



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DATE ADDED: _____

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Methodist Episcopal Church South
and/or Common Name: CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2. LOCATION

Street & Number: Hwy 43
City: CALVERT
State: Alabama County: Washington Zip: 36513
Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No
USGS Quad Map: _____ Township/Section/Range: SEC. 9
Township two
NORTH RANGE

3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: Building(s) District Structure Site Object
Ownership: Public Private Both
Status: Occupied Unoccupied Work in progress
Public Acquisition: In process Being considered
Accessible: No Yes: restricted Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Trustees of Church Telephone: _____
* Street & Number: Hwy 43, CALVERT AL 36513
City or Town: CALVERT State: AL Zip: 36513
Email: _____

* Mobile + Washington County line -

5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

SEE ATTACHED

CEMETERY ON WEST + NORTH side of church.
PARKING in front of church (east side) and
on south side. Hwy 43 FRONTAGE.

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:	1889		Source:	
Alteration Date:			Source:	
Architect:			Builder:	
Physical Condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor)	GOOD		Remaining Historic Fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	
No. of stories:	1 (ONE)		No. of front bays:	
Historic use of property:	CHURCH			
Current use of property:	CHURCH - A DIVINE PLACE OF WORSHIP			
Architectural Style:			Building Form:	
Main roof configuration:			Roof finish material:	SINGLES
Exterior wall materials:	VINYL SIDING			
Porch type:	CONCRETE		Foundation material:	ORIGINAL BRICK SUPPORTS
Window type and materials:	STAINED GLASS			
Describe alterations:	SEE REMODELING HISTORY 1889-2010			
Number and type of all outbuildings:	NONE			
Exterior Architectural Description:				
Description of Setting:	FRONTS HWY 43 ON HILLSIDE - CEMETERY ON WEST + NORTH SIDES. PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE AND IN FRONT OF CHURCH (EAST SIDE).			

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary art | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government D | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

- A. ACCORDING TO history records children in 1919 LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE in Sunday School AT THE C.U.M. CHURCH because they had NO DAY school to ATTEND.
- B. CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE AND Baptist held SERVICES AT the Methodist church UNTIL they could establish their own PLACE of worship.
- D. CONGRESSMAN FRANK W. BOYKIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: SEE ATTACHED SURVEY BY
LARRY BAKER 1-31-09.

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. FORM PREPARED BY

Name: Cookie Kellam, ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR person
Organization: Calvert United Methodist Date: 9-8-10
Street & Number: 20775 Hwy 43 Telephone: 251-829-6032
City or Town: MT. VERNON AL 36560 State: AL Zip: 36560
Email: Kellam@Copper.NET

11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne Wofford
P.O. Box 300900
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REMODELING HISTORY (1889 - 2010)

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Brick of the old chimney still stands in the attic of the church today. It is not known when the wood heater was removed from the center of the church. In the 50's and 60's gas heaters were used to heat the church.

1926 - The church was remodeled by adding two Sunday school rooms on the north side and two Sunday school rooms and a porch on the south side. Each Sunday school room was approximately 12' x 12'. The sanctuary was enlarged by approximately 20' in length and new windows were installed. This work was done by Herbert Lynwood Kelly. Mr. Kelly was buried in the Calvert United Methodist Church Cemetery in 1927. (Attachment II - Floor plan)

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Principal speaker of the day was Congressman Frank W. Boykin, member of the Calvert Church, who, along with George Woodyard, prominent Washington County business man, presented the chimes to the church as a memorial to their respective parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Boykin and the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodyard. (Attachment III News paper article on dedication of chimes)

1954 - The Highway Department took about half of the church property; therefore, all of the old oak trees were lost. The parking lot was first paved in 1990 with a donation by Jimmy & Elouise Downey and since re-surfaced gratis by George Knapp of Knapp Construction Company.

1967 - The beaded board and 2 x 4 boards were covered with paneling; adequate lighting was installed.

1975 - One Sunday school room on the south side of the church was converted to two small restrooms. In 2009 one restroom was remodeled to meet the handicapped code.

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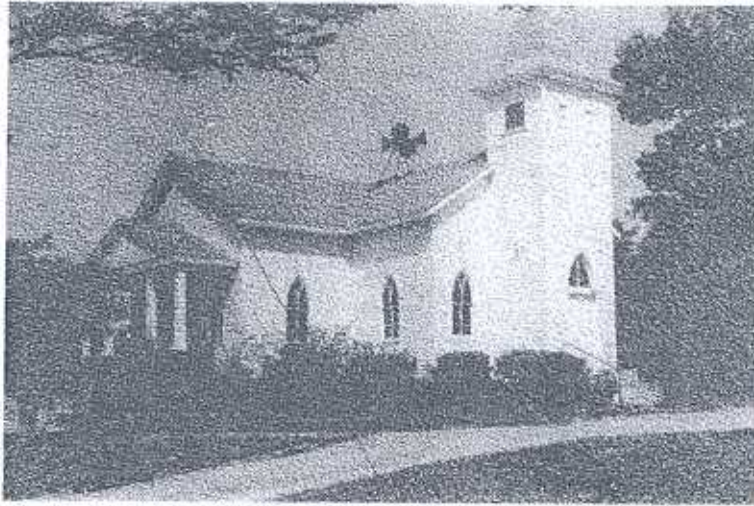
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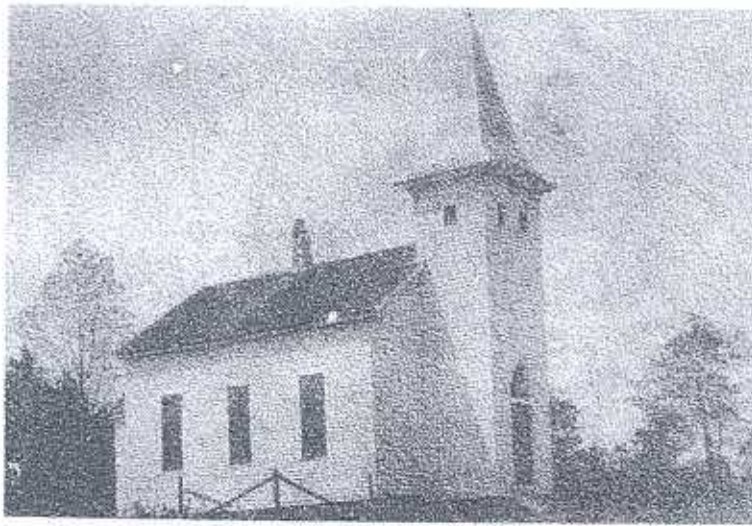
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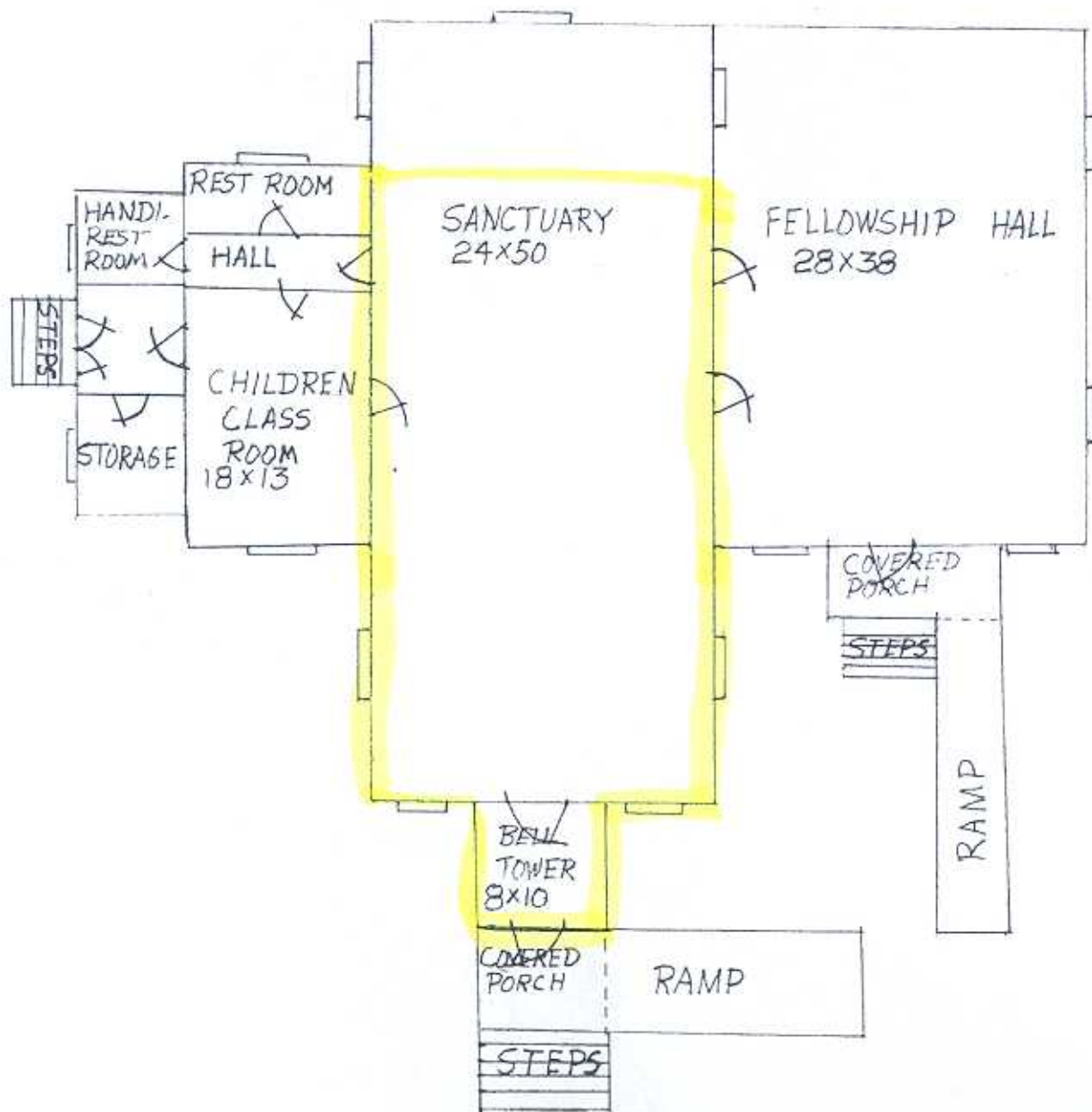
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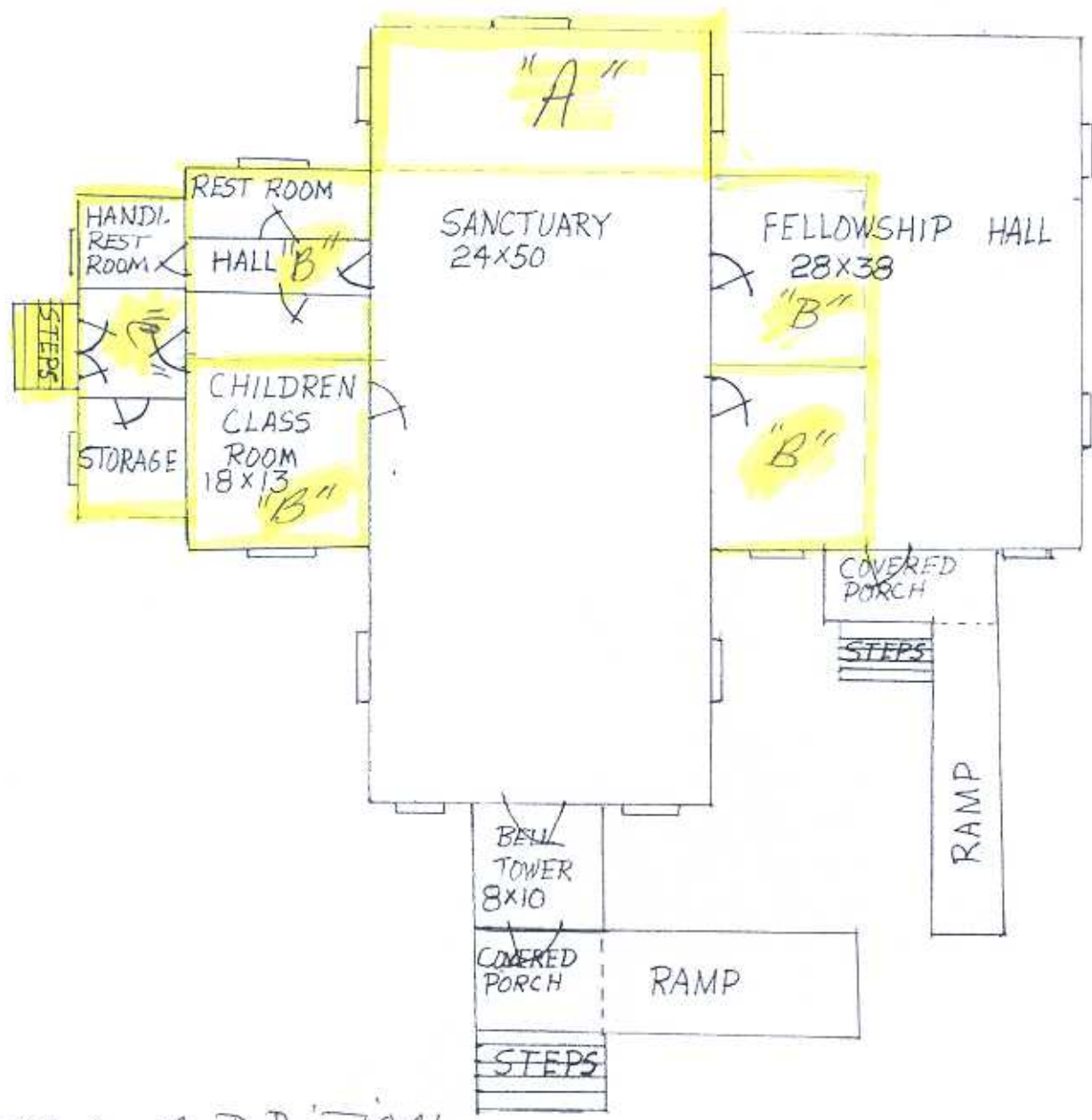
120 Years
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CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SKETCH OF FLOOR PLAN - 1889

ATTACHMENT II

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1926 ADDITION

- " A" APPROX 20' ADDED TO SANCTUARY
- " B" SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS ADDED.
- " C" PORCH ON SOUTH SIDE.

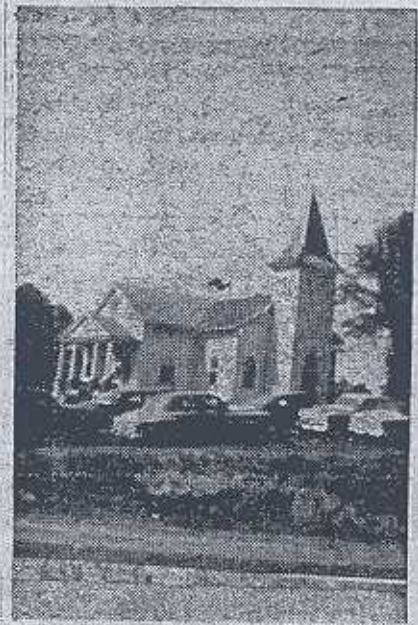
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1926 & 1989 REMODELING AND
EXPANSION -



1989 STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
PORCH + RAMPS -



The Calvert Methodist Church is shown above and the principal speakers (right) at the chimes dedication; Standing: Mr. George Woodyard and Congressman Boykin, donors of the chimes; seated, Judge Joe M. Pelham, Chatom, and Rev. I. W. Chalker, retired, of Citronelle.

CHIMES DEDICATION AT CALVERT

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section. In introducing M. C. Stallworth, Jr., Washington County business man, Boykin told that Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stallworth, Sr., were the first couple to be married in the Calvert Methodist Church. Mrs. Stallworth is the former Miss Minnie Wilkins. Mr. Stallworth told those attending that his grandfather gave Congressman Boykin his first job—that of water boy. He told how Mr. Boykin rapidly worked his way up into positions of responsibility and he related several anecdotes about the Congressman's early life.

Rev. I. W. Chalker preached sermon at the morning hour. Introducing the local congressman was Circuit Judge Joe M. Pelham, Jr., of Chatom. Judge Pelham spoke of the early days around the Fairford area and told of the men from there who had grown into prosperous and successful business men during the past 50 years.

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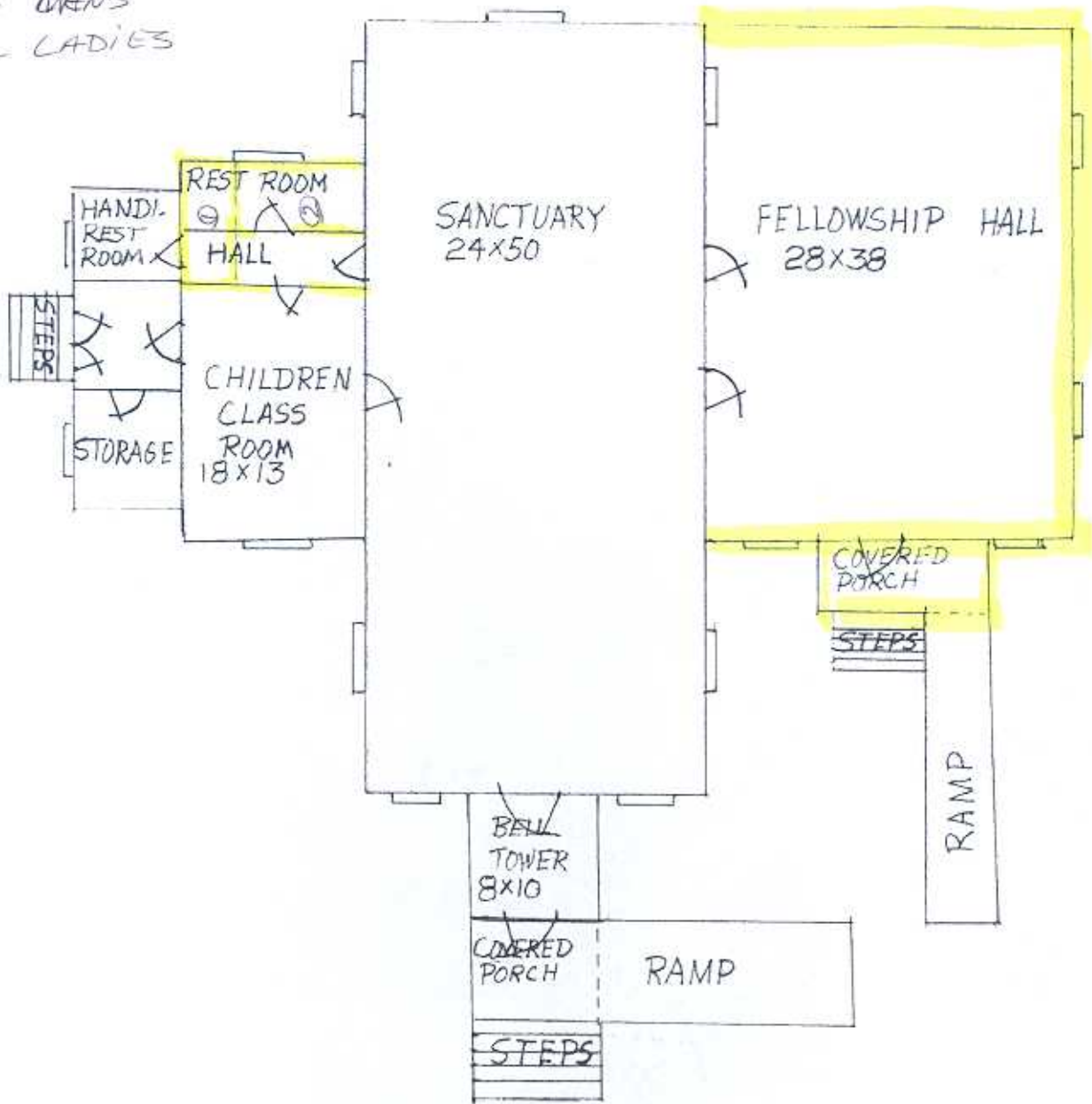
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1975 -

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM CONVERTED
TO TWO RESTROOMS.

- 1 - MANS
- 2 - LADIES



1989

REMODELED AND ADDED
FELLOWSHIP HALL -

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OUR CHURCH

Calvert United Methodist Church



Charge Conference 1997

Dr. Warren G. Booker, D.S. - Rev. Earl Watson, Minister



Anniversary

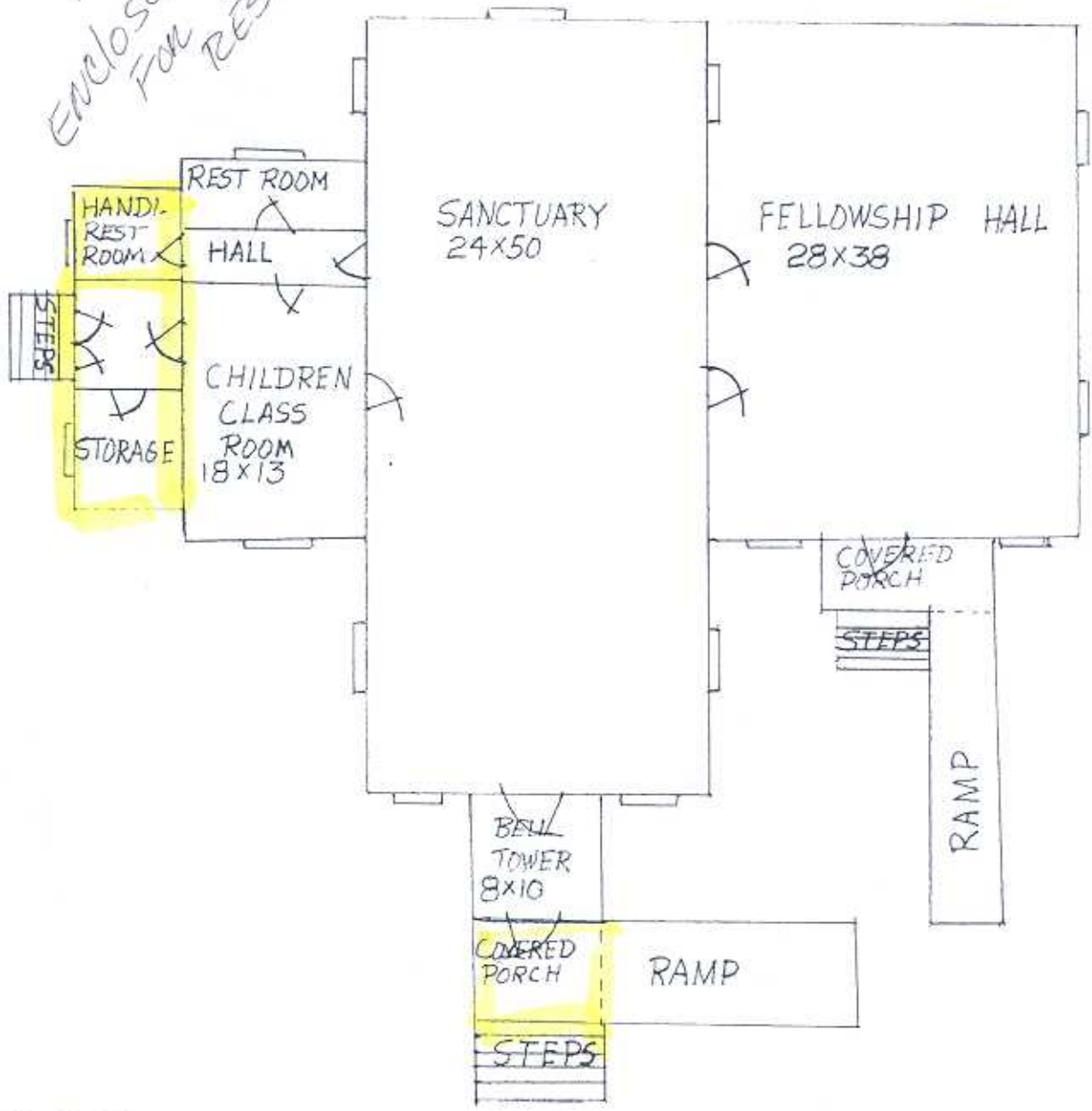
100 Years - 1889-1989

Dedication of Fellowship Hall

*#A - Built by DAN Smith in the 50's - REPLACED in 1989
#B) With STAINED GLASS window in memory of
CLARENCE LUCAS.*

"A"
ENCLOSED PORCH
FOR HANDICAPPED
RESTROOM

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2009

"A" REMODELING & EXPANSION

"B" CANOPY OVER PORCH-

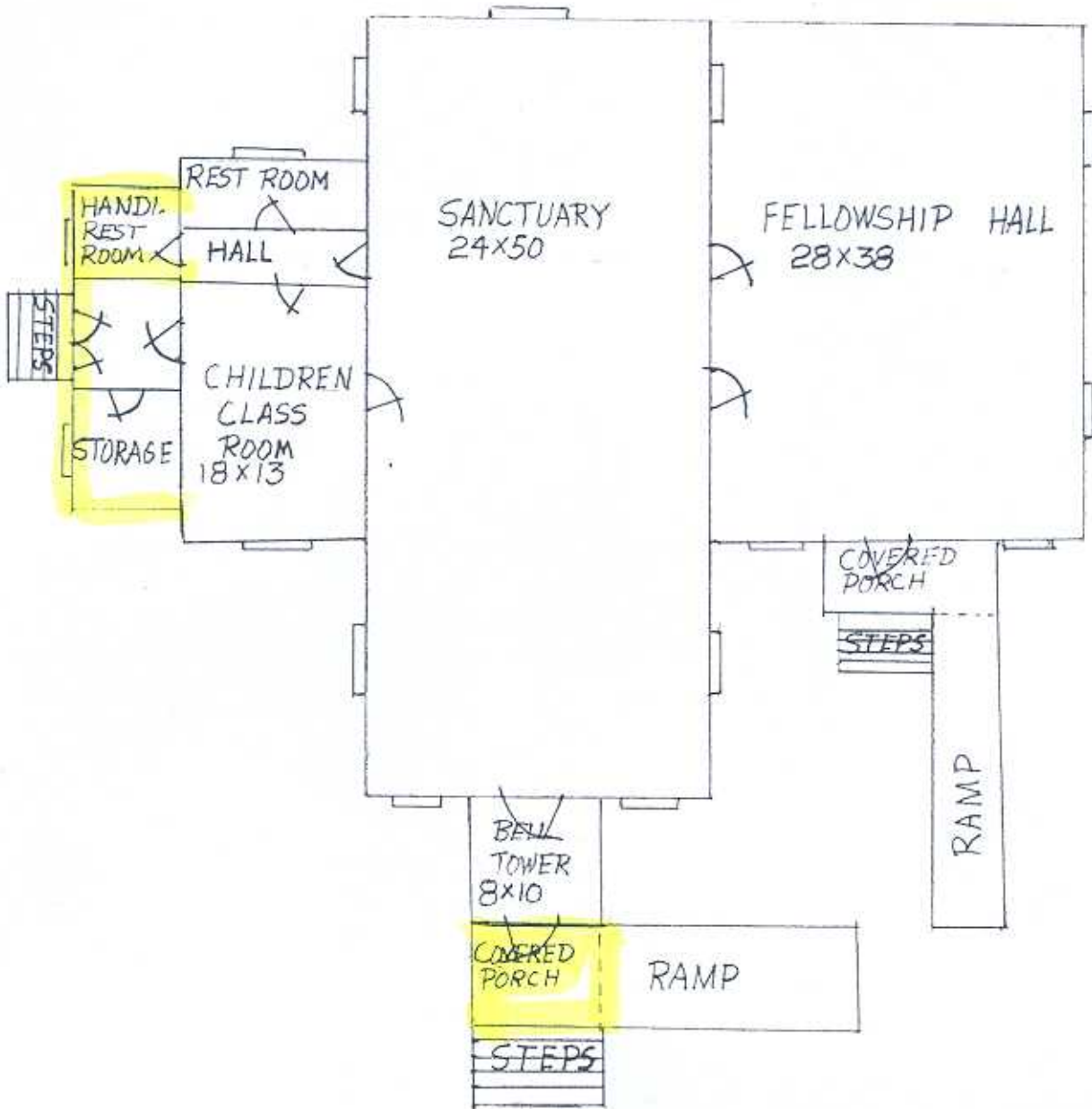
"C" REMODELED INTERIOR OF SANCTUARY
& REPLACED CARPET- ALSO REMODELED
CLASSROOM FOR CHILDREN.



- 1) INTERIOR OF CHURCH BEFORE IT WAS REMODELED IN 2009.
- 2) ALTAR REFINISHED 1986
- 3) INTERIOR OF CHURCH AFTER IT WAS REMODELED IN 2009.



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CALVERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SKETCH OF FLOOR PLAN - 2010

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CALVERT UNITED METHODIST
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ACCESS
YES

CALVERT
PARKING



Calvert United
Methodist Church

ACCESS
YES

Calvert United Methodist Church

Founded 1889

Welcome

10AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30AM WORSHIP

Deany McDavid, Pastor















