

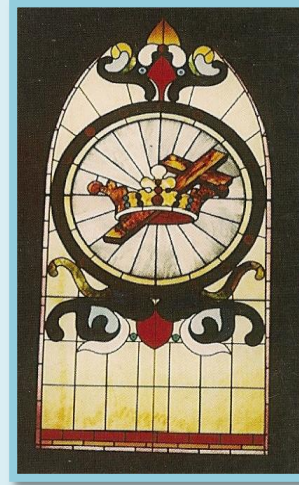
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**Brief History of a Stained Glass Window at FUMC Tullahoma**

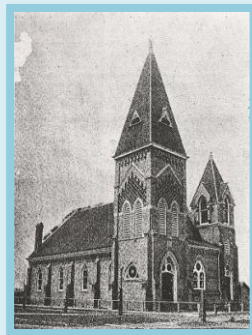
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At First United Methodist Church of Tullahoma members and visitors have the fortunate opportunity to view colorful and artistic stained glass windows. Some of these windows illuminate the interior of the historic sanctuary, while other stained glass windows provide lighting for different rooms in the church building.

One of the stained glass windows that has a notable history is located in the Reception Room near the sanctuary. This window was originally a part of the Methodist Episcopal Church that was located on the corner of Grundy and Jackson Streets.



*Photo: Stained Glass Window in Reception Room  
from old M.E. Church*



*Top Photo: M.E. Church, North, Tullahoma, 1907  
Bottom Photo: M.E. Church, South, Tullahoma, 1907*

As a result of the divided issues over the slavery system in America, the Methodist Episcopal Church split in 1844. The offspring denomination was the Methodist Episcopal, South. Like many southern communities, Tullahoma had a Methodist Episcopal church and a Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South formed on the corner of Jackson and Lauderdale Streets.

In 1939, the divided churches reunited nationwide. Eventually, the members of the two churches in Tullahoma joined together at the Jackson and Lauderdale location. Over time, the property on the corner of Grundy and Jackson Streets was sold and the church building was torn down.

Although the "Northern M.E." church was torn away, a stained glass window was preserved by some of the church members and donated to the M.E. Church South. In 1980, the window was restored by Herb Wood, Ruby Murphy and Ann Young. The window was placed in the Reception Room area.