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## History of Elkton United Methodist Church

### **Preface**

The history of this church began in 1821 when the Elk Run Liberty meeting House was built and supplied by Methodist preachers. A white frame church was built in 1894-1896 on this present location and called the Elkton Episcopal Church, South. In 1921 the church was bricked and is now the Elkton United Methodist Church.

This booklet is dedicated to the memory of all the faithful members of this church who gave of their time and talents in service to our Lord Jesus Christ, throughout the years.

The Elkton Methodist Episcopal Church became a station preaching appointment in 1892. The first minister was W. M. Waters. Before this time it was a part of the Rockingham Circuit, later divided into East and West Rockingham Circuits. The West Rockingham Circuit consisted of nine appointments or preaching points. The Elkton Methodist built this frame Church in 1896. The Church dates back 175 years to the Elk Run Liberty Meeting House and 100 years to this Church built on our present location. It was remodeled and additional rooms added, brick facing the entire building in 1921. The pastor at that time was Harry Coffey.

The Elkton United Methodist history dates back before 1822, however, the first house of worship, The Elk Run Liberty Meeting House, was built in that year by Henry Monger, Jr. at a cost of \$160,000. The building was thirty by thirty-six feet with a divider through the middle dividing men and women, and a balcony for seating overflow crowds. It was located where the Elk Run Cemetery is now located. The Meeting House was built by the Methodists and reserved two Sundays each month for their use, and it was open to other Christian groups or denominations the other Sundays. It was also used for School and various other types of community meetings. Even for a guardhouse during the Civil War. It was dismantled and the lumber used to build a caretaker's house for the cemetery. It is still in use.

The New Parsonage was built in 1969 during the pastorate of William P. Berry. The upper ground level contains a spacious living room with a fireplace, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms, two baths and an abundance of closet space. The lower ground level contains the pastor's study, a large family room with a fireplace, half bath, laundry room and a large storage room. There is a private entrance to the pastor's study from the carport. The cost of building was \$36,500.00, however, it was immediately valued at \$40,000.00 since a considerable amount of labor was donated by members of the congregation. The old parsonage located across from the Church was razed and the ground is being used for parking.

**Methodist Ministers  
"Elk Run Liberty Meeting House"  
1823-1891**

Rev. James Sewell – 1823  
Rev. P. D. Lipscomb – 1824  
Rev. W. Loney and Rev. B. N. Brown – 1842  
Rev. B. N. Brown – 1843  
Rev. W. M. Krebs – 1844  
Rev. George W. Israel – 1846-47  
Rev. Andrew J. Myers – 1848  
Rev. T. A. Morgan – 1849  
Rev. W. F. Speake – 1851  
Rev. John W. Hoover – 1852  
Rev. T. T. Wysong and Rev. J. W. Gray – 1861  
Rev. Hamilton A. Gaver – 1866  
Rev. Hamilton A. Gaver – 1867  
Rev. J. F. Leggett – 1868-1870  
Rev. L. S. Reed and Rev. H. D. Bishop – 1870  
Rev. J. F. Leggett – 1871  
Rev. W. H. Wilson – 1872  
Rev. W. M. Ross – 1873  
Rev. F. A. Strother and Rev. Henry Calwell – 1875  
Rev. Francis Strather – 1876-1878  
Rev. Lewis W. Graybill – 1879-1882  
Rev. H. M. Stricker – 1883-1885  
Rev. L. L. Loyd – 1886  
Rev. W. A. McDonald – 1889  
Rev. W. S. McDonald – 1890  
Rev. J. C. Dice and Rev. C. W. Lusby – 1891

**Methodist Ministers When  
The Elkton United Methodist Church Became A Station**

Rev. W. M. Waters – 1892-1894  
Rev. T. M. Brown – 1894-1896  
Rev. W. B. Dorsey – 1896-1899  
Rev. J. C. Hawk – 1899-1900  
Rev. J. H. Wilhite – 1900-1905  
Rev. S. K. Cox – 1903-1907  
Rev. H. D. Coe – 1907-1909  
Rev. M. T. Tabler – 1909-1913  
Rev. C. S. Stanton – 1913-1915  
Rev. C. L. Potter – 1915-1920  
Rev. H. S. Coffey – 1920-1924  
Rev. W. D. King – 1924-1926  
Rev. W. M. Compton – 1926-1928  
Rev. E. A. Roades – 1928-1931  
Rev. E. A. Wilcher – 1931-1932  
Rev. A. Van Devander – 1932-1936  
Rev. A. B. Snapp – 1936-1938  
Rev. W. A. Lynch – 1938-1941  
Rev. J. W. Bouldin – 1941-1942  
Dr. R. K. Eutsler – 1942-Summer  
Rev. R. V. Bellamy – 1942-1945  
Rev. C. N. Chappell – 1945–Summer  
Dr. R. K. Eutsler – 1945-Feb. 1, 1949  
Rev. E. A. Plunkett – 1949-1951  
Dr. R. B. Proctor – 1951-1955  
Rev. Floyd M. Lucas – 1955-1960  
Rev. Carl Yow – 1960-1962  
Rev. Charles Blalock – 1962-1966  
Rev. William P. Berry – 1966-1969  
Rev. Willard R. Floyd – 1970-1974  
Rev. Robert Brookover – 1974-1977  
Rev. Alan Reifsnyder – 1977-1981  
Rev. John Hamm – 1981-1982  
Rev. Brooke Willson – 1982-1988  
Dr. Walter Graham – 1988-1990  
Dr. William Moore – 1990-1992  
Rev. David Reynolds – 1992-present