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BLAIR VILLAGE METHODIST CHURCH

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Blair Village came into being as an appointment in the Atlanta-East District at the 1950 North Georgia Annual Conference. H. Dan Rice, a student at the Candler School of Theology, at Emory University, was appointed as the first pastor. There was no church building or community center in which to hold services, but after two weeks of visitation, the first service was held on July 9, in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Sales, at 3740 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 4, with eleven people attending. Charles Butler, theology student from Emory, acted as pianist, and continued in this capacity until the last of October, 1950. The first offering was taken on Sunday, July 23, 1950, and amounted to $2.39.

E. S. Furr, theology student from Emory, and his wife, Ruth, volunteered to help the pastor organize a church school. On the second Sunday in October, 1950, two children's classes were organized. Mrs. Furr took over as teacher of the Beginner's Class, with Mrs. Padgett as her assistant. This class met at 508 Penfield Circle, Apartment No. 4, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eubanks. E. S. Furr took over as teacher of the Primary Class, with Mrs. Blanton as his assistant. The Primary Class met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blanton, at 3590 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 1.

A Women's Society of Christian Service was organized on the fourth Monday night in October, 1950. Officers were elected, and Mrs. Blanton was elected president.

The Sales moved on November 15, and the place for church services was moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Clark, at 3870 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 4.
An Adult Church School Class was organized the second Sunday in December, 1950, with Dick Timberlake, a theology student from Emory, as the teacher. This class met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Clark, the same apartment at which church services were held.

The Eubanks moved in January, 1950, and the Beginner's Class was moved to the home of Mrs. E. P. Wagoner, at 3731 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 3. Mrs. Wagoner moved in March, and this class was then moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Padgett, at 36 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 4.

A community survey was conducted in February and March, 1951, to determine the number and address of the Methodist prospects. The church school enrollment gradually increased, and by Easter, forty-one were enrolled.

A pulpit stand was presented to the church by Mr. James Yeargin in January, 1951, and a piano was presented the latter part of April, 1951, by a friend.

Sunday, April 29, 1951, was Charter Day for the Blair Village Methodist Church. The charter was granted by the Reverend Rembert Sisson, District Superintendent of the Atlanta-East District. Fourteen members were enrolled as charter members: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blanton, Mrs. Gertrude Roberts, Miss Mary Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Padgett, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Teel, Mrs. E. S. Furr, Mr. Jim Sturm, and Mr. and Mrs. James Yeargin.
Officers elected were:

**Board of Trustees**

J. F. Blanton, Chairman  
J. W. Padgett  
T. L. Clark

**Board of Stewards**

James Yeargin, Chairman  
Mrs. J. F. Blanton  
Mrs. T. L. Clark  
Mrs. J. W. Padgett  
Miss Mary Roberts  
Jim Sturm  
Wiley Teel

The Blair Village authorities let us have an empty apartment, in which to hold church services - 3906 Wascanna Road, Apartment No. 4, - and the first services were held there on Sunday, May 27, 1951. The Church School classes are also held there. Night services were started on Sunday night, May 27.

The Oglethorpe Methodist Church gave us 50 cane-bottom straight chairs, and along with the piano, they were moved into the vacant apartment which is now the Blair Village Methodist Church.