SOME HISTORY OF

BOWDON JUNCTION METHODIST CHURCH

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"THE STORY OF BOWDON JCT., GA."
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"Copied by Rev. Hoyt Johnson"
The grand-son of Thomas and Harriet Entrekin, who came here in 1874, tells of attending his first school at Old Harmony Methodist Church in 1880. It was a small log building and located approximately the location of Rev Cates' home. It was used, as previously stated, for school and worship services.

The church got a new location and building around 1914. For that story, I'm going to quote a letter written by Rev. Oscar Bruce Tally, April 4, 1949.

"Near the end of 1913, Oscar Bruce Tally (just out of the navy) organized a Sunday School at Harmony Schoolhouse.

In 1914 Mr. Lovvorn of Bowdon, gave a lot for the present location of Bowdon Jct. Methodist Church. The house was built during the pastorate of Rev. Thomas M. Luke.

It was built in an octagon shape. It was designed and built by Rev. Tally (the idea for the design comes from the Chinese pagoda.) Rev. Tally was assisted by the church members and friends. The thirty-seven first members were: J.B. Williams, J.B. Moore, S. E. Williams, W. T. Williams, Marion Caldwell, Arthur Hamilton Wilson, Othar Preston Wilson, J. H. Johnson, Henry Evans, H. M. Casey, J. W. Akin, J. E. Parker, A. W. Entrekin, Frank M. Moore, M. C. Moore, wife of J. B. Moore, S. E. Williams, Rebecca J Wilson, Sarah Parker, Minnie Eva Williams, Ella Dukes, Florence Belle Wilson, Cora Parker, Lula Adams, Della Williams, Lilly Casey, Kattie Parker, Elizabeth Wray, Mary Johnson, Luddie Entrekin, Alpha Entrekin, and Mabel Williams."

Some of the older, present members, recall two other pastors from many years back; Rev. Jeff Biggers and Rev. Maulding.

The present church building was erected many years later and at first had a belfry which was later removed.

Rev. Vernon Wynn of Carrollton, Ga. was pastor of the church for several years and graciously supplied the following information Aug. 3 1962:

"Within the last eight years, the church has been remodeled inside, Sunday school rooms built, new pews and piano bought and a new roof, windows and paint to beautify the exterior. That was quite an undertaking for the twenty to twenty-five active members. And best of all, a Sunday School was reorganized, making the Sunday School rooms necessary.

Regular worship services are held each first Sunday and Sunday night and Sunday School each Sunday. The present pastor is Rev. Hoyt Johnson.

The church property has been valued at $5,000. The membership at present is around sixty-five. The pastor's salary is $300."

Bits of History:

Tom Dimmock visited Harmony Sunday School and gave away Bibles.