



History of Elizabeth United Methodist

- * Elizabeth Church was first a "Campground Meeting Place" for Methodists. The first preachers were circuit riders who traveled over eastern North Carolina: Johnston County, Wayne County, down to Onslow and Duplin County.
- * The first building to serve worshippers at Elizabeth Church was built in 1839. When it burned, the present building was a community project built in 1853 of local white pine. It is the oldest Methodist Church in the Goldsboro District that has been in continuous service.
- * The church was named for Elizabeth Temperance Peters Sanders, the second wife of Col. John Sanders, who gave the land for the building site.
- * The benches are built around the columns which hold up the balcony. These benches are partitioned down the middle: men and boys sat on the left, women and girls on the right.
- * Early on, the building was heated with two pot-bellied stoves, then a big heater in the middle. Then, these were replaced with gas heaters along the sides. Finally, in 1993 heat pumps were installed. In 1956 the education building was built. Before that, Sunday School Classes were held in different parts of the church: children in the back, adults down front and the young people in the balcony.

- A Brief Historical Synopsis of Elizabeth United Methodist Church

From church plaque donated by Wallace and Jaqueline Johnson, and dedicated to the former and current church members who have kept the church activities.