

**AUDUBON FOREST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH (ATLANTA, GA.).
Audubon Forest United Methodist
Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1949-1982**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Audubon Forest United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.).
Title: Audubon Forest United Methodist Church (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1949-1982
Call Number: Record Group No. 018
Extent: 1 cubic ft. (2 boxes)
Abstract: Contains the records of the Audubon Forest United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia as well as one letter from Bishop Joel D. McDavid.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Citation

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Biographical Note

The Audubon Forest Methodist Church was organized in 1949 in one of the most prestigious neighborhoods, Cascade Heights, Atlanta. Under the ministry of Dr. Bevel Jones, its first pastor, the membership grew rapidly, reaching 91 within the first month of its existence. During the 1960's, however, this trend was reversed as a changing cultural environment claimed its toll in membership and financial support. When Audubon Forest disbanded in June 1982, Wallace Z. Wiggins, pastor of the church since 1963, donated the church's records to Pitts Theology Library. The church facilities were taken over by a Black congregation and named the Harry Hoosier United Methodist Church in honor of the Black companion of Francis Asbury and John Cook.

Scope and Content Note

Reverend Wallace Z. Wiggins presented the records of the Audubon Forest United Methodist Church (1949-1982), to Pitts Theology Library as soon as the church disbanded. The collection consists of four series of materials. The first is correspondence consisting of one letter dated June 3, 1982. The second series contains membership records, membership rolls, baptism and preparatory rolls, and marriage and death records from 1949 to 1972. The third series, conference records, consists of two volumes of official records: 1949 to 1968 and 1968 to 1981. The fourth series consists of printed church directories for 1973 and 1977 and one with no date. These materials will provide the researcher with insight into the cultural climate, tensions, and race relations of the 1960's and 1970's in Atlanta. It will also provide information concerning the history of the church, Methodist pastors Bevel Jones and Wallace Z. Wiggins, as well as information for genealogists.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Letter from Bishop Joel D. McDavid, 1982 June 3

Series II: Membership Records

1	2	Membership roll, 1949-1953
1	3	Membership records, 1949-1971
1	4	Membership records, baptisms and preparatory rolls, 1949-1971
1	5	Membership records, marriages and deaths, 1949-1972

Series III: Conference Records

1	6	Quarterly Conference records, 1968-1981
2	7	Quarterly Conference records, 1949-1968

Series IV: Printed Matter

2	8	Church directories, 1973, 1977
2	9	Mortgage and refunding bond, 1949
