Davidson Memorial Church
Originated in Book Study

The missionary book, "Upplands Amerikaners," provided the incentive to start a Davidson Memorial Church, which is now located in North Davidson Street. A study of that book by the Women's Society of Christian Service revealed the possibilities of the First Methodist church in 1865. Many of the women of the church were members of the North Davidson Street neighborhood. The church doors were opened in 1865.

To meet this need for additional religious educational work, a lay committee was organized on the first Sunday in November, 1865, in the home of Mrs. H. M. McCallum. The committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fritchie, Mrs. W. W. Fritchie, Mrs. D. S. S. LaFayette, Miss Eliza A. Earle, and Miss M. L. Earle, and was organized as a Sunday school. The first class was instructed by Mr. McCallum.

On November 3, 1867, the original building was completed and the congregation met there in the spring of 1868.

The annual conference appointed Robert W. Fritchie, Mr. W. W. Fritchie, and Mrs. W. W. Fritchie, members of the board of trustees, the first Sunday in November, 1867.

The building was used as a meeting place for a number of years, and the congregation continued to grow.

The church was incorporated in 1870, and the present building was completed in 1871.

The church is still active today, and continues to serve the community with a variety of programs and services.

In addition to the regular worship services, the church offers a range of educational and social programs for all ages. It is a vibrant community center that includes a nursery school, a youth group, and a variety of adult classes and workshops.

The church is located at 123 North Davidson Street, Davidson, North Carolina 28036. For more information, please visit the church website at www.davidsonmemorialchurch.org.