The Bolingbroke Methodist Church grew out of a small Sunday School, organized by two ladies who were guests of W. M. Wadley family here. Miss Fairburn and Miss Fitzhugh seeing the need, started a union organization in the school building, now the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. C. McKinley, Sr. and Miss Elsie McKinley.

In the year 1902, Rev. W. C. Fox was pastor of the Forsyth Circuit. He preached one Sunday morning in the month at Salem Church and in the afternoon in the school house at Bolingbroke. His efforts were successful -- interest was aroused and a church organized. A revival was held and a nice number of new members taken into the church.

A special session of the Quarterly Conference was called by Rev. J. B. Robins, presiding elder of the Griffin District, and Rev. W. C. Fox to make plans to build a church. The conference convened at the appointed time in Forsyth, Rev. W. C. Fox in the chair. The following conference members were present: -- T. E. Walton, Sr., R. H. Davis, W. A. Thrash, E. C. Rumble, J. R. Hill, and G. A. Pennington. G. A. Pennington was elected secretary. Bros. J. P. Sutton and H. W. Searcy were also present. The consent of the Quarterly Conference was given the church at Bolingbroke to erect a house. Bros. T. E. Walton, Sr., W. A. Gray and C. B. Norris were elected trustees.

The building committee were the following: -- Bros. J. R. Harrison, T. J. Gray, C. B. Norris, T. E. Walton, Sr., and H. W. Searcy.

In the minutes of Nov. 8, 1902, we read that Rev. W. C. Fox considered the development of the church at Bolingbroke among the most important. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Fox, assisted by Rev. J. B. Robins and Rev. W. T. Hunnicutt, held protracted services here for a week, which resulted not only in addition of several new members, but culminated in plans for building a house of worship. The following names were added to the church roll at this meeting: -- J. H. Webb, J. H. Norris, J. C. Cocke, R. P. Cocke, John C. Cole, Clifford Saunders, Cleveland Cole, W. H. Hildebrand and T. E. Walton, Sr.

A building lot for the new church was donated by Mrs. Anne Castlen Cocke. Everyone having a will to help -- the new building was completed, excepting for the pews, during pastorate of Rev. S. H. Dimon. The first services held were protracted services led by the pastor.

Very soon all furnishings were completed, even a pulpit -- given by Mr. George Dole Wadley. All debts having been paid, plans were made for the service of dedication when Rev. W. E. Arnold was pastor. Dr. J. E. Dickey preached the dedicatory sermon.

Mrs. S. H. Dimon organized the first Home Missionary Society, with Mrs. Tom Gray as its first president.

The Sunday School here has been active since its first organization. Mr. T. E. Walton, Sr. being the first Superintendent. After his death, R. P. Cocke was elected Superintendent. When R. F. Elrod was pastor during 1921, we had an outstanding revival, receiving 16 members into the church. An Epworth League was organized -- doing unusually good work for several years. About this time the Sunday School here became the banner school of the Griffin district, by making the greatest percent increase in membership for the year. Miss Edna Cocke was Sunday School Superintendent. At that time there were 80 names on the roll. The average attendance was very good.
It has been the policy of the church from the time of organization to pay preacher's salary, and other obligations, when possible in monthly payments.

1901 -02
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. J. B. Robins
Pastor ------------------ W. C. Fox
S. S. Supt. ------------------ T. E. Walton, Sr.
Stewards ------------------
Trustees ------------------

1903
Presiding Elder ------------------
Pastor ------------------ W. C. Fox
S. S. Supt. ------------------ T. E. Walton, Sr.
Stewards ------------------
Trustees ------------------

1903-05
Presiding Elder ------------------ J. O. Brand
Pastor ------------------
S. S. Supt. ------------------
Stewards ------------------
Trustees ------------------

1906-07
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. J. T. Daves
Pastor ------------------ Rev. W. E. Arnold
S. S. Supt. ------------------ R. P. Cocke
Stewards ------------------ W. A. Gray, R. C. Mosley, R. P. Cocke
Trustees ------------------ J. C. Cocke, H. W. Searcy, R. P. Cocke, T. J. Gray

1908-09
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. J. H. Eakes
Pastor ------------------ Rev. J. M. Hawkins
S. S. Supt. ------------------ R. P. Cocke
Stewards ------------------ W. A. Gray, R. P. Cocke, R. C. Mosley
Trustees ------------------ J. C. Cocke, H. W. Searcy, W. A. Gray

1910-11 - 1912
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. J. H. Eakes
Pastor ------------------ Rev. E. A. Ware
S. S. Supt. ------------------ R. P. Cocke
Stewards ------------------ H. W. Searcy, T. E. Walton, Jr., R. C. Mosley

1913 - 14
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. Fletcher Walton
Pastor ------------------ Rev. M. M. Walraven
S. S. Supt. ------------------ Zollie Fritchett
Stewards ------------------ J. C. Cocke, W. A. Gray, Mrs. J. A. Camp
Trustees ------------------ R. P. Cocke, W. A. Gray, J. C. Cocke, H. W. Searcy

1915 - 16
Presiding Elder ------------------ Rev. Fletcher Walton
Pastor ------------------ Rev. E. P. Eubanks
S. S. Supt. ------------------ R. P. Cocke
Stewards ------------------ R. P. Cocke, W. A. Gray, J. C. Cocke
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1937 - 38 - 39 - 40
Presiding Elder -------------- Rev. L.M. Twiggs, Dr. R. L. Russell
Pastor ----------------------- Rev. J. D. Gibson
S.S. Supt. ------------------- Miss Annelu Walton
Stewards --------------------- W. A. Gray, B. F. Harrison, J. D. Grubbs
Trustees --------------------- W. A. Gray, B. F. Harrison, T. E. Walton

1941 - 42
Presiding Elder -------------- Rev. Paul Turner
Pastor ----------------------- Rev. G. T. Shell
S.S. Supt. ------------------- Miss Annelu Walton
Stewards --------------------- J. D. Grubbs, W. A. Gray, B. F. Harrison
Trustees --------------------- H. D. Clotfelter, W. A. Gray, B. F. Harrison

1943 - 44 - 45
Presiding Elder -------------- Rev. Paul Turner
Pastor ----------------------- Rev. Adrian Warwick
S.S. Supt. ------------------- Miss Annelu Walton
Stewards --------------------- J. D. Grubbs, W. A. Gray, B. F. Harrison
Trustees --------------------- H. D. Clotfelter, C. H. Gray, J. D. Grubbs

1946 - 47 - 48
Presiding Elder -------------- Rev. Paul Turner, H. H. Jones
Pastor ----------------------- Rev. Clyde Blackstock
S.S. Supt. ------------------- Miss Annelu Walton
Stewards --------------------- H. D. Clotfelter, C. H. Gray, J. D. Grubbs
Trustees --------------------- C. H. Gray, B. F. Harrison, Preston Nix

1949 - 50 - 51
Presiding Elder -------------- Rev. H. H. Jones
S.S. Supt. Pastor -------------- Rev. Tasker Johnson
S.S. Supt. ------------------- Miss Annelu Walton
Trustees --------------------- H. D. Clotfelter, C. H. Gray, Preston Nix