HISTORY
of
Faith
METHODIST CHURCH
Atco Methodist Church
Valton District

In April of 1922 the Reverend C. Jones Tyler, pastor at Stilesboro, came to Atco Ga. to hold a meeting. Atco is a small village 2 miles north of Cartersville just off Highway 41. As a result of this meeting, on June 4, 1922 some laymen, Ministers and with Rev. John F. Yarbrough Presiding Elder, in Charge met and organized the Atco Church as it is today. The Ministers present were; Rev. EM Twiggs, C Jones Tyler and George W Davis who was the first pastor.

The Atco Church was placed under the care of the East Cartersville Charge. (now Douglas St.) Rev. Davis delivered his first sermon to the young Church on July 9, 1922 from the text found in Luke 17:17. The offering taken that day and paid on the preacher's Salary was $6.75.

Rev. Davis, having a full time Church at East Cartersville, was unable to give regular preaching dates at Atco but came on Sunday afternoons until the North Georgia Conference in Nov. of 1922. After this date services were held each 4th Sunday Morning and Night.

The Church officers elected were Stewards Walter Millsaps, C.R. Underwood, M.A. Looney, R.A. Cochran, M.A. Looney is now Chairman of the Official Board of the Church.
Sunday School Superintendents, Dee Abernathy Golden.
Cross director Mrs. Walter Millsaps. Assessments for the year were:
Presiding Elder $25.00 (Rev. S.A. Harris P.E.)
Pastor $150.00
Conference and Gen. Work 12.50
District Work 1.75

Rev. John Watts assisted the pastor in Revival Services April 1-15, 1923. As a result of this meeting 3 members were received by profession of Faith and 2 by Certificate.

At the Annual Conference in Nov. 1923 Atco was taken from East Cartersville and put with the Emerson Circuit with Rev. J.A. Langford as pastor. A few years later, (records are incomplete as to date) Atco again became a part of East Cartersville as a half-time station and remained so until Nov. 1944 at which time it became a full-time charge with the late Rev. C.A. Reese as pastor. Since that time we have had as pastor Rev. F.M. Bartenfeld and the present Pastor J.W. Speer.

In 29 years this Church which was organized with 30 members and a yearly budget of $189.25 has grown to a membership of 511 and a budget of $7000.00 with prospect bright for still greater years ahead.
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In twenty-nine years this charge which was organized with 30 members, and a yearly budget of $189.50, has grown to a membership of 311 and an annual budget of $7000.00 with prospect bright for still greater years ahead.