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Brief History of the Main Church Building Expansions at FUMC Tullahoma

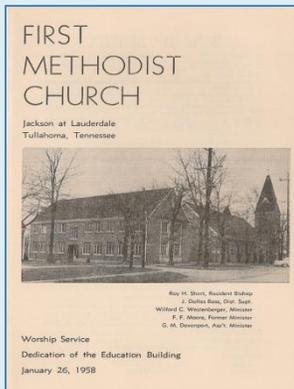
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Since its construction in 1889, the main church building at First United Methodist Church of Tullahoma has undergone many renovations and expansions. Three of the largest expansions happened at different times in the church's history.

In 1916, the R.T. Moore section of the church was added to the north side of the sanctuary. This section of the building currently contains the reception rooms, Sunday School classrooms, a kitchen, and the Stephens Conference Room.



FUMC Building Prior to 1958 and the Expansion of the church on the west side of the sanctuary.



Dedication program for the Education Wing, January 26, 1958

Over the years, the congregation and ministries continued to grow at FUMC Tullahoma and another wing to the building was added in the 1950s. On January 26, 1958, the church had a dedication ceremony for the new education wing that was added on the west side of the sanctuary. The current pastors at that time were Wilford Westenberg, Senior Pastor, and G.M. Davenport, Assistant Pastor.

This section of the church currently includes the church offices, the Adams Chapel, the nursery, and Sunday School classrooms for children of the church.

As time moved along, church members began to be concerned about the accessibility of the church for all members, particularly for those who were handicapped.

In 2010, an elevator section was added to the church's main building on the northwest side. The wing included an elevator that transported people to all three levels of the church. In addition, the new wing provided more restroom facilities on the main level and the second floor.



Exterior View of the wing that includes the elevator at FUMC Tullahoma. Photo by Kevin Cason