HISTORY

OF

BETHANY METHODIST CHURCH
BETHANY METHODIST CHURCH was organized on April 4, 1915. It was first located on Bankhead Highway in Fulton County, Georgia. The late Mrs. L.S. Coursey was largely responsible for the organization of the Church. Rev. S.S. Daughtry was the first pastor, and Dr. Hughlet was the first Presiding Elder.

On June 13, 1915, the Sunday School was organized. Mr. L.S. Coursey was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and the teachers appointed were Mrs. W.T. Speer, Mrs. G.G. Shipp, Mrs. L.S. Coursey, Mr. R.L. Mauldin, and Mr. Street. There were 35 pupils, 2 teachers and 3 visitors at this first meeting of the Sunday School.

During December 1916, a Ladies Aid Society was formed.

In the spring of 1919, the building which the Church had occupied was sold. Church services were held every other Sunday at the Fortified Baptist Church, and the two Sunday schools met together.

In June 1920, the Church bought what had been an inter-denominational church building on Elizabeth Place from Dr. E.W. Grove, and moved into this building on June 13, 1920. This frame structure was destroyed by fire on March 13, 1932.

The present building was erected during 1932-1933, and was dedicated by Dr. John M. Moore, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during the summer of 1936.

A five room brick parsonage was built and completely furnished during 1937.

In November 1947, an 8 room house adjoining the Church property was purchased. This is being used as the Church School Annex.

The following pastors have served at Bethany Church since its organization:
Rev. L.S. Daughtry, April 1915 - November 1915
Rev. L.Q. Rorie, November 1915 - June 1916
Rev. W.C. Folks, June 1916 - November 1916
Rev. B.S. Via, conference 1916 - June 1917
Rev. Jones, - June 1917 - June 1918
Rev. Rogers, June 1918 - November 1918
Rev. Allen, - Conference 1918 to Conference 1919
Rev. Lester Rumble, - 1919 - 1921
Rev. J.L. Horton, - 1921 - 1923
Rev. V.L. Bray, 1923 - 1925
Rev. A.A. Tilly, 1925 - 1928
Rev. S.A.F. Waggoner, 1928 - 1930
Rev. Sewell A. Dixon, 1930 - 1932
Rev. J.D. Swaggerty, - 1932 - 1935
Rev. B.F. Frazier, 1935 - 1936
Rev. W.R. Sisson, 1936 - 1939
Rev. Frank Quillian, 1939 - 1942
Rev. Louie Huckaby, 1942 - Jan. 1947
Rev. Chas. E. Boleyn, June 1949 -