CHURCH HISTORY

BIG SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH
HOLLY SPRINGS CHARGE
ATLANTA-WEST DISTRICT

On November 1, 1854 several men bought a tract of land for one hundred and twenty-eight dollars on which to erect a camp ground for Methodists. This was called Big Springs Camp Ground. Those who were the first trustees are: Eli McConnell, Thomas Black, Robert H. Bober, Reuben Westbrooke, John M. Chambers, Isaac McConnell, John F. Mayne, and George M. Taylor. The total subscribers to the property were fifty-seven persons.

The tract of land is in the second District of the second section of Cherokee County. It is known and distinguished in the plan of this district by the no. 570. It originally was forty acres. Sometime later a part of the land was deeded for the Big Springs school. This school existed until 1954.

After the campground was organized, with permits for anyone to build tents for the purpose of accommodations for public worship, a church was formed. Many of the first rural Methodist Churches began as camp grounds, and then later the camp grounds were discontinued and the church remained. This was true of Big Springs. Also two other Methodist churches on either side of Big Springs began as camp meetings. These are Mt. Gilead and Shiloh.

Big Springs church has been on various charges. Before becoming a part of the Holly Springs Circuit about 1945, it was part of the Holbrook Charge (now in the Atlanta-East District).

As yet the church is still a one room structure. But improvements on the building have been recently made. These include new windows and frames, lighting, heat, plus other items.


I do not have a record of the ministers as I do not know what years Big Springs was on different circuits. However, since being on the Holly Springs Charge it has been served by the Assistant pastors of the charge who have been: J. M. Godbey (1947-49), Harold Braswell (1950-51), Kenneth Criswell (1952-54), Calvin Ward (1955-57).

Respectively Submitted,
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