



Elba United Methodist Church
Elba, AL
Heritage Sunday 2001 and
Super Kids 1999

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Methodist
Church**

HOMECOMING
February 13, 2011
10 a.m.

**Celebrating 100
year anniversary
of the church
Sanctuary**

**Feb. 11, 1911 -
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Each family attending Homecoming on February 13, 2011, will receive a DVD made from the 2001 Heritage Sunday Video. Also included on the DVD are two videos made of Super Kid events in 1999. Since not many people have VHS players anymore, we decided to preserve this history on a DVD and give each family one.

Several people discuss the history of EUMC on the DVD. You'll enjoy hearing Freddie Rainer talk about how he and Marshall Ringsdorf used to clean the church every Sat. morning and in the winter, get the pot belly stoves filled and then come early on Sunday morning and start a fire to warm the church. Wow!! Can you see teenagers doing that today? They also cut the grass in the summer. There are also scenes of the church surrounded by flood waters. So much history on this little disk. You can take it and make copies for everybody in your family.

Some little known facts about our 100-year-old Sanctuary:

W. B. Perdue, father of Dana Perdue and grandfather of Frank Perdue, constructed the new church. It was made from bricks that were made from red clay in Elba, at the Brick Mill. Boyd Murphree's father, Frank Harris Murphree, helped make the bricks. The plant closed after the 1929 flood.

The building was started in October 1909 and completed 2 years later, in February 1911. First occupied on Feb. 12, 1911. Total cost of the building was \$11,000.

When there wasn't enough money in a fund to build a Confederate soldier monument on the court house lawn, a decision was made to donate the money to the church to purchase stained glass windows in honor of the confederate dead.

We need some old photos of Sunday School classes, special events, etc. to use for the display table during lunch. We can make copies of these so your originals won't get lost.

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