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Moundville United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dorothy Burningham, March 1, 1958



Dorothy Alice Burningham

July 3, 1912 - September 14, 1978

The Reverend Dorothy Burningham served the Moundville and Bronaugh Methodist Churches from May 1956 through May 1958. Burningham had been ordained a deacon in 1952 and an elder in 1953. Burningham is fondly remembered for her faith, humor and efforts to build the two congregations and their ministries.

During her two years at Moundville, Burningham received 34 individuals into full membership, performed 28 baptisms, 8 marriages and one funeral. Her 1958 annual summary for Moundville listed a membership of 148 and an average attendance of 87.

Dorothy Burningham, pastor

Burningham organized and promoted Moundville's first Lord's Acre Sale, during which an acre of grain, farm produce and other goods donated by members were auctioned off on a downtown lot owned by the church. The Lord's Acre remains the congregation's largest social and fund-raising venture, but now takes the form of an annual community Thanksgiving Dinner on the second Saturday of November. The event takes place in the church's Fellowship Hall, built in 1961 thanks to funds generated by the earliest Lord's Acre proceeds.

Burningham helped modernize the church accounting system and transferred church records to a new membership book, taking the time to record some of the earliest church history and many events from 1956-1958. This record is now history for current members who even today are benefitting from the Reverend Burningham's leadership and her service to God, Church and Community.

Lord's Acre Sale



Lord's Acre Dinner



Mdv. Methodist Church 1950's



Mdv. UMC 2004



The Moundville Methodist Church group rejoined when the Rev. Burningham was returned here to serve the church for a full year.

New roll book with attempt at correct membership file. Good interest in revival. Our communion set was purchased under sponsorship of W. S. C. S. The Easter Cantata and Christmas Cantata were outstanding programs presented by Moundville choir at Christmas, the combined Moundville - Bronaugh Methodist Choir at Easter. Marion Shrimplin ably directed both. After many years honorable service Mrs. Elsie Edm. relinquished her task as Church Treasurer, due to illness. Carroll Reed was elected in her place. The church has been painted outside, a new foundation built, chapel papered and renovation continuing. Twenty four new members have been received. God has blessed us with peace and the opportunity of continued service. Frank Weber has been an excellent Chairman of the Board.

May 15, 1957 -

The drought still holds our land and Asiatic flu appeared to plague our people but the work of the Lord has been done and the church marches forward. A fine Lord's Acre program was carried out with a large sale. We now have over 900⁰⁰ in a building fund. The church has a new roof. Another banner appeal for the choir under the leadership of Marion Shrimplin. The Board of Stewards led by Clem McFarland is most efficient. It's been a happy year. The Homecoming service was preached by Rev. Elmer Hobbs, past student here. We lost in death Mrs. Winnie Ward but we were blessed by the birth of five babies: Julie Ann Bott, Karen Gordon, Russell Lee Gordon, Debra Lou Kuhlman and Brian Mark Carter.

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