

Two New Methodist Churches Being Formed

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Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will perform a historic first for the conference tomorrow when he organizes two congregations in one city — Charlotte — on the same day.

The new Hidden Valley United Methodist Church will be organized during a 3 p.m. ceremony at 6500 Hidden Forest Dr., and then the St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Lansdowne will be organized during a 7:30 p.m. ceremony at 6330 Owenby Court.

United Methodists from throughout Charlotte joined in surveys of these two residential developments Aug. 18 to provide an invitational mailing nucleus for tomorrow's special ceremonies. All residents of the two communities, and United Methodists of Charlotte, are invited to participate.

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18 Ministers Transferred

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Thomasville as minister of education there.

Other changes which were announced Sunday by Bishop Earl G. Hunt are:

Thrft Church — The Rev. Neil E. Smith replacing the Rev. Herman C. Beck who is going to Rhyne Heights Church in Lincolnton.

Homestead Church—The Rev. George E. Auman, replacing the Rev. J. D. Harris who is going to Ebenezer Church in Belmont.

Mouzon Church—The Rev. A. C. Kennedy Jr., replacing the Rev. J. B. Golden who is going to Central Church in Albemarle.

OTHER NEW ministers will be:

At Hidden Valley Church, the Rev. Richard A. Howle; at Landsdowne, the Rev. James M. Armstrong Jr.; at Memorial, the Rev. James S. Bellamy; at Simpson Memorial, the Rev. James E. McCallum; at Fairview, the Rev. Franklin W. Grice Jr.; at Hill's Chapel Memorial, the Rev. David L. Baxter.

The Rev. Cecil Myrick will return to Charlotte as director of the United Methodist Church's inner city ministry.

Pastors for Faith Church and Gillespie Church were not appointed during annual conference, but will be supplied.

Methodists Add 2 New Churches And 125 Members

Charlotte District United Methodism jumped ahead by two congregations and 125 members last Sunday.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., presiding bishop of the Charlotte area, constituted St. Stephen Church in Lansdowne and the United Methodist congregation in Hidden Valley.

The Rev. James M. Armstrong, who has led two other congregations in the Charlotte District — Thrift and Trinity — organized the St. Stephen Church. Seventy persons joined during the opening worship service Sunday night in Lansdowne School.

The congregation will continue meeting Sundays in the school for the 9:45 a.m. church school and 11 a.m. worship services.

The Hidden Valley congregation, which will decide on its name within three weeks, according to the Rev. Richard A. Howle, pastor, began by accepting 55 into membership.

This congregation will meet Sundays in the Hidden Valley school for 9:45 a.m. church school and 11 a.m. worship.

Both congregations will keep charter membership open until next Easter Sunday, and both will organize commissions, committees and elect officers within the next two months.