History of Andrew Methodist Church

Andrew Methodist Church was built some time around 1850, possibly earlier. The original building is the one still used.

The idea for this church was conceived by Thomas Jefferson Smith, who was in sympathy with Bishop J. S. Andrews during the charges and accusations thrown at him about his owning slaves while being a servant of the church. This dispute often him partly lead to the division of the Methodist Churches of the North and South.

It was for this Dr. Bishop that Andrew was named. Mr. Smith furnished the money and neighbors of
Smithboro Community built it. The oldest living member, Ms. Jocora Smith is the grand-daughter of the founder.

In the beginning Andrew was on the Monticello Circuit. Monticello, Selma, New Hope and Hillboro was the group. At present Andrew is of the Shady Dale Charge. Other churches included Shady Dale, Isdrey and Liberty.

The following are some of the preachers who have served at Andrew:

Sam Jones  W.M. Swigg
John Bowden  J.S. Burdette
B.H. Deon  Tom Weller
Walter Willard  W.M. Brockman
D.A. Thower  M. Sherwood
M. Pharr  Augustus Ernest
Tom Kendall  Jesse Warwick
Frank Colley  Written by Wm. Ray
C.M. Verdel
when land or church
was deeded. Sept 31, 1905

By whom Edward D.
Smith Sr. & James Thomas
Smith.

decided to Trustees of
Andrew Methodist
East Church South
North 1A. Conconce.
(which were) Clayton D.
Bealsby - John T. Sells
Preston S. Chappin
William S. Howard
Edward D. Smith Jr.

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page 20.

Acres: One 3/8 acre platted.
Valued at time deeded
$1,000

Church was built before
land deeded.
Clause

In trust that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place for divine worship for the use of the Ministry and membership of the Methodist Church South.