

*THE TURN OF THE 19TH CENTURY SEES MANY MEMBERS
LEAVE CAMPBELLTON...*

IN 1870, WHEN FAIRBURN BECAME THE COUNTY SEAT, MANY FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES LEFT CAMPBELLTON. HOUSES WERE DISASSEMBLED AND MOVED BY OX CARTS TO FAIRBURN. WITH SO MANY GONE, BY 1900 THE MEMBERSHIP OF CAMPBELLTON HAD DROPPED BELOW ONE HUNDRED. THE SMALLER PRESENT CHURCH WAS BUILT IN 1911.

CHANGING, UPDATING THROUGHOUT THE YEARS...

OVER THE YEARS, MANY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL OLD CHURCH. SINCE THE MID-1950S, WE HAVE ADDED A SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING, A FELLOWSHIP HALL, INSIDE PLUMBING, KITCHEN, GAS HEATERS FIRST AND THEN CENTRAL HEAT AND AIR, STEEPLE BELL, NURSERY, BRIDE'S ROOM, PRAYER ROOM, CHURCH OFFICE, PARSONAGE, PAVED PARKING LOT, ENCLOSED THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND MADE MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANCTUARY AND ITS FURNISHINGS.

ONCE THERE WAS A TOWN CALLED CAMPBELLTON...

THE TOWN OF CAMPBELLTON BEGAN TO BUILD UP IN THE EARLY 1800S ALONG THE BANKS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, GEORGIA. IN 1829 CAMPBELLTON BECAME THE COUNTY SEAT. IT WAS A BUSY TOWN FOR ITS ERA WITH A COURTHOUSE, DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND PHARMACY, ACADEMY, HOTEL, BLACKSMITH, STORES, LODGE HALL, POST OFFICE AND MANY HOMES.

THEN THERE WAS A CHURCH CALLED CAMPBELLTON...

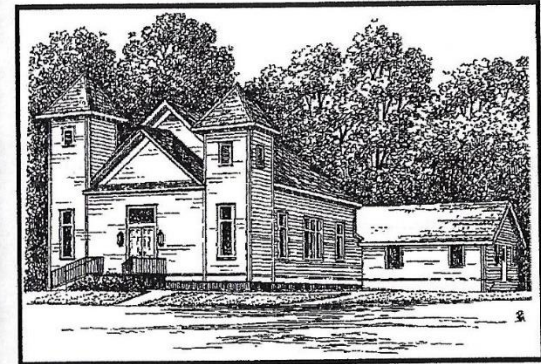
IN 1830 THE CAMPBELLTON METHODIST CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED. EARLY METHODIST FAMILIES HELD SERVICES IN THEIR HOMES. THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING, BUILT IN 1850, WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY WHERE THE LEE CEMETERY LOT IS LOCATED TODAY. IT WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO SEAT 500 OR MORE. WE KNOW THIS BECAUSE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WAR IN 1860, THE CHURCH HAD 401 WHITE AND 50 BLACK COMMUNING MEMBERS. IT HAD A BALCONY WHERE THE BLACK MEMBERS SAT. WOOD STOVES PROVIDED HEAT.

OUR CEMETERY HAS ALWAYS TOLD THE STORY OF OUR PAST...

IN THE CEMETERY, SLAVES AND FORMER SLAVES, AS WELL AS BOTH UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, ARE BURIED.

Campbellton United Methodist Church

Leave Taking Worship Service
Sunday, June 2, 2019
11:00 a.m.



Celebrating Over 188 Years of Ministry!

8650 Highway 92
Fairburn, GA 30213

Rev. Evan Hill
Charlie W. Smith
Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Likens, Superintendent

June 2, 2019

Lay Leader: Dan Jones

Leave Taking Worship Service

Pianist: Jean Dudley

11:00 am

Organist: Elaine West

GREETINGS AND INVOCATION Rev. Dr. Kirkland

As we go now from this house into a further journey of faith,

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE Rev. Dr. Kirkland

The time has come for this congregation of Christ's holy Church, under God's leadership, to disband and take leave of this building.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Johnson

Blessed be the name of God, whose Word has long been proclaimed within this hallowed place.

We give you thanks, O God.

We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Rev. Noronha

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9 (OT 756)

It has been consecrated for the ministry of God's Holy Word and Sacraments. It has provided refuge and comfort for God's people. It has served well our holy faith.

As generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises here, your Spirit has blessed countless worshipers.

We give you thanks, O God.

*OPENING HYMN UMH 102

Now We Thank All Our God

It is fitting, therefore, that we should take our leave [of one another and] of this consecrated house, lifting up our hearts in thanksgiving for this common store of memories.

We have celebrated the Lord's Supper here and been nurtured by it through our journey in faith.

We give you thanks, O God.

*PSALTER Psalm 126 UMH 847

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

*CLOSING HYMN UMH 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

We have rejoiced here as believers have confessed faith in Christ.

We give you thanks, O God.

OFFERTORY

*AT THE PRESENTATION UMH 95

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Kirkland

Here we have baptized our children and mourned our dead.

We give you thanks, O God.

REMARKS BY REV. NORONHA (2 min)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 593

Here I Am Lord

As new families have been created through marriage, we, our parents, and our children have vowed at this altar

to love, honor, and cherish always.

We give you thanks, O God.

*GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Smith

John 16:12-22, 32-33 (NT 135)

MESSAGE Rev. Hill

From within these walls many have gone out to serve you in the world.

We give you thanks, O God.

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 12

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*Please stand in body or spirit

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

*Taken from UMC Book of Worship