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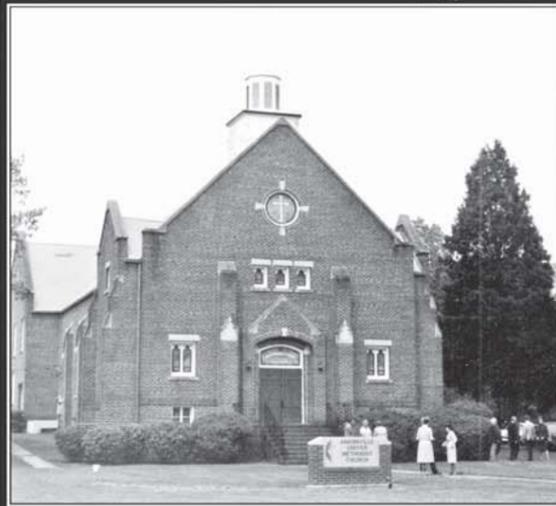
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Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Carolina Female College/Ansonville Methodist Church

Carolina Female College and Ansonville Methodist Church were established about 1844, with the college originally going into operation in January 1851. Many changes came along about this time - "College, NC" was changed to Ansonville about 1857, and Ansonville Methodist Episcopal Church, South was chartered through the then South Carolina Methodist Conference.

The brick building was three stories high, with thick, heavy heart pine floors. The wooden shingle roof eventually began leaking so badly that all the residents moved out. The remains of the old "brick skeleton" was torn down in the early 1930's.

The Methodist Church was a very impressive wood structure with four large columns across the front. I was about five years old and went to Sunday School there. Upstairs there was something like balconies down each side of the main part of the sanctuary for classrooms. I always received a Sunday School card every Sunday. In the years that followed, there was a flu epidemic that severely affected many people. Not only were the students affected, but everyone in the general area also. Many people died, as treatment was not as effective as some of today's "wonder drugs." There are several graves in the Bethlehem Cemetery with names and some words about "searching for an education" and "the epidemic." The college closed sometime later.

I do remember when I was five or six years old, going with Mama to visit some of the residents who had rented apartments in the old building. The Methodist Church was a very impressive wood structure with four large columns across the front. I was about five years old and went to Sunday School there. Upstairs there was something like balconies down each side of the main part of the sanctuary for classrooms. I always received a Sunday School card every Sunday. It was on a cold January Sunday that the church burned to the ground. Very soon after the fire building plans were made and a new brick church was built. It was completed during the Depression years, and was dedicated on April 4, 1937, by Dr. J. B. Craven, Bishop Paul B. Kern and Pastor L. F. Strader. Pictured above is the present church.

Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income who need help in preparing their income tax returns. This is through a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer Counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 1 and Wednesday, April 5. Free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT) a copy of last year tax return and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616.



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Town of Wadesboro Budget Workshops in April

Budget workshops for the fiscal year 2017-2018 annual budget for the Town of Wadesboro will be held at the Wadesboro Town Council Meeting Room at 5:00 p.m. each Tuesday in April (April 11, 18 and 25).

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