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The first Methodist Church in Barnesville was erected in 1827 - 1828 where the Lamar County Courthouse now stands. The second building was built in 1852 on the present church property.

A larger church was built in the early seventies on the site of the present building. In 1902 this church was enlarged. Memorial windows and a pipe organ were installed. A Sunday School annex was started in 1930.

On August 15, 1939, the church was completely destroyed by fire. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. John E. Tate, it was immediately rebuilt, and the first service in the beautiful new building was held on September 1, 1940. The church was dedicated the following year.