

## Section I: Historical

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### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO “WALKED THE UNITED METHODIST WAY” IN OUR PAST

In our conference we have several different groups of persons who are responsible for and volunteer to help in preserving the precious memories of those who have gone on before us. These history gatherers are also history preservers of United Methodist news today so that there will be history of us in the future. These keepers of our history want church members who have **“Walked the Methodist Way”** to be remembered. Who are our keepers of history? How do they relate to each other? How can you get involved if you are interested in United Methodist history? How can you help preserve the past and news of today? Does your local church have a written history? The following sections in this report will seek to assist you in knowing these groups within our conference, how they relate to each other, how they can be of ministry to you and introduce you to some UM groups you might like to get involved in.

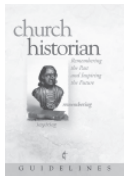
#### The Commission on Archives and History



This group falls under the list of structured conference ministries. Every year it is required to report to the annual conference about its work. Among the members, each district has a representative. The commission meets once or twice a year. Marie Jordan has been its chair and leader for the past few years. Bill Mann will be its new chair. One of the important works this commission has been involved in is collecting oral histories of dedicated laity and clergy who have given us leadership and inspiration. Missionaries are often recorded. In the past this recording was done with audio tape recorders and transcribed. Now we use our high technology and make interviews on DVD's.

In 2006 this Commission had **four workshops** across Arkansas, inviting all local church historians by mail to attend, in the Monticello, Hope, Ozark, and Newport UM Churches. The purpose was to help historians gain information on “Preserve the Precious Memories of Their Churches.” Included in the workshops were presentations about keeping history, the development of local church archives, writing church histories, and preserving church documents such as paper and photographs. A good numbers of local church historians from across the state came to these training sessions.

The Commission has given each district superintendent a great video, **“Memory and Ministry, Caring for Your Church’s Heritage.”** This video has just about every thing a local church historian can do to preserve the congregation’s history for the coming generations. These are available from your superintendents to be borrowed. The archives discussed below also has copies to loan.



Available in November 2008 from Cokesbury will be a new booklet, **“Church Historian.”** If you have been asked to be your local church historian it will answer some important questions: You have just found a box of old records, what do you keep? How do you store these materials? How do you preserve them? What good is all this? As part of celebrating your church’s anniversary, you may want to write a history of your church. How do you start? Some of your church’s leaders are aging. You want to record their memories. How do you prepare to interview them and what do you ask?

In the past the Commission has had interesting articles in the Conference Journals. Samples included information such as United Methodist historical sites in Arkansas, the United Methodist Museum of Arkansas in Batesville, missionaries from Arkansas, and the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of women in the UM Church includes lists and dates of ordained women clergy in Arkansas.

One of the larger ministries of the Commission is keeping and preserving the history of Arkansas Methodism as it happens now and has happened in the past. There is a vast collection of this material and it keeps growing. To keep it safe and organized the Commission has created **The Arkansas Conference United Methodist Archives.** Overseeing this archives is probably the largest and most important of the Commission’s responsibilities and ministries.

#### The Arkansas Conference United Methodist Archives

The Commission on Archives and History oversees the ministry of the conference’s history gathering

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and storage. One of the ways this is done is through an archives. **What is an archives and why is it a ministry?** This ministry serves to help people find historical information about Methodism in the state. There is **no charge for this assistance**. The cost of this ministry is covered under the apportionments of our conference. Our archives is located at Hendrix College, Bailey Library in Conway on the second floor. Hendrix has made available two nice rooms that are both light and humidity controlled. We are very grateful for this space. There are two employed persons who are responsible for maintaining the archives, adding news about our churches and people and assisting persons with research. Mauzel Beal has been our archivist for 17 years and Marcia Crossman is in her sixth year as an archivist. In 2007 the two archivists **assisted over 150 persons** who visited, emailed, called or contacted the archives looking for history on churches, Methodist places and pastors and even some genealogy. Often the requests are simple. Others are projects with our churches that cover a few months time working back and forth with churches or individuals. **The archivists welcome your visit and want to do as much as possible to assist you.** They will try to answer your questions and can help you preserve your church's unique history. The archives is open between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. every Thursday. Other open times can be arranged by appointment. See the Archives and History report in this year's Journal for detailed contact information.



### The specific goals of the conference archives are:

- to collect, preserve, maintain and make available histories, journals, and photographs, of all churches in Arkansas that are now the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- to receive and maintain biographical information of clergy, diaconal ministers, missionaries, clergy spouses and a limited number of laity whose contributions have been of historical significance in Arkansas Methodism.
- to preserve records of all closed and abandoned churches that are now the Arkansas Conference. It specifically has many histories of churches and pastors. It also has a collection of membership record books, property transactions and photographs.
- to update the data base of the Arkansas Methodist newspapers going back to around 1886. Hendrix College has microfilm of this newspaper to 1995. This data base is used to find information stored on the microfilm.

### **I** The following is a detailed list of all the information you can utilize at the conference archives:

#### *Finding aids:*

- Computer Index of the Arkansas United Methodist Newspaper (*from 1886*)
- Index of many pastors obituaries up until 1968 from all over the country
- Index to Pastoral Appointments and Memoirs for Arkansas Pastors by Rev. Vernon Paysinger

#### *Arkansas United Methodist Histories:*

- Horace Jewell — 1892
- James Anderson — 1936
- Walter Vernon — 1976
- Nancy Britton — 2000

#### *Conference Journals:*

- White River
- Little Rock
- Arkansas (*old*)
- North Arkansas
- Methodist Protestant Church
- Arkansas (*new*)

#### *General Conference Journals*

#### *United Methodist Women's Ministry:*

- United Methodist Women
- Wesleyan Service Guild
- Women's Society of Christian Service

#### *Books:*

- John Wesley
- General Methodism
- Local church histories
- Hymnals
- Early Methodist leaders
- General church publications
- Arkansas authors

#### *Files on UM Clergy who have served in Arkansas*

#### *Files on Local UM Churches in Arkansas (open and closed)*

#### *Arkansas Methodism:*

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- Ark. Area Directories and Conference Officials • District Records
- Local Church Records: Baptisms, Births, Marriages, Membership

### *American Methodism — World Methodism — American Methodism:*

- Early Leaders
- Bishops
- Councils and Conferences
- United Brethren in Christ
- Anniversaries and Celebrations
- Christian Education
- Evangelical Association
- Evangelical United Brethren

### *History:*

- Historical Development of UMC
- Historical Societies
- Books of Discipline: (*back to 1800's*) Methodist Episcopal — Methodist Episcopal South  
Methodist Protestant — Evangelical United Brethren — United Methodist
- American Missions
- Women's Work
- Historic Institutions and Churches
- Worship Resources for Historic Occasions
- Publications / Publishing
- Epworth League / Methodist Youth Fellowship

### *World Methodism:*

- Councils and Conferences
- Wesley Materials

### *Misc. Files on the Arkansas Area: (All Conferences)*

- Little Rock Conference
- Ouachita / Wachita Conference
- White River Conference
- Little Rock / North Arkansas
- Arkansas Conference 2003
- Bishops (*Arkansas*)
- Colleges / Schools
- Pastors' Schools
- School of Christian Mission
- History of Arkansas Methodism
- North Arkansas Conference
- Southwest Conference
- Clergy Groups
- Laity
- Anniversaries and Celebrations
- Campgrounds
- Campus Ministries
- Course of Study School
- Councils

### *United Methodist Historical Organizations:*

- Archives
- Commission on Archives and History
- Properties
- Integration / Race Relations and Methodism
- Missionaries / Deaconesses
- Newspapers (*Arkansas United Methodist*)
- United Methodist Men
- Archives and History Exhibits at Annual Conference
- Museum
- Historical Societies
- Hunger Ingathering
- Youth Work
- Missions
- Women's Groups
- Methodist Protestant Church

### *Districts — Files and Minutes:*

- District Files of Little Rock, North Arkansas, Arkansas (*2003*) Conferences
- Records of Arkansas Area Transition Team (*2003*)
- White River Conference Presiding Elders Minutes
- Charge Conference Records of North Arkansas Conference

### THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTING THE RECORDS OF CLOSED OR ABANDONED CHURCHES:

This year the Commission on Archives and History has placed a great emphasis on **collecting records of closed or abandoned churches**. Many of our church folks who were members of a closed church have, in a loving way, tried to protect the memory of that church by keeping the record books and even artifacts from the church building that remind them of the way it was. These books and objects are eventually found in attics, trunks, old cedar chests and even under beds. Sometimes pastors keep old church record books because they don't know what to do with them. Surely they do not want to discard them and just keep them up on the bookshelf. **The Arkansas Conference Archives and the Arkansas Conference Museum is where these belong. Having this information is important to the Arkansas UMC of the future.** To make sure these valuable records are safely and permanently preserved, contact the Arkansas Conference Archives at (501) 450-1370. Email the archivists, Mauzel Beal or Marcia Crossman at [arkmethodist@hendrix.edu](mailto:arkmethodist@hendrix.edu) for information on preservation.



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### The United Methodist Museum of Arkansas

By 1990 interest had begun within the Historical Society to form a museum of Methodist artifacts. The Society began to accept dimensional artifacts of our history. The Museum opened in May of 1997 on the fourth floor of the Quapaw UM Church in Little Rock. By that time the museum housed around 150 artifacts. In 2005 the Museum was moved to the Asbury UM Church in Batesville. The museum has a website: [arkummuseum.org](http://arkummuseum.org). Groups are invited to visit the museum and it's free. Just this year a curator was secured to care for the collection, Rev. Doyle Berckefeldt. Rev. Berckefeldt welcomes your visit. Arrangements can be made to visit the museum by contacting the Curator at 870-698-2945 / [dberckefeldt@att.net](mailto:dberckefeldt@att.net) or LaDonna Busby, secretary at 870-793-5247 / [northdistrict@yahoo.com](mailto:northdistrict@yahoo.com). Take a look at the next page of the Journal to see some of the interesting artifacts that can be seen in the museum.



### Our State has a new History Book

**“Two Centuries of Methodism in Arkansas, 1800-2000”** our newest Arkansas United Methodist history book, written by Nancy Britton is the first-ever look at United Methodists developments in Arkansas since 1968. It includes the Uniting Conference that incorporated the former Southwest Conference and completed the merger with the Evangelical United Brethren Church creating the United Methodist Church. It was published by a committee of the joint Commissions on Archives and History, the Arkansas United Methodist Historical Society and the History 2000 Committee. These hard-bound books are filled with pictures and even mini-histories of churches all over the state. The history books are being sold now for only \$10.00.

### The Philander Smith College Archives

The Philander Smith College in Little Rock is a United Methodist supported college. The Donald W. Reynolds Library is located at the main entrance of the Philander Smith College campus. In the year 2000, Philander Smith College received a \$7.8 million grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to build, furnish and equip a new two-story, 49,404 square feet, state-of-the-art library and technology center. The mission of the Philander Smith Archives Center is to collect and preserve current and historical materials about the College and the **history of African Americans in Arkansas** dating back to 1877. Some history on Methodists can be found there along with the W. D. Lester Collection. Gracie Carter is the Archivist at the library. The telephone number of the archives is 501-370-5263. It is open between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

### The Conference Secretary and the Annual Conference Journal

The Conference Secretary compiles the Conference Journal each year. Rev. Bob Crossman has been the Conference secretary for 17 years. The Conference Secretary keeps us informed of historical dates and data on clergy. Reports are compiled on all the structured groups and other UM agencies of the conference. Lists are printed or updated at least every four years of the annual conference sessions, dates, places, and presiding bishops; pastoral “Roll in Heaven” (1836-2008) which includes the names of deceased pastors, place of burial, birth and death dates; and the memoirs (obituaries) of deceased pastors. The Journal also includes statistical data on all local churches and sermons and addresses given at conference.

*by Marcia Crossman, Conference Archivist*

### The following pages in the Historical Section contain:

- Pictures of artifacts in the Museum
- Copies of older Social Creeds
- A complete list of the articles from the “Occasional Papers”
- Locations of conference sessions related to the Arkansas Conference since 1816

*Bishop Charles Crutchfield  
enjoyed using the Bicentennial  
Bell from the Museum  
to call the 2008  
conference sessions to order.*



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STEP INTO THE UNITED METHODIST MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS.



VIEW:

- Over 100 Commemorative Plates of Arkansas' United Methodist Churches



- The old, short, Hand-made Divided Pews



- The Pulpit, lit with the Overhead Lamp from the Old Gray's Chapel Church

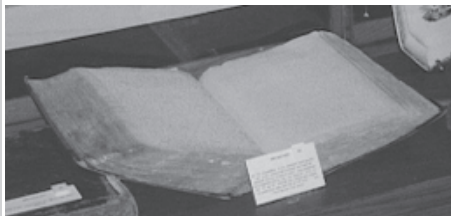


- The Mourners Bench



- A Deaconess hat

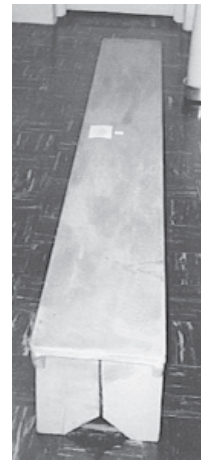
- Old Disciplines and Conference Journals
- The Methodist Womens Magazine of 1941
- The Upper Room Devotional of by-gone years



- The Raised-letter Bible



- An Old Church Sign



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A GREAT GROUP ACTIVITY  
FOR CONFIRMANDS AND  
OTHER CHURCH GROUPS.  
IT'S ALSO FREE!



• Bishops of Arkansas

- The new section of Picture Postcards and Plates of Arkansas' United Methodist Churches
- Arkansas Conference
- The Uniting Conference of 1939, Bishops and Members



- The Bicentennial Bell used at the 2008 Annual Conference

• The Presiding Elders



- An Old Church Bell

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### THE NEW SOCIAL CREED LITANY OF 2008

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace  
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator, that we may be one in divine love for the world.**  
 Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life,  
 weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness,

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference,  
 favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
 demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness  
 humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,  
 exhults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

**And so shall we.**

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives,  
 gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

**And so shall we.**

### SOCIAL CREEDS OF THE PAST

The Social Creed was originally adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908. "The Methodist Social Creed originated to express Methodism's outrage over the lives of millions of workers in factories, mines, mills, tenements and company towns. The Methodist Federation for Social Service (now named the Methodist Federation for Social Action) immediately took up the challenge of getting the 1908 General Conference to address the social crisis. The key strategy was to secure adoption of a statement on "The Church and Social Problems." Proponents of the Social Creed came up with a list of 11 social reforms the group believed the church should champion, including the abolition of child labor and an end to the sweatshop system. The Social Creed was continually expanded and revised until, in 1972, it was completely redesigned and renamed the Social Principles. The Social Creed now follows the Social Principles in the Book of Discipline.

#### The Original Methodist Social Creed of 1908

The Methodist Episcopal Church stands:

- For equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life.
- For the principles of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions.
- For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries and moral health.
- For the abolition of child labor.
- For the regulation of the conditions of labor of women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.
- For the suppression of the "sweating system."
- For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life.
- For a living wage in every industry.
- For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products industry that can ultimately be devised.
- For the recognition of the Golden Rule and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills.

#### The United Methodist Social Creed of 2004

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.  
 We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.  
 We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.  
 We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.  
 We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.  
 We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all peoples of the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.  
 We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

*2004 Book of Discipline paragraph 166.vii.*

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### ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OCCASIONAL PAPERS AND LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

compiled by Mauzel Beal, Arkansas Conference Archivist

#### April 1988

250th Anniversary of John Wesley's Conversion  
20th Anniversary of Uniting Conference  
Ark. Conf. Sesquicentennial 1836-1986  
Work of General Commission on Archives and History  
Index to Minutes of Annual Conferences  
Ridgeway Journal

#### April 1989

Obituary for John H. Rice  
Batesville District Conf. at Evening Shade, July 1878  
Centennial Celebration at Humphrey

#### 1988-1989

Arkansas Methodism from "Cyclopedia of Methodism"  
Ridgeway Journal  
Peter Cartwright

#### Fall 1989

Highlights of Methodist History  
Ridgeway Journal  
Steel-Hopewell UMC, Van Buren County  
Sardis United Methodist Church  
Macedonia Church, Leonard - Clay County  
Central Avenue UMC, Batesville

#### Spring 1990

Photographs of Stanley Baugh  
Ridgeway Journal  
Bishops visit with George Washington  
Trinity UMC, Fayetteville

#### Fall, 1990

Soulesbury Institute, Batesville - Historic Site  
UM Museum established  
Moravian Meetinghouse used by Methodists

#### Spring 1991

200th Anniversary of Death of John Wesley  
Museum Update  
Imboden Revival 1899  
50th Anniversary of Methodist Youth Fellowship  
Index for Memoirs for North Ark. Conf., prepared by  
Vernon Paysinger

#### Fall 1991

Wolf Creek Meeting House  
Thomas Hively Saddle  
Historic Table, for 1936 Centennial Conference

#### Spring 1992

Fern Cook  
John Gaisford, Architect  
Conway First UMC

#### Fall 1992

Cade Cabin, Sardis UMC  
Napolean Bonaparte Fizer  
Winfred Polk Methodist Archives, Hendrix College  
Anna Howard Shaw

#### Spring 1993

Sidney H. Babcock  
Milestones in History of Clergywomen  
Minnie Webb Forrest Hook

#### Fall 1993

Horace Jewell  
Mt. Zion Revisited - Historic Site  
Nelle Dyer  
Camp Meeting Stories  
Charles Wesley House

Acuff's Chapel, Blountsville TN - (Methodist Shrine)

#### Spring 1994

New Hendrix Library (UM Archives) opened  
Old McKendree Chapel, Jackson MO (Methodist Shrine)  
Statistics from 1903 White River Conference  
First Conference at The Foundry  
George Washington Brinsfield

#### Fall 1994

Fort Frederica, St. Simons Island, GA (Methodist Shrine)  
Sesquicentennial of Oklahoma Mission Conference  
Valley Springs School

#### Spring 1995

"History 2000" Author selected  
Benjamin Hall  
Pine Bluff First UMC history published

#### Fall 1995

Old Philadelphia Church - near Melbourne  
Whitaker's Chapel, Enfield, NC (Methodist Shrine)  
Evil Effects of Dancing (from The Methodist Magazine 1819)

#### Spring 1996

Old Stone Church, Leesburg, VA (Methodist Shrine)  
Three Generations of Wades

#### Autumn 1996

50th Anniversary of Evangelical United Brethren Church  
Wyandot Indian Mission (Methodist Heritage Landmark)  
Robert E. Lee Bearden by his son R. E. Bearden, Jr.  
Barbara Heck

#### Spring 1997

Camp Aldersgate  
McMahan Chapel, Bronson, TX (Heritage Landmark)  
Samuel Watson

#### Fall 1997

Vernon Paysinger Honored by AUMHS  
Philip Cone Fletcher  
John Street Church, New York City (Heritage Landmark)

#### Spring 1998

Chaplain Jesse Moore, Speaker for May 1998 meeting  
AUMHS to host International UMHS  
Alonzo Monk  
St. George's Church, Philadelphia (Heritage Landmark)  
Pine Bluff First UMC (postcard)

#### Fall 1998

UMHS met in Arkansas  
Museum Report  
James W. Workman  
1833 Conference at Salem Springs (see also Fall 1997 Occ.  
Papers)

Newport First UMC (postcard)

#### Spring 1999

Nancy Britton speaker for April UMHS of Arkansas  
M.E.School at Clow (see also Spring 2008 Occ. Papers)  
Ozark UMC (postcard)

#### Fall 1999

2 New Historic Sites: Salem Spring and Camp Aldersgate  
(see also Fall 1998 Occ. Papers)  
DeQueen UMC (postcard)  
Philander Smith College Archives

#### Spring 2000

Speaker for April Meeting: Bishop Kenneth Hicks (United  
Brethren in Christ)  
"Two Centuries of Methodism in Arkansas"

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Paragould First UMC (postcard)  
History of Methodism in Missouri

### Fall 2000

Three Generations of Watsons:  
(William M., Samuel G., J. William)  
Galloway College (postcard)  
Albright Memorial Chapel, Kleinfeltersville, PA (Landmark)

### Spring 2001

UM Museum Dedication  
Program for May 2001: "8 UM Historic Sites in Arkansas"  
Henry Boehm  
Texarkana First UMC (postcard)  
James Baxter Stevenson

### Fall 2001

Olive Smith  
Death of Bill Wilder  
Hot Springs First UMC (postcard)  
Quitman College

### Spring 2002

Methodist Camp Meeting Movement in Arkansas, program  
for May meeting Ebenezer – Salem – Davidson – Ben Few  
Charles C. McCabe, pastor during Civil War years

### Fall 2002

John Wesley Statue – Savannah, GA  
Long's Barn, Lititz PA (Historic Landmark)  
Wesley Family Hist. Items  
Jonesboro First UMC (postcard)

### Spring 2003

Speaker May 3: Dr. Charles Yrigoyen, General Commission  
on Archives and History, "Celebrating 300th  
Anniversary of John Wesley's Birth"  
Wesley Sites in Great Britain and United States  
Malvern FM (postcard)  
Parson William Mulke

### Fall 2003

UM Churches in Arkansas named for persons (*see also Occ.  
Papers, Winter 2004*)  
Walden Seminary and Philander Smith College

### Winter 2004

May meeting at Philander Smith College:  
"Legacy of Dr. W. D. Lester"  
First District Conference in Arkansas  
William Stevenson  
Keith Memorial UMC

### Winter 2004

Origin of Pastors' School  
Rev. John M. Steele

### Spring 2005

Annual meeting at Salem, Conway: Ed Matthews speaker  
(Missionaries with Arkansas Connections)  
Historical Time Limits on Ministerial Appointments  
"Primitive Physic" by John Wesley  
Jonesboro District Conference, July 1899

### Fall 2005

UM Museum moves to Batesville  
Methodist Children's Home  
Wilson

### Spring 2006

Annual Meeting at Levy, NLR; Program JoAnn Miles on  
"50th Anniversary of Clergywomen Rights in UMC"  
100th Anniversary of first Ann. Conf. held in Arkansas  
(Batesville 1836)  
Everne Hunter

### Fall 2006

Methodist Hospital/Healthcare, Memphis  
History of Office of Lay Speaker  
Women Answering God's Call  
History of General Conference

### Spring 2007

Annual Meeting in May at Hot Springs FUMC; Speaker  
Dr. Tom Fuller, "Celebrating 300th Anniv. of  
Charles Wesley's Birth"  
Charles Wesley, The Heart of Methodism  
A. W. Martin

### Fall 2007

Ark. Methodist Medical Center, Paragould  
Arkadelphia Methodist College/Henderson-Brown  
Andrew Hunter

### Spring 2008

Annual Meeting in March at Conway First UMC; Speaker:  
James E. Winkler, Gen. Bd. of Church and Society  
100th Anniv. of Methodist Social Creed  
Blytheville – City and Church  
Bowen Seminary and Clow Training School  
(*see also Occ. Papers Spring 1999*)

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## Historical List of Annual Conference Sessions related to the “Arkansas Territory” and Arkansas Conference.

From 1816 to 1835 the Arkansas Territory was served  
by pastors appointed by the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Year	Bishop .....	Location .....	Secretary
Sept. 23, 1816	William McKendree .....	Shiloh, Illinois Territory ....	J.C. Harbison
Oct. 6, 1817	R.R. Roberts .....	Bethel, Illinois Territory ....	John Scripps
Sept. 5, 1818	R.R. Roberts .....	Bethel Meeting House, .....	John Scripps
		Vincennes Circuit, Illinois Territory	
Sept. 14, 1819	Enoch George .....	McKendree’s Chapel, ..... Cape Girardeau County, Missouri T.	John Scripps
Sept. 20, 1820	R. R. Roberts .....	Shiloh, Illinois .....	John Scripps
Oct. 17, 1821	R.R. Roberts .....	McKendree’s Chapel, Missouri	John Scripps
Oct. 24, 1822	R.R. Roberts .....	St. Louis, Missouri .....	John Scripps
Oct. 23, 1823	William McKendree .....	St. Louis, Missouri .....	John Scripps
Oct. 25, 1824	William McKendree .....	Padfields, St.Clair Co., Illinois	John Scripps
Aug. 4, 1825	R.R. Roberts .....	New Tenn. Settlement, Saline Creek	John Scripps
Sept. 14, 1826	R.R. Roberts .....	McKendree’s Chapel, Missouri	John Scripps
Oct. 6, 1827	Joshua Soule .....	St. Louis, Missouri .....	John Dew
Oct. 12, 1828	Joshua Soule .....	Fayette, Missouri .....	James Bankson
Sept. 10, 1829	R. R. Roberts .....	Potosi, Missouri .....	James Bankson
Sept. 16, 1830	R.R. Roberts .....	St. Louis, Missouri .....	John Scripps
Sept. 15, 1831	Joshua Soule .....	McKendree’s Chapel, Missouri	John Scripps
Sept. 17, 1832	Joshua Soule .....	Pilot Grove, Cooper Co., Missouri	John Glanville
Sept. 4, 1833	R.R. Roberts .....	Salem (near Cane Hill), Ark. Territory	W.W. Redman
	{W.S. Woodards, 1893 history puts 1833 conference at Mountain Spring, Arkansas Territory}		
Sept. __, 1834	R. R. Roberts .....	Bellevue, Washington Co., Missouri	W. W. Redman
Sept. 10, 1835	R.R. Roberts .....	Arrow Rock Campground, Missouri	W.W. Redman

### The Methodist Episcopal Church • Arkansas Conference

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
1	1836	Morris .....	Batesville .....	Wm. P. Ratcliffe
2	1837	James O. Andrew .....	Little Rock .....	Wm. P. Ratcliffe
3	1838	<i>none</i> .....	Washington .....	<i>unknown</i>
4	1839	James O. Andrew .....	Fayetteville .....	J.M. Hammil
5	1840	Beverly Waugh .....	Little Rock .....	<i>unknown</i>
6	1841	Beverly Waugh .....	Batesville .....	Wm. P. Ratcliffe
7	1842	Robert R. Roberts .....	Helena .....	<i>unknown</i>
8	1843	James O. Andrew .....	Clarksville .....	<i>unknown</i>

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**The Methodist Episcopal Church, South • Arkansas Conference**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Secretary
9	1844	Thomas A. Morris .....	Little Rock .....	J.F. Truslow
10	1845	Soule .....	Camden .....	J.F. Truslow
11	1846	Robert Paine .....	Van Buren .....	J.F. Truslow
12	1847	William Capers .....	Washington .....	L.S. Marshall
13	1848	James O. Andrew .....	Pine Bluff .....	W.P. Ratcliff
14	1849	<i>none</i> .....	Batesville .....	W.P. Ratcliff
15	1850	<i>none</i> .....	Fayetteville .....	L.P. Lively
16	1851	William Capers .....	Camden .....	W.P. Ratcliff
17	1852	Robert Paine .....	Clarksville .....	W.P. Ratcliff
18	1853	James O. Andrew .....	Tulip (Dallas County) .....	W.P. Ratcliff

**In 1854 the Arkansas Conference was Divided into two Conferences:**

**The Arkansas and The Ouachita (or Wachita) Conferences.**

**The boundaries of the two Conferences were roughly with Arkansas serving the northern half of the state, and Ouchita serving the southern half of the state.**

**In 1866 the Ouachita Conference was renamed 'Little Rock Conference.'**

**The Methodist Church**

**The Arkansas Conference is shown with an "A" and Ouachita with an "O."**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
19	A 1854	Paine .....	Helena .....	<i>unknown</i>
	O 1854	H.H. Kavanaugh .....	Washington .....	W.P. Ratcliff
20	A 1855	George F. Pierce .....	Ft. Smith .....	Jesse McAlister
	O 1855	George F. Pierce .....	El Dorado .....	Wm C. Young
21	A 1856	George F. Pierce .....	Batesville .....	John S. McCarver
	O 1856	George F. Pierce .....	Princeton .....	Jesse McAlister
22	A 1857	Kavanaugh .....	Jacksonport .....	John S. McCarver
	O 1857	H.H. Kavanaugh .....	Little Rock .....	Jesse McAlister
23	A 1858	John Early .....	Dardanelle .....	Lewis P. Lively
	O 1858	John Early .....	Arkadelphia .....	Jesse McAlister
24	A 1859	Paine .....	Searcy .....	John M. Steele
	O 1859	A. Hunter, presiding .....	Monticello .....	Jesse McAlister
25	A 1860	Kavanaugh .....	VanBuren .....	John M. Steele
	O 1860	G.F. Pierce .....	Pine Bluff .....	W.P. Ratcliff
26	A 1861	<i>none</i> .....	Dover .....	Geo. A. Shaeffer
	O 1861	Robert Paine .....	Camden .....	W.C. Young
27	A 1862	<i>none</i> .....	Searcy .....	S.R. Trawick
	O 1862	A. Hunter, presiding .....	Tulip .....	J.E. Cobb
28	A 1863	<i>none</i> .....	Batesville .....	E.T. Jones
	O 1863	A. Hunter, presiding .....	Lewisville .....	J.E. Cobb
29	A 1864	<i>none</i> .....	Jacksonport .....	J.M.P. Hickerson
	O 1865	G.W. Ratcliff, pres. ....	Columbia Camp .....	J.E. Cobb
30	A 1865	<i>none</i> .....	Jonesboro .....	J.M.P. Hickerson
	O 1865	A. Hunter, presiding .....	El Dorado .....	J.E. Cobb
31	A 1866	George Pierce .....	Searcy .....	George A. Shaeffer
	O 1866	G.F. Pierce .....	Arkadelphia .....	J.E. Cobb
32	A 1867	Marvin .....	Dover .....	J.M.P. Hickerson
	O 1867	E.M. Marvin .....	Des Arc .....	J.E. Cobb
33	A 1868	George Pierce .....	Jacksonport .....	J.M.P. Hickerson
	O 1868	G.F. Pierce .....	Warren .....	J.E. Cobb

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- 34 A 1869 George Pierce ..... Fayetteville ..... James Wickersham  
 O 1869 G.F. Pierce ..... Magnolia ..... J.E. Cobb

In 1870 the Arkansas Conference was divided into two Conferences:  
 The Arkansas Conference (serving north-east) and White River Conference (serving north-west).  
 The Little Rock Conference (former Ouchita or Wachita) Conference still served the south.

**The Methodist Church • Arkansas Conference shown with an “A”**

**White River Conference shown with an “WR” Little Rock Conference shown with “LR.”**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Presiding Bishop</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
35	A 1870	John C. Keener	Clarksville	H.R. Withers
	WR 1870	John C. Keener	Vanndale	James Wickersham
	LR 1870	J.C. Keener	Washington	W.C. Hearn
36	A 1871	Holland McTyeire	VanBuren	C.H. Gregory
	WR 1871	Holland McTyeire	Batesville	James Wickersham
	LR 1871	H.N. McTyeire	Little Rock	W.C. Hearn
37	A 1872	W.M. Wightman	Bentonville	I.L. Burrow
	WR 1872	W.M. Wightman	Augusta	James Wickersham
	LR 1872	W.M. Wightman	Pine Bluf	W.C. Hearn
38	A 1873	Pierce	Dardanelle	I.L. Burrow
	WR 1873	Pierce	Forrest City	John H. Dye
	LR 1873	G.F. Pierce	Camden	W.C. Hearn
39	A 1874	H.H. Kavanaugh	Fort Smith	Jerome Harralson
	WR 1874	H.H. Kavanaugh	Searcy	John H. Dye
	LR 1874	H.H. Kavanaugh	Monticello	S.G. Colburn
40	A 1875	W.M. Wightman	Lewisburg (Morrilton)	I.L. Burrow
	WR 1875	David S. Doggett	Helena	John H. Dye
	LR 1875	W.M. Wightman	Mineral Sprgs	S.G. Colburn
41	A 1876	John C. Keener	Yelleville	W.H. Metheny
	WR 1876	John C. Keener	Batesville	John H. Dye
	LR 1876	J.C. Keener	Arkadelphia	S.G. Colburn
42	A 1877	H.H. Kavanaugh	Fayetteville	W.H. Metheny
	WR 1877	H.H. Kavanaugh	Augusta	John H. Dye
	LR 1877	H.H. Kavanaugh	Monticello	S.G. Colburn
43	A 1878	Holland McTyeire	Russellville	I.L. Burrow
	WR 1878	Doggett	Searcy	John H. Dye
	LR 1878	D.S. Doggt	Hot Springs	S.G. Colburn

**In 1972, the Southwest Conference of the former Central Jurisdiction was merged  
 with the North Arkansas, Little Rock and the Oklahoma Conferences.**

**Records of their Conferences date back to 1879 and are shown with “SW”**

<b>#</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Presiding Bishop</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Conference Secretary</b>
44	A 1879	Pierce	Ozark	I.L. Burrow
	WR 1879	Pierce	Jacksonport	John W. Boswell
	SW 1879	Andrews	VanBuren	I.G. Pollard
	LR 1879	G.F. Pierce	Camden	S.G. Colburn
45	A 1880	Holland McTyeire	Fort Smith	W.H. Metheny
	WR 1880	Pierce	Helena	George Thornburgh
	SW 1880	Merrill	Jacksonport	I.G. Pollard
	LR 1880	G.F. Pierce	Prescott	S.G. Colburn
46	A 1881	Pierce	Dardanelle	W.H. Metheny
	WR 1881	Pierce	Beebe	George Thornburgh

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	SW	1881	Foss .....	Hot Springs .....	I.G. Pollard
	LR	1881	H.N. McTyeire .....	Pine Bluff .....	S.G. Colburn
47	A	1882	John C. Granbery .....	Bentonville .....	George W. Hill
	WR	1882	Alpheus W. Wilson .....	Forrest City .....	George Thornburgh
	SW	1882	Peck .....	Little Rock .....	I.G. Pollard
	LR	1882	A.W. Wilson .....	Hope .....	S.G. Colburn
48	A	1883	John C. Granbery .....	Clarksville .....	John W. Boswell
	WR	1883	John C. Granbery .....	Newport .....	George Thornburgh
	SW	1883	Hurst .....	PineBlue .....	I.G. Pollard
	LR	1883	J.G. Cranberry .....	Malvern .....	S.G. Colburn
49	A	1884	R. K. Hargrove .....	Van Buren .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR	1884	R. K. Hargrove .....	Batesville .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW	1884	Wiley .....	Little Rock .....	W.O. Emory
	LR	1884	R.K. Hargrove .....	Little Rock .....	J.R. Moore

**The Methodist Protestant Church merged in 1939 with the Methodist Episcopal Church and  
The Methodist Episcopal Church South to form the new "Methodist Church."**

**We have not been able to locate conference journals for them from 1837 to 1884, but we do have  
the following records for 1995 to 1938.**

**The Methodist Protestant Annual Conference sessions are listed below with the designation "MPC"**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
50	A	1885 John C. Granbery .....	Morrilton .....	F.M. Daniel
	WR	1885 John C. Granbery .....	Helena .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW	1885 Mallalieu .....	VanBuren .....	Thomas Mason
	LR	1885 J.C. Cranberry .....	Arkadelphia .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC	1885 J.J. Bond .....	Columbia Co., Missouri	M.C. Jackson

**The Church of the United Brethren in Christ (New Constitution) was active in Arkansas  
beginning in 1886. This denomination merged to form the EUB church in 1946,  
who then merged in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church.**

**The Church of the United Brethren local churches in Arkansas  
were part of the UBC Southern Missouri Conference from 1886 until 1893,  
and from 1894 to 1946 in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. They are designated "UBC" below.**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
51	A	1886 Charles B. Galloway .....	Ozark .....	John W. Boswell
	WR	1886 Charles B. Galloway .....	Jonesboro .....	W.H. Metheny
	SW	1886 Bowman .....	Little Rock .....	W.O. Emory
	LR	1886 C.G. Galloway .....	Hot Springs .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC	1886 Wm.F. Wingfield .....	Webster Parish, Louisiana	R.A. Burgess
	UBC	1886 .....	.....	.....
52	A	1887 Charles B. Galloway .....	Fayetteville .....	John W. Boswell
	WR	1887 Charles B. Galloway .....	Searcy .....	A.L. Malone
	SW	1887 Fitzgerald .....	Hot Springs .....	Thomas Mason
	LR	1887 C.B. Galloway .....	Little Rock .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC	1887 Wm.F. Wingfield .....	Ebenezer, Arkansas	M.C. Jackson
	UBC	1887 Weaver .....	Raymore, Missouri	R.C. Thomas
53	A	1888 Joseph S. Key .....	Fort Smith .....	J.A. Walden
	WR	1888 Joseph S. Key .....	Paragould .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW	1888 Warren .....	Little Rock .....	Thomas Mason
	LR	1888 J.S. Key .....	Camden .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC	1888 .....	.....	.....

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	UBC 1888	Dickson .....	Newport, Missouri .....	R.C. Thomas
54	A 1889	E.R. Hendrix .....	Conway .....	J.A. Walden
	WR 1889	E.R. Hendrix .....	Searcy .....	George Thornburgh
	SW 1889	Fitzgerald .....	Hot Springs .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1889	E.R. Hendrix .....	Pine Bluff .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1889	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1889	none .....	Bates Co., Missouri .....	R.C. Thomas
55	A 1890	Oscar P. Fitzgerald .....	Eureka Springs .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1890	Oscar P. Fitzgerald .....	Marianna .....	Henry Hanesworth
	SW 1890	Vincent .....	Fort Smith .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1890	O.P. Fitzgerald .....	Monticello .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1890	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1890	Castle .....	Blairstown, Missouri .....	R.C. Thomas
56	A 1891	Wallace W. Duncan .....	Russellville .....	George Thornburgh
	WR 1891	Wallace W. Duncan .....	Newport .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW 1891	Newman .....	Texarkana .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1891	W.W. Duncan .....	Arkadelphia .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1891	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1891	Weaver .....	Dudenville, Missouri .....	R.C. Thomas
57	A 1892	A.W. Wilson .....	Bentonville .....	George Thornburgh
	WR 1892	A.W. Wilson .....	Batesville .....	John W. Boswell
	SW 1892	Mallalieu .....	VanBuren .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1892	A.W. Wilson .....	Magnolia .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1892	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1892	Dickson .....	Urich, Missouri .....	R.C. Thomas
58	A 1893	Keener .....	Clarksville .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1893	Keener .....	Jonesboro .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW 1893	Newman .....	Little Rock .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1893	J.C. Keener .....	Hot Springs .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1893	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1893	record for any Church of the United Bretheren conferences until 1918		
59	A 1894	Hendrix .....	Quitman .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1894	Hendrix .....	Helena .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW 1894	Bowman .....	Hot Springs .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1894	E.R. Hendrix .....	Prescott .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1894	.....	.....	.....
60	A 1895	Atticus G. Haygood .....	Dardanelle .....	George Thornburgh
	WR 1895	O.P. Fitzgerald .....	Searcy .....	George Thornburgh
	SW 1895	Walden .....	Pine Bluff .....	W.R. Duncan
	LR 1895	A.G. Haygood .....	Lonoke .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1895	.....	.....	.....
61	A 1896	Duncan .....	Fayetteville .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1896	O.P. Fitzgerald .....	Paragould .....	John W. Boswell
	SW 1896	Ninde .....	Batesville .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1896	J.S. Key .....	Camden .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1896	.....	.....	.....
62	A 1897	Hendrix .....	Ozark .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR 1897	Hendrix .....	Newport .....	James A. Anderson
	SW 1897	Andrews .....	Forrest City .....	Thomas Mason
	LR 1897	E.R. Hendrix .....	Pine Bluff .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC 1897	.....	.....	.....

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63	A	1898	Henry C. Morrison .....	Morrilton .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1898	Henry C. Morrison .....	Clarendon .....	Henry Hanesworth
	SW	1898	Merrill .....	VanBuren .....	W.R. Duncan
	LR	1898	H.C. Morrison .....	Little Rock .....	J.R. Moore
	MPC	1898	.....	.....	.....
64	A	1899	Charles B. Galloway .....	Springdale .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1899	Charles B. Galloway .....	Searcy .....	J.A. Anderson
	SW	1899	Joyce .....	Hot Springs .....	H.P. Strong
	LR	1899	C.B. Galloway .....	Fordyce .....	J.D. Clary
	MPC	1899	.....	.....	.....
65	A	1900	Charles B. Galloway .....	Fort Smith .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1900	Charles B. Galloway .....	Jonesboro .....	James A. Anderson
	SW	1900	Goodsell .....	Little Rock .....	H.P. Strong
	LR	1900	C.G. Galloway .....	Hot Springs .....	J.D. Clary
	MPC	1900	.....	.....	.....
66	A	1901	Key .....	Conway .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1901	Key .....	Batesville .....	W.H. Metheny
	SW	1901	Warren .....	Brinkley .....	H.P. Strong
	LR	1901	J.S. Key .....	Hope .....	J.D. Clary
	MPC	1901	Wm. F. Wingfield .....	Waldo, Arkansas .....	Robert F. Crow
67	A	1902	E. E. Hoss .....	Harrison .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1902	E. E. Hoss .....	Paragould .....	Henry Hanesworth
	SW	1902	Fowler .....	Fort Smith .....	H.P. Strong
	LR	1902	E.E. Hoss .....	Benton .....	Jas. M. Hawley
	MPC	1902	John R. Tatom .....	Claiborne Parish, LA .....	John A. Harp
68	A	1903	E.E. Hoss .....	Dardanelle .....	R.S. Deener
	WR	1903	E.E. Hoss .....	Walnut Ridge .....	J.A. Walden
	SW	1903	Cloe .....	Walden .....	H.P. Strong
	LR	1903	E.E. Hoss .....	El Dorado .....	Jas. M. Hawley
	MPC	1903	.....	.....	.....
69	A	1904	Key .....	Prairie Grove .....	A.L. Malone
	WR	1904	Key .....	Augusta .....	J.A. Walden
	SW	1904	McCage .....	Pine Bluff .....	J.W. Reed
	LR	1904	Joseph S. Key .....	Texarkana .....	J.H. Hinemon
	MPC	1904	John R. Tatom .....	Sayre, AR or OK .....	John A. harp
70	A	1905	Key .....	Russellville .....	Z.T. Bennett
	WR	1905	Galloway .....	Helena .....	J.A. Anderson
	SW	1905	McDowell .....	Fordyce .....	J.W. Jackson
	LR	1905	C.B. Galloway .....	Camden .....	J.H. Hinemon
	MPC	1905	.....	.....	.....
71	A	1906	James Atkins .....	Paris .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR	1906	James Atkins .....	Wynne .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW	1906	Fitzgerald .....	Fayetteville .....	J.W. Jackson
	LR	1906	James Atkins .....	Warren .....	J.H. Hinemon
	MPC	1906	John R. Tatom .....	Wallaceburg, Arkansas .....	T.W. Nunn
72	A	1907	Hendrix .....	Bentonville .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR	1907	E.E. Hoss .....	Corning .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW	1907	Warren .....	Cotton Plant .....	J.W. Jackson
	LR	1907	Seth Ward .....	Malvern .....	W.J. Pinson
	MPC	1907	John R. Tatom .....	Athens, Arkansas .....	M.C. Jackson
73	A	1908	Hendrix .....	Van Buren .....	F.M. Daniel

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	WR 1908	Hendrix .....	Jonesboro .....	Henry Hanesworth
	SW 1908	Berry .....	Little Rock .....	J. L. Wilson
	LR 1908	E.R. Hendrix .....	Little Rock .....	W.J. Pinson
	MPC 1908	John R. Tatom .....	Waldo, Arkansas .....	M.C. Jackson
74	A 1909	Hendrix .....	Morrilton .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1909	Hendrix .....	Searcy .....	A.L. Malone
	SW 1909	Neulson .....	Clow .....	J.L. Wilson
	LR 1909	E.R. Hendrix .....	Arkadelphia .....	W.P. Whaley
	MPC 1909	.....		
75	A 1910	J. H. McCoy .....	Fayetteville .....	J.A. Walden
	WR 1910	J. H. McCoy .....	Forrest City .....	R.S. Deener
	SW 1910	Smith .....	VanBuren .....	J.L. Wilson
	LR 1910	J.H. McCoy .....	Prescott .....	W.P. Whaley
	MPC 1910	J.M. Stephenson .....	Magness, Arkansas .....	C.W. Kavanaugh
76	A 1911	J. H. McCoy .....	Booneville .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1911	McCoy .....	Blytheville .....	F. M. Daniel
	SW 1911	Quayle .....	Marianna .....	M.N. Langston
	LR 1911	J.H. McCoy .....	Fordyce .....	W.P. Whaley
	MPC 1911	J.M. Stephenson .....	Emerson, Arkansas .....	J.T. Goldsmith
77	A 1912	W. A. Candler .....	Atkins .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1912	W.A. Candler .....	Newport .....	Z.T. Bennett
	SW 1912	Moore .....	Pine Bluff .....	M.N. Langston
	LR 1912	W.A. Candler .....	Hot Springs .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1912	W.A. House .....	Womble, Arkansas .....	M.C. Jackson
78	A 1913	John C. Kilgo .....	Eureka Springs .....	Henry Hanesworth
	WR 1913	John C. Kilgo .....	Clarendon .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW 1913	Quayle .....	Newport .....	D.W. Boatner
	LR 1913	J.C. Kilgo .....	Lakeside, Pine Bluff .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1913	W.A. House .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	M.C. Jackson

James Anderson in 1935 wrote: "...means of transportation had greatly improved, and it had become much easier for members of the Annual Conference to assemble from over a wide area. Meanwhile, also, members of the Arkansas Conference and of the White River Conference had come to feel that each Conference was too limited in men to supply properly the diversified needs that arose from year to year, though there were some of the older members of White River Conference, who, for reasons of sentiment, were opposed to any change. But a majority took the opposite view, and on petition of both of these Conferences the General Conference authorized the lifting of the line that divided them, thus restoring the status before 1870. The Conference, thus derived from the original stem as constituted in 1836, took the name of North Arkansas Conference, as being appropriate to its geographical position." Centennial History of Arkansas Methodism, James Anderson, 1935, page 221.

**In 1914 the White River and Arkansas Conferences merged into the North Arkansas Conference.  
The Methodist Episcopal Church, South  
North Arkansas Conference shown with NA • Southwest Conference shown with SW  
Little Rock Conference shown with LR**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
79.	NA 1914	H.C. Norrison .....	Batesville .....	F.M.Daniel
	SW 1914	McIntyre .....	Texarkana .....	D.W. Boatner
	LR 1914	H.C. Morrison .....	First Ch., Little Rock .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1914	B.W. Dufur .....	Waldo, Arkansas .....	M.C. Jackson
80.	NA 1915	H.C. Morrison .....	Conway .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW 1915	Leete .....	Cotton Plant .....	L.G. Hodges

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	LR 1915	H.C. Morrison .....	Monticello .....	Chas. J. Grene
	MPC 1915	John R. Tatom .....	Independance Co., Ark. ....	M.C. Jackson
81.	NA 1916	E.D. Mouzon .....	Searcy .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW 1916	Bristol .....	Fort Smith .....	S.J. Saxton
	LR 1916	J.H. McCoy .....	Malvern .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1916	.....	.....	.....
82	NA 1917	E.D. Mouzon .....	Helena .....	F.M. Daniel
	SW 1917	Stuntz .....	Little Rock .....	S.J. Saxton
	SW 1917	Quayle .....	Stamps .....	S.J. Saxton
	LR 1917	E.D. Mouzon .....	Arkadelphia .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1917	Claud E. Holifield .....	Leonard, Arkansas .....	John A. Harp
83	NA 1918	E.D. Mouzon .....	Clarksville .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1918	M.S. Hughes .....	Batesville .....	J.W. Jackson
	LR 1918	E.D. Mouzon .....	Hot Springs .....	S.R. Twitty
	MPC 1918	Claud E. Holifield .....	Mt. Vernon, Arkansas .....	John A. Harp
	UBC 1918	Cyrus Kephart .....	Dacoma, Oklahoma .....	O.P. Harnish
84	NA 1919	E.D. Mouzon .....	Jonesboro .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1919	Quayles .....	Hot Springs .....	J.W. Jackson
	LR 1919	E.D. Mouzon .....	Hope .....	S.R. Twitty
	MPC 1919	John A. Harp .....	Wilmar, Arkansas .....	James H. Hearne
	UBC 1919	Cyrus Kephart .....	Blackwell, Oklahoma .....	E.E. Emerson
85	NA 1920	E.D. Mouzon .....	Rogers .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1920	Quayles .....	Cotton Plant .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1920	E.D. Mouzon .....	Camden .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1920	John A. Harp .....	Emerson, Arkansas .....	James H. Hearne
	UBC 1920	Cyrus Kephart .....	Alva, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
86	NA 1921	E.D. Mouzon .....	Fort Smith .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1921	Quayles .....	Cotton Plant .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1921	E.D. Mouzon .....	First Ch, Pine Bluff .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1921	John A. Harp .....	Stamps, Arkansas .....	James H. Hearne
	UBC 1921	Cyrus Kephart .....	Enid, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
87	NA 1922	James Atkins .....	Marianna .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1922	Clair .....	Helena .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1922	James Atkins .....	Texarkana .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1922	.....	.....	.....
	UBC 1922	Cyrus Kephart .....	Stillwater, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
88	NA 1923	James Atkins .....	Walnut Ridge .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1923	Stuntz .....	Little Rock .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1923	James Atkins .....	First Ch, Little Rock .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1923	M.C. Jackson .....	Stamps, Arkansas .....	James H. Hearne
	UBC 1923	Cyrus Kephart .....	Dacoma, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
89	NA 1924	Sam R. Hay .....	Fayetteville .....	H.E. Wheeler
	SW 1924	Clair .....	Fayetteville .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1924	S.R. Hay .....	First Ch, El Dorado .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1924	M.C. Jackson .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	James H. Hearne
	UBC 1924	Cyrus Kephart .....	Enid, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
90	NA 1925	Sam R. Hay .....	Conway .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW 1925	Jones .....	Texarkana .....	B.F. Neal
	LR 1925	S.R. Hay .....	Arkadelphia .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC 1925	John R. Tatom .....	Prescott, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC 1925	A.B. Statton .....	Bartlesville, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton

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91	NA	1926	Hiram A. Boaz .....	Paragould .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1926	Clair .....	Batesville .....	B.F. Heal
	LR	1926	H.A. Boaz .....	Warren .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1926	John R. Tatom .....	Leonard, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC	1926	A.B. Statton .....	OK City, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
92	NA	1927	Hiram A. Boaz .....	Searcy .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1927	Clair .....	Little Rock .....	L.C. Williams
	LR	1927	H.A. Boaz .....	Camden .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1927	W. R. Clowers .....	Stamps, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC	1927	A.B. Statton .....	Dacoma, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
93	NA	1928	Hiram A. Boaz .....	Jonesboro .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1928	Clair .....	McGehee .....	J.M. Smith
	LR	1928	H.A. Boaz .....	Winfield, Little Rock .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1928	W. R. Clowers .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC	1928	A.B. Statton .....	Blackwell, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
94	NA	1929	Hiram A. Boaz .....	Russellville .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1929	Clair .....	Muskogee .....	J.M. Smith
	LR	1929	H.A. Boaz .....	Prescott .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1929	W. R. Clowers .....	Magnolia, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC	1929	A.B. Statton .....	Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
95	NA	1930	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Helena .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1930	Clair .....	Little Rock .....	J.M. Smith
	LR	1930	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Lakeside, Pine Bluff .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1930	W. R. Clowers .....	Leonard, Arkansas .....	I.A. Love
	UBC	1930	A.B. Statton .....	Woodward, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
96	NA	1931	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Conway .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1931	Clair .....	Fort Smith .....	P.W. Webb
	LR	1931	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	First Ch, Little Rock .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1931	W. R. Clowers .....	Village, Arkansas .....	I.A. Love
	UBC	1931	A.B. Statton .....	Stillwater, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
97	NA	1932	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Fort Smith .....	F.M. Tolleson
	SW	1932	Clair .....	Muskogee .....	W.D. Lester
	LR	1932	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Texarkana .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1932	J.W. Simmons .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	W.O. Tisdale
	UBC	1932	A.B. Statton .....	Enid, Oklahoma .....	Bessie Wharton
98	NA	1933	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	Jonesboro .....	E.T. Wayland
	SW	1933	Clair .....	Hot Springs .....	W.D. Lester
	LR	1933	Hoyt M. Dobbs .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1933	J.W. Simmons .....	Strong, Arkansas .....	C.W. Bates
	UBC	1933	A.B. Statton .....	Alva, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
99	NA	1934	John M. Moore .....	Fayetteville .....	E.T. Wayland
	SW	1934	Clair .....	Tulsa .....	W.D. Lester
	LR	1934	John M. Moore .....	First Ch, Pine Bluff .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1934	J.W. Simmons .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	W.O. Tisdale
	UBC	1934	A.B. Statton .....	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
100	NA	1935	John M. Moore .....	Conway .....	E.T. Wayland
	SW	1935	Cushman .....	Little Rock .....	W.D. Lester
	LR	1935	John M. Moore .....	First Ch, El Dorado .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1935	J.E. Butlet .....	Strong, Arkansas .....	W.O. Tisdale
	UBC	1935	A.B. Statton .....	Shawnee, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
101	NA	1936	John M. Noore .....	Batesville .....	E.T. Wayland

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	SW	1936	Jones .....	Oklahoma Cith .....	W. Louder
	LR	1936	John M. Moore .....	Asbury, Little Rock .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1936	J.E. Butler .....	Rector, Arkansas .....	J.A. Wade
	UBC	1936	A.B. Statton .....	Enid, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
102	NA	1937	John M. Moore .....	Fort Smith .....	W.V. Womack
	SW	1937	Jones .....	Pine Bluff .....	J.N. Wallace
	LR	1937	John M. Moore .....	First Ch, Hope .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1937	J.E. Butler .....	Stephens, Arkansas .....	C.W. Bates
	UBC	1937	A.B. Statton .....	Dacoma, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
103	NA	1938	Charles C Selecman .....	Paragould .....	S.B. Wiggins
	SW	1938	Meade .....	Hot Springs .....	J.N. Wallace
	LR	1938	Charles C. Selecman .....	First Ch, Camden .....	Chas. J. Greene
	MPC	1938	J.E. Butler .....	Wilmar, Arkansas .....	W.O. Tisdale
	UBC	1938	V.O. Weilder .....	Tulsa, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel

**In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church merged to form the The Methodist Church.**

**This national merger did not change the conference lines within Arkansas.**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
104	NA	1939 Charles Selecman .....	Morrilton .....	S.B. Wiggins
	SW	1939 Jones .....	Muskogee .....	C.K. Brown
	LR	1939 Charles C. Selecman .....	Warren .....	Chas. J. Greene
	UBC	1939 V.O. Weilder .....	Enid, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
105	NA	1940 Charles Selecman .....	Jonesboro .....	S.B. Wiggins
	SW	1940 Shaw .....	Texarkana .....	C.K. Brown
	LR	1940 Charles C. Selecman .....	First Ch, Texarkana .....	Clem Baker
	UBC	1940 V.O. Weilder .....	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
106	NA	1941 Charles Selecman .....	Harrison .....	Benjamin C. Few
	SW	1941 Jones .....	Admore .....	Charles F. Golden
	LR	1941 Charles C. Selecman .....	Fordyce .....	Clem Baker
	UBC	1941 V.O. Weilder .....	Stillwater, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
107	NA	1942 Charles Selecman .....	Batesville .....	Benjamin C. Few
	SW	1942 Jones .....	Little Rock .....	T.J. Griffin
	LR	1942 Charles C. Selecman .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Clem Baker
	UBC	1942 V.O. Weilder .....	Blackwell, Oklahoma .....	Charles E. Heisel
108	NA	1943 Charles Selecman .....	Russellville .....	James S. Upton
	SW	1943 Jones .....	Ft. Smith .....	T.J. Griffin
	LR	1943 Charles C. Selecman .....	First Ch, El Dorado .....	Fred R. Harrison
	UBC	1943 V.O. Weilder .....	Alva, Oklahoma .....	Roderick E. Gray
109	NA	1944 Paul E. Martin .....	Morrilton .....	James S. Upton
	SW	1944 Kelley .....	Tulsa .....	T.J. Griffin
	LR	1944 Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Fred R. Harrison
	UBC	1944 V.O. Weilder .....	Shawnee, Oklahoma .....	Roderick E. Gray
110	NA	1945 Paul E. Martin .....	Walnut Ridge .....	James S. Upton
	SW	1945 Kelley .....	Texarkana .....	T.J. Griffin
	LR	1945 Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Fred R. Harrison
	UBC	1945 V.O. Weilder .....	Bartlesville, Oklahoma .....	Roderick E. Gray
111	NA	1946 Paul E. Martin .....	Searcy .....	James S. Upton
	SW	1946 Kelley .....	Muskogee .....	T.J. Griffin
	LR	1946 Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Fred R. Harrison
	UBC	1946 V.O. Weilder .....	Stillwater, Oklahoma .....	Roderick E. Gray

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**In 1946 The Evangelical United Brethren Church, was created by the union of the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren in Christ. The EUB church merged with the Methodist Church in 1968. The EUB churches in Arkansas were part of the “EUB Missouri Annual Conference” which included churches in Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri.**

**The EUB conference sessions are listed below with the designation “EUB.”**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
112	NA 1947	Paul E. Martin .....	Forrest City .....	James S. Upton
	SW 1947	Kelley .....	Little Rock .....	E.F. Wallace
	LR 1947	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Fred R. Harrison
	EUB 1947	V.O. Weilder .....	Trenton, Missouri .....	Lyle B. Roe
113	NA 1948	Paul E. Martin .....	Fort Smith .....	Ewing T. Wayland
	SW 1948	Kelley .....	Oklahoma City .....	E.F. Wallace
	LR 1948	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Little Rock .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1948	V.O. Weilder .....	Kansas City, Missouri .....	Lyle B. Roe
114	NA 1949	Paul E. Martin .....	Mt. Sequoyah .....	Ewing T. Wayland
	SW 1949	Kelley .....	Ft. Smith .....	C. Jarrett Gray
	LR 1949	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1949	V.O. Weilder .....	Nevada, Missouri .....	Lyle B. Roe
115	NA 1950	Paul E. Martin .....	North Little Rock .....	Ewing T. Wayland
	SW 1950	Kelley .....	Muskogee .....	C. Jarrett Gray
	LR 1950	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1950	V.O. Weilder .....	Lake Arthur, Louisiana .....	Artz S. Lick
116	NA 1951	Paul E. Martin .....	Paragould .....	Ewing T. Wayland
	SW 1951	Kelley .....	Little Rock .....	C. Jarrett Gray
	LR 1951	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1951	C. H. Stauffacher .....	Brashear, Missouri .....	L.M. Curtis
117	NA 1952	Paul E. Martin .....	Blytheville .....	Alfred A. Knox
	SW 1952	Clair, Jr. ....	Tulsa .....	J.G. Dozier
	LR 1952	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1952	C. H. Stauffacher .....	Brookfield, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
118	NA 1953	Paul E. Martin .....	Fayetteville .....	Alfred A. Knox
	SW 1953	Clair, Jr. ....	Hot Springs .....	J.G. Dozier
	LR 1953	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Little Rock .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1953	C. H. Stauffacher .....	Kansas City, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
119	NA 1954	Paul E. Martin .....	Batesville .....	Alfred A. Knox
	SW 1954	Clair, Jr. ....	Muskogee .....	J.G. Dozier
	LR 1954	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1954	G.D. Batdorf, presiding ..	Jennings, Louisiana .....	Harry M. Cook
120	NA 1955	Paul E. Martin .....	Jonesboro .....	Alfred A. Knox
	SW 1955	Clair, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	J.G. Dozier
	LR 1955	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Arkadelphia .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1955	L.L. Baughman .....	Adrian, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
121	NA 1956	Paul E. Martin .....	Conway .....	Alfred A. Knox
	SW 1956	Clair, Jr. ....	Admore .....	Edwin C. Sanders
	LR 1956	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	Robert B. Moore
	EUB 1956	L.L. Baughman .....	Trenton, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
122	NA 1957	Paul E. Martin .....	Rogers .....	Alf A. Eason
	SW 1957	Clair, Jr. ....	Ft. Smith .....	Edwin C. Sanders
	LR 1957	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	J. Ralph Clayton

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	EUB 1957	L.L. Baughman .....	Kansas City, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
123	NA 1958	Paul E. Martin .....	Searcy .....	Alf A. Eason
	SW 1958	Clair, Jr. ....	Oklahoma City .....	Edwin C. Sanders
	LR 1958	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	J. Ralph Clayton
	EUB 1958	L.L. Baughman .....	Roanoke, Louisiana .....	Harry M. Cook
124	NA 1959	Paul E. Martin .....	Fort Smith .....	Alf A. Eason
	SW 1959	Clair, Jr. ....	Pine Bluff .....	H. Reeves Washington
	LR 1959	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	J. Ralph Clayton
	EUB 1959	L.L. Baughman .....	Trenton, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
125	NA 1960	Paul E. Martin .....	Mt. Sequoyah .....	Alf A. Eason
	SW 1960	Clair, Jr. ....	Tulsa .....	H. Reeves Washington
	LR 1960	Paul E. Martin .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1960	J. Gordon Howard .....	Brashear, Missouri .....	Kermit Dodd
126	NA 1961	Kenneth Pope .....	Russellville .....	James R. Chandler
	SW 1961	Clair, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1961	W. Kenneth Pope .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1961	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Brookfield, Missouri .....	Harry M. Cook
127	NA 1962	Kenneth Pope .....	Hendrix College .....	James R. Chandler
	SW 1962	Clair, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1962	W. Kenneth Pope .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1962	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Springfield, Missouri .....	Alvin D. Kleinsasser
128	NA 1963	Kenneth Pope .....	Hendrix College, Conway .....	James R. Chandler
	SW 1963	Clair, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1963	W. Kenneth Pope .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1963	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Jennings, Louisiana .....	Alvin D. Kleinsasser
129	NA 1964	Kenneth Pope .....	North Little Rock .....	James R. Chandler
	SW 1964	Clair, Jr. ....	Oklahoma City .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1964	W. Kenneth Pope .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1964	.....	.....	.....
130	NA 1965	Paul V. Galloway .....	Hendrix College, Conway .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.
	SW 1965	Moore, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1965	Paul V. Galloway .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1965	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Kansas City, Missouri .....	Mrs. Leslie Sensintaffear
131	NA 1966	Paul V. Galloway .....	Jonesboro .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.
	SW 1966	Moore, Jr. ....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1966	Paul V. Galloway .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1966	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Brookfield, Missouri .....	Mrs. Leslie Sensintaffear
132	NA 1967	Paul V. Galloway .....	Fort Smith .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.
	SW 1967	Moore, Jr. ....	Tulsa .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1967	Paul V. Galloway .....	First Ch, Hot Springs .....	James E. Major
	EUB 1967	Paul W. Milhouse .....	Springfield, Missouri .....	Mrs. Leslie Sensintaffear

**In 1969 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form The United Methodist Church.**

**This national merger did not affect conference lines within Arkansas.**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop .....	Location .....	Conference Secretary
133	NA 1968	Paul V. Galloway .....	Mt. Sequoyah .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.
	SW 1968	Galloway .....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.
	LR 1968	Paul V. Galloway .....	First UMC, El Dorado .....	James E. Major
134	NA 1969	Paul V. Galloway .....	Jonesboro .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.
	SW 1969	Galloway .....	Little Rock .....	A.S. Wamble, Sr.

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- LR 1969 Paul V. Galloway ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ... James E. Major
- 135 NA 1970 Paul V. Galloway ..... Hendrix College, Conway . James M. Meadors, Jr.
- SW 1970 Galloway ..... Little Rock ..... A.S. Wamble, Sr.
- LR 1970 Paul V. Galloway ..... First UMC Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 136 NA 1971 Paul V. Galloway ..... Fayetteville ..... James M. Meadors, Jr.
- SW 1971 Galloway ..... Little Rock ..... A.S. Wamble, Sr.
- LR 1971 Paul V. Galloway ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ... James E. Major
- 137 NA 1972 Paul V. Galloway ..... Fort Smith ..... James M. Meadors, Jr.
- SW 1972 Galloway ..... Little Rock ..... A.S. Wamble, Sr.
- LR 1972 Paul V. Galloway ..... First UMC, Little Rock ..... James E. Major

In 1972, the Southwest Conference merged with the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences.

- 138 NA 1973 Eugene M. Frank ..... Jonesboro ..... James M. Meadors, Jr.
- LR 1973 Eugene M. Frank ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 139 NA 1974 Eugene M. Frank ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... James M. Meadors, Jr.
- LR 1974 Eugene M. Frank ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 140 NA 1975 Eugene M. Frank ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... James M. Meadors, Jr.
- LR 1975 Eugene M. Frank ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 141 NA 1976 Eugene M. Frank ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Dewey Dark
- LR 1976 Eugene M. Frank ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 142 NA 1977 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Jonesboro ..... Dewey Dark
- LR 1977 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 143 NA 1978 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Dewey Dark
- LR 1978 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Convention Center L.R. .... James E. Major
- 144 NA 1979 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Fort Smith ..... Dewey Dark
- LR 1979 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... James E. Major
- 145 NA 1980 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Dewey Dark
- LR 1980 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 146 NA 1981 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1981 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 147 NA 1982 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1982 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 148 NA 1983 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1983 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 149 NA 1984 Kenneth W. Hicks .... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1984 Kenneth W. Hicks .... First UMC, Little Rock ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 150 NA 1985 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1985 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 151 NA 1986 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1986 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Gerald K. Fincher
- 152 NA 1987 Richard B. Wilke ..... Fayetteville, Central ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1987 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... David F. Prothro
- 153 NA 1988 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1988 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... John O. Alston
- 154 NA 1989 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1989 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... John O. Alston
- 155 NA 1990 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Charles E. Watt
- LR 1990 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Wm. Christopher Cooper
- 156 NA 1991 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Robert O. Crossman
- LR 1991 Richard B. Wilke ..... First UMC, Hot Springs ..... Wm. Christopher Cooper
- 157 NA 1992 Richard B. Wilke ..... Hendrix College, Conway ..... Robert O. Crossman

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	LR	1992	Richard B. Wilke	.....	First UMC, Hot Springs	.....	Wm. Christopher Cooper
158	NA	1993	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1993	Richard B. Wilke	.....	First UMC Hot Springs	.....	Wm. Christopher Cooper
159	NA	1994	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1994	Richard B. Wilke	.....	First UMC Hot Springs	.....	Wm. Christopher Cooper
160	NA	1995	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1995	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff	.....	Wm. Christopher Cooper
161	NA	1996	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1996	Richard B. Wilke	.....	Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff	.....	Wm. Christopher Cooper
162	NA	1997	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1997	Janice Riggle Huie	...	First UMC, Hot Springs	.....	Jim P. Polk
163	NA	1998	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Fayetteville, Central UMC	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1998	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff	.....	Jim P. Polk
164	NA	1999	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	1999	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff	.....	Bob Hager
165	NA	2000	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	2000	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hot Springs Convention Center	.....	Bob Hager
166	NA	2001	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	2001	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff	.....	Robert Armstrong
167	NA	2002	Janice Riggle Huie	...	Hendrix College, Conway	.....	Robert O. Crossman
	LR	2002	Janice Riggle Huie	...	State House Convention Center, Little Rock	..	Thomas E. Weir

**In June of 2003 the North Arkansas Conference and the Little Rock Conferenced merged to form The Arkansas Conference.**

#	Year	Presiding Bishop	.....	Location	.....	Conference Secretary
168	AR	2003	Janice Riggle Huie	.....	Arkansas Tech University, Russellville	.. Robert O. Crossman
169	AR	2004	Janice Riggle Huie	.....	Hot Springs Convention Center	..... Robert O. Crossman
170	AR	2005	Charles N. Crutchfield	....	Arkansas Tech University, Russellville	.. Robert O. Crossman
171	AR	2006	Charles N. Crutchfield	....	Hot Springs Convention Center	..... Robert O. Crossman
172	AR	2007	Charles N. Crutchfield	....	Arkansas Tech University, Russellville	.. Robert O. Crossman
173	AR	2008	Charles N. Crutchfield	....	Hot Springs Convention Center	..... Robert O. Crossman

