In the days when the Circuit Rider was traveling through the state of Georgia services were held on the spot where the first Bethlehem Church was constructed in 1854. This building was erected by David Smith, Henry Hosch, and J. Block who were converted by the early Methodist Rider of that day.

For many years, the Bethlehem Church was the religious educational, and social center for the area. It served as the school house until one was built; it served as a town hall until one was constructed in Hoschton; it served as the church center until, as the parent church, it permitted its children to grow in the surrounding country. The Hoschton and Center Churches are two of these.

The original building stood until 1920 and the new building was built the same year out of material which was not totally destroyed by the tornado. The benches in the present church are those which were used as early as 1870.