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| GIBSONVILLE | METHODISM | USA/World |
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| 1760 |  | Methodist colonists arrive in America |  |
| 1773 |  | First conference of American Methodist preachers | Boston Tea Party |
| 1777 | Andrew Gibson moved into Guilford County to farm and to mine gold |  |  |
| 1784 |  | ME Church is founded |  |
| 1830 |  | Organization of MP Church | First locomotive steam engine put into service. |
| 1845 |  | The ME Church, South is organized | Florida statehood  Texas annexed |
| 1851 | Joseph Gibson, Andrew’s son, graded the road bed for North Carolina Railroad. |  |  |
| 1854 | The depot was built |  |  |
| 1855 | The first train came through. The area around the depot was named Gibsonville in honor of Joseph Gibson |  |  |
| 1871 | The “Town of Gibsonville” was chartered by the NC General Assembly. |  | Great Chicago fire |
| 1887 | Mr. Berry Davidson established the original cotton mill in Gibsonville.  The Methodist Protestant Church, the first church in Gibsonville, was built. |  |  |
| 1906 | Rev. Raper, an ME Pastor, conducted a religious service in Gibsonville. |  | San Francisco earthquake and fire |
| 1907 | The Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized in Gibsonville. |  |  |
| 1911 | New Gibsonville ME Church building was completed. |  |  |
| 1938 | Gibsonville ME and MP congregations merged. |  |  |
| 1945 | The “hut” that housed the Sunday School was replaced with the Education Building |  | United Nations organized  Harry Truman inaugurated  \*\*WW II ends\*\* |
| 1962 | The Methodist Church sanctuary was replaced with a new, modern building |  | Cuban missile crisis |
| 1968 | We became the Gibsonville United Methodist Church . | Establishment of the United Methodist Church |  |
| 2002 | "Forward in Faith" and "Advancing in Faith" campaigns funded a major refurbishment of both the sanctuary and the Education Building |  |  |