

## **The History of 351 Indiana Avenue**

This house number was originally 323 Indiana. This information came from Blount County deeds and from oral history, therefore apologies for misspelled names or incorrect dates.

The Huffstetler family owned a parcel of land (1889?) comprised of four lots bordered by Montvale Road, Indiana Avenue and the railroad. M.E. Huffstetler willed (1900?) the land to his three daughters, Anna Huffstetler, Zona Huffstetler Prather, and Eff Huffstetler Laughead. The Huffstetler home was built in 1905 at 405 Indiana Avenue. Zona Huffstetler Prather built next door at 351 Indiana (formerly 323) in 1907. The two houses had the same floor plan except the staircases were reversed. Both architectural styles were T-plan, 3 bays asymmetrical.

Since Zona Huffstetler Prather's ownership until 1919, 351 Indiana has been the home to the families of W.B. Spraker, Charles Clark, Nealy Morton, Henry Farley, Ivan Worrell, Coy Dixon, Commodore Fisher, The Reverend John Mathison, and Joe Pickett.

Commodore Fisher and his wife Frankie (1960-1979) were missionaries and brought to the property many perennials and fruit trees from their travels overseas. The Rev. John Mathison (Elaine) 1979-1986 was the minister of the New Providence Presbyterian Church. The present owners Joe and Annette Pickett have lived in the home since 1986.