HISTORY OF ANVIL BLOCK METHODIST CHURCH FROM ORIGIN TO 1951.

Anvil Block Methodist Church, Protestant, was organized in May of 1898. Mr. Henry Masters, a resident of the community, was instrumental in the organization. A lot for a church building was given to trustees by Rev. Samuel Masters of the Methodist Protestant Church. These trustees were: H. T. Masters, P. M. Blackman, J. G. Sprayberry, and I. H. Simpson.

The organization of the church took place after a revival meeting was held at the school house, which stood on the same lot as the present church building. Everyone in the entire community cooperated in the construction of the new church building and by the fourth Sunday in August, 1898, the building was ready for dedication. Rev. W. B. Costley, the first pastor, had charge of the dedication services. Rev. Samuel Masters, father of the founder, was also present at the dedication.

Fifteen pastors served Anvil Block while it was in the Methodist Protestant connection, as follows: John D. Keith; C. B. McDaniel; C. M. Towns; N. S. White; J. R. Anderson; J. B. Hanley; S. G. Campbell; Sam Dowis; J. M. Reynolds; W. M. Hunton; S. G. Lynch; M. L. Spain; J. V. Speer; & Carl Marx.
Eight pastors have served the church since Unification, as follows: Webb Garrison; Glyn Boye; T. H. Norton; Arthur Shelton; Hoyt Henderson; W. A. Woodruff; T. E. Fowler; & F. E. Jenkins, Jr.

Two Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church were held at Anvil Block.

The church has had one minister to enter military service, Rev. Hoyt Henderson.

A Ladies Auxiliary was organized at Anvil Block on September 8, 1934 with ten ladies present. The organization still continues to function under the new name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with twenty-eight members.

Stewards of Anvil Block who have served since 1940:


DISTRICT STEWARD from Anvil Block Church: E. M. Bond from 1947 through 1949.
CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS which have served Anvil Block Church since 1940.


CHURCH TREASURERS.

1940: O. R. Clark. 1941: Same. 1942: Same.
1943: Same. 1944: Same. 1945: Same. 1946: Same.

W. S. C. S. PRESIDENTS.

1940: Mrs. H. L. Clark. 1941: Same. 1942: Same.
1943: Same. 1944: Same. 1945: Mrs. J. B. Bond.

A Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized by Rev. T. E. Fowler in 1949 with Dorothy Hamrick as first president. Jack Grant has been president of the Fellowship through 1951.

GOLDEN CROSS DIRECTOR.

Mrs. O. R. Clark has been church Director of Golden Cross since 1945.

COMMUNION STEWARD.

Mrs. S. D. Mitchell from 1945 through 1951.
TRUSTEES OF CHURCH PROPERTY OF ANVIL BLOCK CHURCH SINCE 1940.