leaders in establishing the One Roof Ecumenical Ministry. He also served as board member on many local programs including Habitat for Humanity and The Coweta Samaritan Medical Clinic. A relationship with Merida, Mexico was established during his pastorate, inspiring multiple mission trips over that period. Another passion was volunteering as a pastor to inmates on death row. The community and outreach programs of the thirty one years under the leadership of Dr. Harry Barrow continued to attest to the pastoral leadership of NPC’s dedicated ministers..

Lest We Forget...

Those individuals who have been recognized as Saints of NPC

As Christians it is very important that we all appreciate the fact that we can worship and study in our beautiful facility now because of the leadership, commitment, and hard work of all those Saints who built, grew, and nurtured Newnan Presbyterian Church since its first worship service was held in 1828. They basically built the foundation upon which we worship today, and we should always be thankful for what they have done for us.

The following list is by no means all-inclusive but does highlight many of those people whose names appeared often in church records or who were suggested by members of the congregation. It does not include current members of the church as there are many of them today who are “living saints” whose devotion and service to NPC will be recognized in years to come.

George B. Addy (1913 - 1972)
Joined NPC 1924
Deacon, Elder

Alva M. Bowen Sr. (1900 - 1980)
Joined NPC 1933
Elder Emeritus
SS teacher

J. A. Addy, Sr. (1883 - 1960)
Joined NPC 1913
Choir member
Elder for many years
SS Superintendent

Mrs. Alva M. Bowen (Julia C.) (1902 - 1981)
Joined NPC 1929
Moderator PW
Member of Presbyterian Board of Atlanta Presbytery
President of the Georgia Synod of the PC(USA)
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Mrs. J. A. Addy (Carey)
(1889 - 1974)
Joined NPC 1921
Supt. of SS for many years
Mrs. Addy donated the hand bells to the church
in memory of her husband.

Sarah (Sally) Bowen (1926 - 1999)
Joined NPC 1933
1969 – One of the first three female deacons at NPC
1973 – First female elder at NPC
Westminster Youth Fellowship leader
SS teacher
Chair of Education ministry
Witness committee chairman
Commissioner of the General Assembly of PC(USA)
Named the Outstanding Senior Presbyterian of the
Year in 1996 for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery
PW Honorary Life Membership Award
NPC Kindergarten class was named in her honor

Mrs. E. J. Bailey (Edna) (- 1986)
Joined NPC 1916
SS teacher
Presbyterian Women

Arnold Bowers (1917 - 1993)

Joined NPC 1954

Deacon, Elder

Vice Chairman Service and Fellowship
Committee

President Men of the Church Assistant

Secretary/Treasurer of the SS

Chairman Commitment Committee

Julia Bowers (1918 - 2001)

Joined NPC 1954

Program chairman PW

WOC Christian Committee

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Floyd “Buck” Bowie (1925 - 2003)

Joined NPC 1952

Deacon, Elder

Worship Committee

Usher

Coached NPC’s first softball team
(Outreach Committee)

Vice-Chairman of Commitment

Committee Property Committee Chairman

Marion Bryant (1893 - 1978)

Joined NPC 1903

Women of the Church

Home Circle

Church pianist

Mary Darden “Sally” Camp (1951 - 2011)

Joined NPC 1961

Deacon, Elder

Choir member for many years,

SS teacher

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman

Worship Ministry Committee

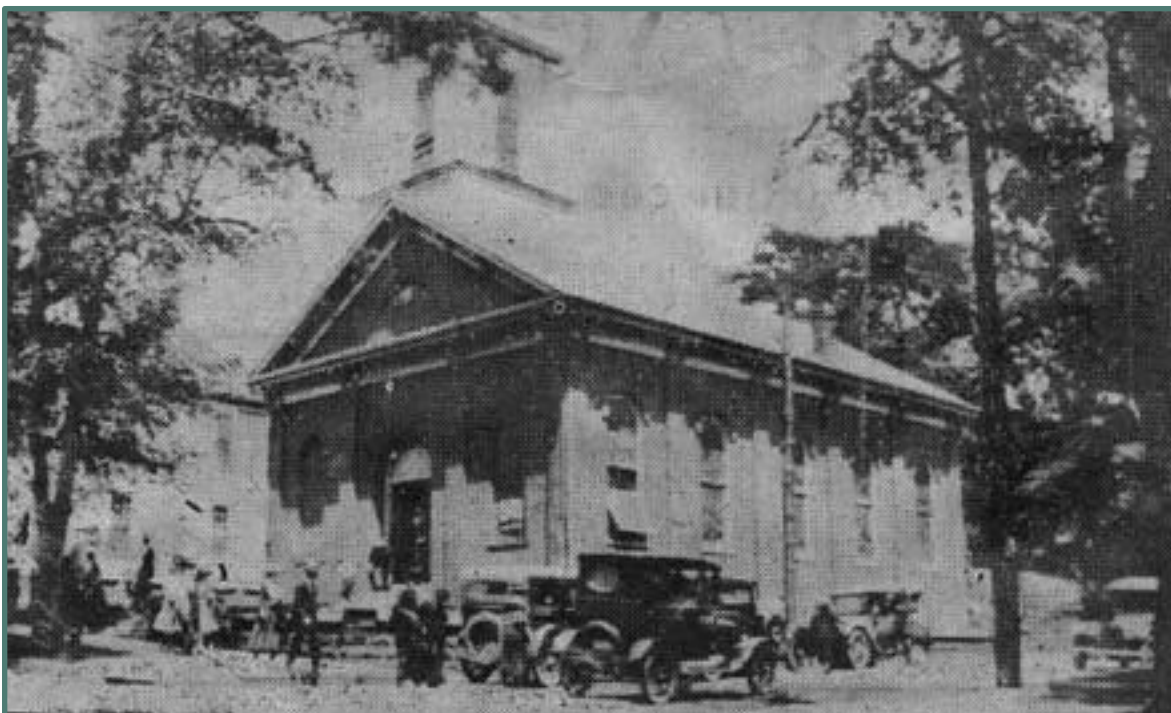
Mrs. Sophia Camp (1919 - 2012)

Joined NPC 1937

Elder

Worship Ministry

Along with her daughter, Sally, took care of
paraments of church for many years



1915 photo
of Newnan
Presbyterian
Church on
Greenville St.

Mr. A. T. “Tom” Chambers (1916 - 1978)

Joined NPC 1963

Deacon, Elder

SS teacher

Officers Training

Commitment Committee Chairman

Co-Chairman Communion Sacraments

Mrs. Woodrow Clark (Martha) (1916 - 1997)

Joined NPC 1954

Deacon

SS teacher, VBS teacher

Chairman Service and Fellowship Committee

Leader PW

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Mildred Clark Chambers (1919 - 2009)

Joined NPC 1940

PW leader

Worship Committee

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Mr. Kenny Coggin (1943 - 2012)

Joined NPC 1988

Elder, Property Ministry

Mr. Kenerly (K. O.) Cole (1903 - 1975)

Joined NPC 1950

Elder

Prepared Sacraments for Communion

Golden Clark (1886 - 1972)

Joined NPC 1910

Commissioner Atlanta Presbytery

Elder (1919 – 1971)

Witness Committee Chairman

Fellowship hall in the original church building
was named in honor of him in 1971

Mrs. K. O. Cole (Edith) (1908 - 2004)

Joined NPC 1950

PW leader, Vice Moderator

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Mrs. Golden Clark (Emmie) (1896 - 1981)

Joined NPC 1954

Deacon

Mrs. Laelius Davis (1910 – 2012)

Joined NPC 1959

Active member of PW

Dorothy Clark (1921 - 2010)

Joined NPC 1940

Deacon

SS teacher

Program Chairman PW

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Mary P. Davis (Mrs. Welborn B.) (1893 - 1993)

Joined NPC 1934

Women's Auxiliary President

PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Hollis Dewberry (1914 - 2014)

Joined NPC 1999

Deacon

Woodrow Clark (1916 - 1995)

Joined NPC 1942

Deacon, Elder

Committee chair Strengthening the Church

Committee chair Witness Committee

Vice Chairman Service Committee Chairman

Commitment Committee

VBS teacher

**Mrs. Melvin H. Dickey (Betty Jane)
(1922 - 1987)**

Joined NPC 1962

President PW

SS teacher

VBS Superintendent and teacher

Westminster Youth Fellowship and adult advisor

Deacon

Mrs. Frederick Ellison (Mary Ann) (1937 - 2006)
Joined NPC 1986
Deacon
Christ Care leader, Calvin's Crew, PW
Sponsor for youth confirmation
VBS volunteer

James C. Hardy (1924 - 1994)
Joined NPC 1966
Deacon, Elder
Worship Committee
Church assistant organist
Westminster Youth Fellowship and adult advisor
Clerk of the Session

Dr. Ted Hatfield (1922 - 2011)
Joined NPC 1989
Elder, Outreach Ministry

Mrs. Will Haugen (Evelyn) (1933 - 2015)
Joined NPC 1941
Deacon
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Harold Hieronymus (1908 - 1997)
Joined NPC 1959
Deacon, Elder
SS teacher
Assistant SS Superintendent
Witness Committee
Vice Chairman Membership Committee

Dan Holl (1932 - 2011)
Joined NPC 1990
Elder, Finance/Personnel Ministry

Bill Hubbard (1943 - 2015)
Joined NPC 2007
Established Hubbard Endowment Fund with wife Linda
Leader of Men's Fellowship Group

Millard Johnson (1913 - 2001)
Joined NPC 1950
Deacon, Elder
SS Superintendent
Westminster Youth Fellowship leader
Vice Chairman Strengthening Church Committee
Property Committee
Church treasurer
Service Committee Chairman

Mrs. Millard Johnson (Florence Wilkinson)
(1903 - 2000)
Joined NPC 1935 and then rejoined in 1950
Historian PW
Ysabel Odom class
Wednesday Morning Prayer Group
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

John W. Johnson (1913 - 1990)
Joined NPC 1979
Elder
Intern Endowment established in his honor

Mrs. John William Johnson (Doris)
(1916 - 1993)
Joined NPC 1979
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Alton "Slim" Jones (1909 - 1984)
Joined NPC 1948
Deacon, Elder
Property Committee Chairman
"Fix-it man" – made repairs to kitchen, organ, furnace, helped fix electronic keyboard that operated church bells, and made the Bible holders under the church pews.

James Aaron Keheley (1916 - 1983)
Joined NPC 1960
Deacon
VP Men of the Church
Finance Committee Chairman

Mrs. W. J. Kennedy (Bessie Potts)
(1900 - 1988)
Joined NPC 1912
SS librarian, teacher
Program chairman PW
Strengthening the Church Committee
Church librarian
PW Honorary Life Membership Award
Arranged for NPC to inherit her home. The
Gift was used to purchase the property where
the fellowship hall and playground are
located.

Mrs. Aubrey Kidd (Mary Will Little)
(1919 - 2002)
Joined NPC 1961
PW Honorary Life Membership

Margaret Kilgore (1915 - 2014)
Joined NPC 1940
Active member of Presbyterian Women

Robert "Bob" Lee (1918 - 2012)
Joined NPC 1988
Elder, Property Ministry

George Massey (1928 - 2013)
Joined NPC 1968
Constant supporter "in all ways" of life &
missions of NPC

Carrie May McElroy (1908 - 1991)
Joined NPC 1918
PW program chairman and leader
Honorary Life Membership Award

Raymond V. "Shorty" Mills (1919 - 1972)
Joined NPC 1952
Deacon, Elder
SS teacher and Superintendent
Pulpit Committee
Clerk of the Session Church Trustee

Larry Stephen "Steve" Mitchell (1947 - 2001)
Joined NPC 1982
Deacon, Elder
SS teacher, Property Committee, Worship
Committee, Membership committee,
Head Usher, Finance Committee

Lucille Moynahan (1927 - 2012)
Joined NPC 1994
Active in Presbyterian Women

Mrs. Hart Odom (Ysabel) (1888 - 1981)
Joined NPC 1903
PW officer at the Presbytery level
SS teacher (50 years)
Organized Ysabel Odom Sunday School class
Lifelong member of the church

Sarah Sargent Parrott (1908 - 1994)
Joined NPC 1967
Deacon, Elder, SS teacher
Wrote history of the church
Writer and editor specializing in Christian books.
First woman to be elected as an elder at the
Madison Avenue First Presbyterian Church in
New York .
Attended two World Council of Churches
meetings (India in 1961 & Sweden in 1968).
Was present at the uniting assembly of the
Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983 when
northern and southern branches reunited.
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Edgar C. Parrott (1920 - 1978)
Joined NPC 1932
Deacon

Dr. Thomas R. Pettet (1926 - 2007)
Joined NPC 1965
Deacon, Elder
Strengthening the Church Committee
Secretary/Treasurer of the Men of the Church
VBS Teacher
SS Superintendent
Chairman Witness Committee

Mrs. Thomas R. Pettet (Joy) (1927 - 2011)
Joined NPC 1965
SS teacher
Program Chairman and Treasurer PW
Finance Committee
VBS teacher
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Dorothy Platt (1911 - 1972)
Joined NPC 1926
Deacon
Church secretary
Assistant Treasurer, Church Trustee
Lifelong member

Keith Platt (1913 - 1957)
Joined NPC 1925
Deacon
Treasurer
NPC's Keith Platt Memorial Library
was founded as a tribute to him.

Lamar Potts, Sr. (1901 - 1971)
Joined NPC 1929
Deacon

Mrs. Lamar Potts Sr. (Catherine Shields)
(1903 - 1973)
Joined NPC 1929
Deacon
SS teacher
Choir member
PW President and Historian
President of Synod Women of the Church
(Daughter, sister, and mother of Presbyterian ministers)

Mrs. Walter D. Sanders (Clara Berry)
(1910 - 2000)
Joined NPC 1930
Lead Bible study for WOC
PW Life Membership Award
Taught children's catechism (gave \$100 gift
to each child upon completion of studies)

Walter D. Sanders (1909 - 1989)
Joined NPC 1930
Deacon
Church Treasurer
SS teacher

William Earl Shefelton ("Bill") 1903 - 1990)
Joined NPC in 1934
Deacon, Elder (for 47 years)
Worship Committee Chairman
Interim Moderator 1971
Chairman Commitment Committee

Mrs. Betty Smythe (1930 - 2011)
Joined NPC 1996
Faithful financial steward
Leader of Singles on the Square, a joint
Sunday School group for area churches

Lee Sport (1928 - 1991)
Joined NPC 1966
Deacon, Elder, Commitment Committee
Represented NPC at Presbytery and Synod meetings
Chair Strengthening the Church Committee
Chairman Worship Committee

Mrs. Magnus Tate (Nell) (1916 - 2004)
Joined NPC 1961
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Harold Taylor (- 1991)
Joined NPC 1962
Deacon, Elder
SS Assistant Superintendent
Vice Chairman Finance Committee
Chairman Commitment Committee
Chairman Witness Committee
Strengthening the Church Committee

Harvey "Smokey" Walthall (1906 -2000)
Joined NPC 1957
Deacon, Elder
Chairman Worship Committee
SS Superintendent/Treasurer

James L. Weddington III (1923 - 2007)
Joined NPC 1933
Deacon
SS teacher
Ushers Committee Stewardship Committee
Finance Committee

Lowry Welch (1902 - 1993)
Joined NPC 1915
Deacon, Elder
Chairman Service Committee
Organized Lowry Welch SS class in 1938

Theron Stacy Welch (1904 - 2004)
Joined NPC 1915
Elder
SS teacher
Played church bells for more than 60 years
Clerk of the Session – 13 years

Mrs. Theron Welch (Ruth) (1912 - 2000)
Joined NPC 1935
NPC member for 65 years
Taught catechism
PW Honorary Life Membership Award

Frank Wilkinson Sr. (1871 - 1943)
Joined NPC 1895
Deacon, Elder
Superintendent of SS

Frank Stacy Wilkinson (1898 - 1958)
Joined NPC 1907, rejoined 1935 Deacon,
Elder
("Did whatever was needed for the church
throughout his life")

John J.B. Williams (1945 - 2013)
Joined NPC 1981
Elder, Youth Ministry

Martha "Janie" Wynn (1933 - 2014)
Joined NPC 1997
Weddings Committee

William Wynn (1933 - 2011)
Joined NPC 1996
Organ Fund
Elder, Finance/Personnel Ministry



Theron Welch



Rev. Hannah and other
members of NPC at
dedication of bells.

Facts

Did You Know?

~ The property at 38 Greenville Street, site of the present NPC building, was donated in 1872 by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison J. Sargent, great grandparents of Sarah Sargent Parrott.

~ Services were held at the Coweta County Courthouse during the building of the present church (1923 – 1925).

~ During the Civil War, a number of Newnan homes and buildings served as hospitals for wounded Northern and Southern soldiers. The downtown churches, including Newnan Presbyterian, were used for this purpose. Only the First Methodist church was reserved for worship services.

~ Bob Coggin and Jeannine Jackson are related to the Storey family, who were among the founding families of NPC. Anthony Storey was one of the first elders to be ordained at NPC in 1828.

~ A photograph of the congregation was taken on Sunday, April 16, 1978, and this photograph, along with other items, was placed in a time capsule buried on April 29 of that year, as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the City of Newnan. The capsule will be opened on April 29, 2028.

NPC church family in April 1978



~ Charles Wadsworth, world renowned chamber music artist, is a Newnan native and was raised in NPC. He has kept his membership here and always comes to worship when he is in town.

~ In the early Eighteen hundreds a Presbyterian Cemetary was established on what is now on Bullsboro Drive just across the street from Newnan's Oak Hill Cemetary. A great many of those who were members of Newnan Presbyterian Church in the early Eighteen Hundreds and later are buried there including many members of the Storey Family.



Longtime Members

Register of current NPC Members for 25+ consecutive years as of April 2016

Name	Date Joined	Years
Kirby, Jr., Mrs. Wilkins W. (Alice Ann Wilkinson).....	1945 APR 01	71
Bowie, Mrs. Floyd (Frances)	1947 JAN 05	69
Weddington, III, Mrs. James L. (Mary Atkenson)	1949 JAN 16	67
Jackson, Mr. Clarence	1951 JAN 14	65
Jackson, Mrs. Clarence (Jeannine).....	1951 JAN 14	65
Thomas, Mrs. Boyce (Melissa Sanders)	1952 NOV 02	63
Kirby, Jr., Mr. Wilkins W.	1957 OCT 27	58
Camp, Jr., Judge Jack.....	1959 MAY 03	56
Bowie, Sr., Mr. Scotty	1959 JUN 07	56
Hieronymus, Mrs. Harold (Juanita)	1959 OCT 04	56
Anderson, Mrs. Andy (Martha Jane Weddington).....	1961 MAY 07	54
Sullivan, Mrs. John (Evelyn Jones)	1961 APR 09	55
Jackson, Mr. Allen Wells.....	1962 DEC 19	53
Hardy, Mrs. James (Faye).....	1966 FEB 06	50
Barron, Mrs. Charles (Melba Sport)	1966 OCT 02	49
Massey, Mrs. George E. (Allene)	1968 NOV 24	47
Woodworth, Mr. David.....	1972 MAR 13	44
Woodworth, Mrs. David (Mary).....	1972 MAR 13	44
Diment, Sr., Mrs. Samuel (June).....	1972 JUL 09	43
Diment, Mr. Lance Scott.....	1972 JUL 09	43
Diment, Mr. Samuel Louis.....	1972 JUL 09	43
Berry, Jr., Mr. William ("Bill").....	1972 SEP 24	43
Berry, Jr., Mrs. William (Jane)	1972 SEP 24	43
Reynolds, Mrs. Lloyd (Marie)	1973 JAN 04	43
Vincent, Mr. Phillip ("Phil").....	1973 APR 08	43
Vincent, Mrs. Phillip (Mary Anna).....	1973 APR 08	43

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Bemister, Mr. Walter	1973 OCT 21	42
Bemister, Mrs. Walter (Wanda).....	1973 OCT 21	42
Thomas, Dr. Boyce	1973 NOV 11	42
Bowie, Sr. Mrs. Scotty (Leeda Otwell).....	1974 OCT 06	41
Gray, Mr. John F.....	1975 JAN 19	41
Gray, Mrs. John F. (Alice E.).....	1975 JAN 19	41
Hayllar, Mrs. Russell (Cary).....	1976 FEB 8.....	40
Hayllar, Mr Russell ("Russ").....	1976 FEB 8.....	40
McCollough, Mrs. Anne	1978 APR 02	38
Camp, Mrs. Jack (Rose Elizabeth Thomas) ("Liz")	1978 APR 16	38
Payne, Mr. Thomas M. ("Mike")	1978 APR 16	38
Payne, Mrs. Thomas M. (Judy Johnson).....	1978 APR 16	38
Lyles, Mrs. Dale (Virginia) ("Ginny").....	1978 OCT 22	37
Ballard, Jr., Mrs. Kempton (Nancy)	1979 MAR 18	37
Bickerstaff, Mrs. Bonnie.....	1979 MAR 25	37
Reed, Mrs. Selmon (Bonnie)	1979 APR 01	37
Lambert, Jr., Mr. John B.	1979 SEP 09	36
Lambert, Jr., Mrs. John B. (Katharine) ("Kitty").....	1979 SEP 09	36
Teller, Jr., Mr. Robert Warren ("Bob").....	1979 OCT 28	36
Teller, Jr., Mrs. Robert Warren (Nancy).....	1979 OCT 28	36
Williams, Sr., Mrs. John Bayless (Louise Beavers) "Lou".....	1980 JAN 20	36
James, Mr. Richard C.....	1980 APR 06	36
James, Mr. Walter Raymond	1980 APR 06	36
Coggin, Mr. Robert W. (Bob).....	1980 APR 20	36
Coggin, Mrs. Robert W. (Millie Shell).....	1980 APR 20	36
Shankel, Carol Lee.....	1980 JUL 27	35
Mallehan, Mr. Arthur Z. (Art)	1980 OCT 26	35
Mallehan, Mrs. Arthur Z. (Ruth Bondy).....	1980 OCT 26	35
Dreyer, Mrs. Douglas (Jennifer Harper).....	1981 JAN 18	35
Williams, Jr., Mr. John Bayless	1981 MAY 31	34
Davis, Mrs. Bennie (Kate Scroggins).....	1982 NOV 07	33

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Barrow, Mrs. Harry (Madeline Harris) (wife of Dr. Harry Barrow) ..	1984 JUL 30	31
Chiostergi, Robert H. (Bob).....	1984 NOV 04	31
Chiostergi, Mrs. Robert H. (Virginia Summers).....	1984 NOV 04	31
Kimbrough, Jr., Mr. Vernon Kenneth	1984 NOV 11	31
Kimbrough, Jr., Mrs. Vernon Kenneth (Ann Robinson)	1984 NOV 11	31
Distel, Miss Kim	1984 DEC 09	31
Bowie, Jr., Mr. Scotty	1985 APR 07	31
Mitchell, Patrick.....	1985 APR 7	31
Pope, Mr. L. Allen (Allen).....	1985 APR 28	31
Pope, Mrs. L. Allen (Lena K.)	1985 APR 28	31
Pope, Mr. Christopher (Chris)	1985 APR 28	31
Jackson, Mrs. Allen Wells (Leigh Owen).....	1985 JUL 14	30
Moynahan, Dr Tom.....	1985 NOV 03	30
Harper, Mr. Richard.....	1986 MAR 30	30
Williams, Mr. Steve D.	1986 MAR 30	30
Williams, Mrs. Steve D. (Pat).....	1986 MAR 30	30
Ehrenhard, Mr. John	1986 APR 06	30
Scott, Mr. Michael	1986 OCT 26	29
Scott, Mrs. Michael (Julie).....	1986 OCT 26	29
White, Mr. Steven	1987 MAR 22	29
White, Mrs. Steven (Patsy)	1987 MAR 22	29
Wood, Mr. Cameron	1987 APR 26	29
Shutt, Mr. Michael	1987 OCT 26	28
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Edge IV, Mrs. Arthur (Bambi).....	1988 FEB 27	28
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Anderson, Jane.....	1988 MAR 27	28
Cawthon, Mr. Marshall	1988 APR 10	28
Cawthon, Mrs. Marshall (Kay)	1988 APR 10	28
Hunter, Vicki.....	1988 APR 10	28
Denney, Dwayne.....	1988 APR 24	28
Moore, Mr. Kenneth	1988 MAY 15	27
Moore, Mrs. Kenneth (Marcia).....	1988 MAY 15	27
Crosby, Mr. Brad	1988 SEP 18	27
Crosby, Mrs. Brad (Kay)	1988 SEP 18	27
Huffstickler, Mrs. Lynn (Kay)	1988 OCT 2	27
Lee, Mrs. Robert (Regina)	1988 OCT 2	27
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Cope, Karen	1989 NOV 5.....	26
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Kookogey, Mrs. John (Barbara).....	1990 OCT 28	25
Langley, Robert (Bobby)	1990 DEC 2	25
Matthews, Mr. Rob	1990 DEC 2	25
Matthews, Mrs. Rob (Lucille).....	1990 DEC 2	25

The Bells of NPC

The fifteen-bell chime was presented to the church by Georgia Congressman Gordon Lee in 1924 in memory of his wife, Olive Emily Berry Lee. Mrs. Lee was a Newnan native and had been a member of NPC.

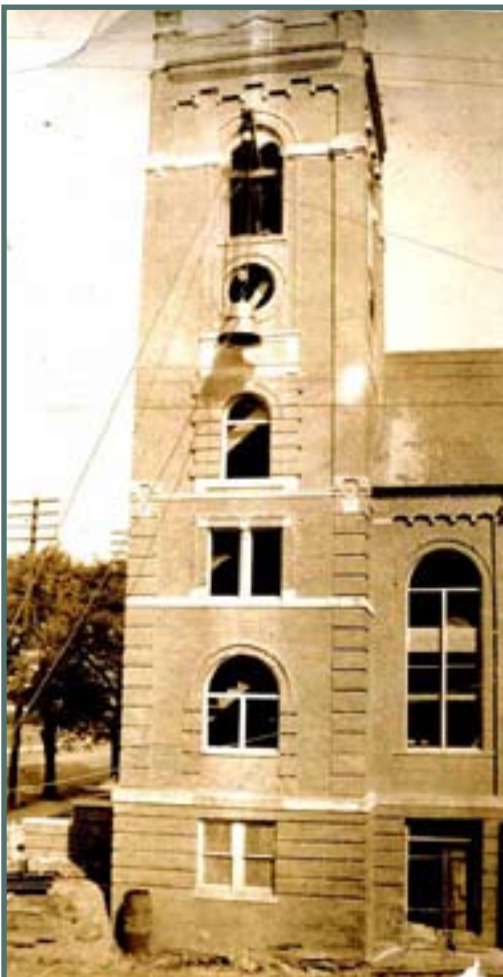
The bells were made by the McShane Bell Foundry Company of Baltimore, Maryland. The largest bell weighs 3,000 pounds and the smallest, 375 pounds. The total bell metal is almost 15,000 pounds.

The first song ever played on the bells was "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Mr. M. H. Mettee, probably an employee of the McShane Foundry, played the bells during the inaugural ceremony.

The first NPC person to play the bells was Mrs. Mike Powell. She then taught Theron Welch to do the job -- which he did for so many years. Theron, in turn, helped John Lambert with the finer points of playing the bells.



Gordon Lee



A bell being lifted into the bellfry.

The bells aligned along Salbide Ave. waiting to be lifted.

Inscriptions on the Bells

LARGE BELL-No. 1:

THIS CHIME OF FIFTEEN BELLS WAS PRESENTED TO
NEWNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BY

GORDON LEE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS WIFE,
OLIVE EMILY BERRY LEE,

A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH, WHO DIED IN NEWNAN, GA.,
NOVEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO.

SECOND BELL-(Front Side):

NEWNAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED JUNE 21, 1828.
THE FIRST BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1834.
THE SECONG BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1846.
THE THIRD BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1872.
THIS, THE FOURTH BUILDING, WAS ERECTED IN 1824.

(Reverse Side):

THE FOLLOWING NAMED MINISTERS HAVE SERVED THIS CHURCH:

1. REV. H. C. CARTER, SUPPLY, 1829.
2. REV. LANIER, SUPPLY, 1830.
3. REV. J. Y. ALEXANDER, PASTOR, 1831-1851.
4. REV. T. F. MONTGOMERY, SUPPLY, 1852-1853.
5. REV. J. S. WILSON, SUPPLY, 1854-1856.
6. REV. JAMES STACY, D. D., PASTOR, 1857-1900.
7. REV. C. O'N. MARTINDALE, PASTOR, 1901-1906.
8. REV. J. E. HANNAH, PASTOR, SINCE 1906.

THIRD BELL:

"BLESSED BE THE LORD; FOR HE HATH SHEWED ME
HIS MARVELOUS KINDNESS IN A STRONG CITY,"

FOURTH BELL:

"NOT UNTO US, O LORD, NOT UNTO US.
BUT UNTO THY NAME GIVE GLORY."

FIFTH BELL:

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON
EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

SIXTH BELL:

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD.
IS LAID FOR YOUR FAITH IN HIS EXCELLENT WORD."

SEVENTH BELL:

"COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOR AND ARE
HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

EIGHT BELL:

"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME,
LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

NINTH BELL:

"LORD GOD OF HOSTS, BE WITH US YET,
LEST WE FORGET; LEST WE FORGET."

TENTH BELL:

"O, GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, FOR
HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER."

ELEVENTH BELL:

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH,
A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE."

TWELFTH BELL:

"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS
OUR HEARTS IN CHRISTIAN LOVE."

THIRTEENTH BELL:

"PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YE NATIONS.
PRAISE HIM ALL YE PEOPLE."

FOURTEENTH BELL:

"HAPPY IS THAT PEOPLE WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD."

FIFTEENTH BELL:

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW."



Theron Welch playing the Carillon.



John Lambert playing the Carillon today.