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MADISON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee)
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1829-2005

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid is for the Madison Street United Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee (Montgomery County) records, 1829-2005.

The records consist of nine (9) volumes, some of which are ring binders, of materials such as ledgers, registers, letters, bulletins, pamphlets, newspapers clippings, photographs, and ephemera, both in original and as copies.

After filming, the records were returned to the loaner. There are no restrictions on the use of the materials, and copies of single items in the collection may be made for individual or scholarly use.

Brief History of the Madison Street United Methodist Church

The birth and growth of Methodism in Clarksville began in the late 1700's on the bank of the Cumberland River. The town grew and a more permanent and a better place to worship was needed.

In 1831, the Methodists built the first brick church on the corner of Main and Fourth Streets. The membership outgrew its capacity and a larger church was constructed on the corner of Fifth and Franklin Streets.

The Methodists worshiped at the Franklin Street location for forty years. Once again, the members had to yield to a third larger location.

A lot was purchased on the corner of Madison and Hiter Streets. On September 26, 1882, the cornerstone was laid for Madison Street Methodist Church, South. During the years of worshiping at this location, many expansions and improvements were made. Sixty-five ministers have guided the congregation.

A devastating tornado ripped through Clarksville on January 22, 1999, leaving the church's sanctuary totally destroyed. Among one of the church's most valuable records (The Register Ledger, 1828-1973) was salvaged after the storm. Retrieving these records influenced the members listed below to have them microfilmed.

Anne Rudolph, Chairman
Mary Virginia Ritter
Bristol S. Gannaway

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1. Ledger Book—Church Register (Methodist Episcopal Church, South), 1829-1968:
 - Register of Pastor, 1829-1968
 - Register of Marriages, 1883-1959
 - Register of Infant Baptisms, 1876-1959
 - Register of Members, 1853-1959
2. Ledger Book of Remembrance, ca. 1958-ca. 1980
3. Note book, Contains information on the original bell, 1935-1940
4. Note book, Apse Restoration Report, with pictures, 13 p., 1996
5. Ring binder, “Documents,” (originals and copies) deeds, contracts, etc., 1774-1959;
some not dated
6. Ring binder, “Celebrations,” 1952-2001
7. Ring binder, “Newspaper Articles,” 1886-2005
8. Ring binder, “Church Bulletins,” 1929-2005
9. Ring binder, “Pictures” photographs (some dated; others not)