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HISTORY OF BROOKS METHODIST CHURCH  
GRIFFIN DISTRICT, NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE  
MR. HOWELL B. HARDY, HISTORIAN

Inman - Brooks Charge

Brooks Methodist church is located in the little town of Brooks, Georgia, in Fayette County, and is near Griffin, Georgia. Brooks Methodist Church was organized in 1865. A record of the charter members and charter officials cannot be found. The church was started on its own initiative, and as far as anyone knows has never sponsored any other church.

As far as is known the following men have served as pastors of the Brooks Methodist Church. 1881-82 Rev. G. W. Hardway, 1897-98 Rev. J. Lane Ware, 1898-1899, Rev. W. C. Davis, 1899-1902 Rev. N. E. McBreyer, Nov. 1902-Nov. 1905, Rev. B. E. L. Timmons, Nov. 1905-Nov. 1908, Rev. J. W. Bailey, Nov. 1908-Nov. 1913 no record, Nov. 1913-Nov. 1914 Rev. J. S. Askew, Nov. 1914-Nov. 1916, Rev. A. E. Scott, Nov. 1916-Nov. 1918, Rev. R. P. Tatum, Nov. 1918-Nov. 1919, Rev. C. D. Read, Nov. 1919-Nov. 1922, Rev. J. R. Jones, Nov. 1922-Nov. 1922, Rev. W. E. Brown, Nov. 1922-Nov. 1923, Rev. Z. Speer, Nov. 1923-Nov. 1924, Rev. Terrill, Nov. 1924-Nov. 1927, Rev. J. S. Askew, Nov. 1927-April 1928, Rev. Williams, April 1928-Nov. 1931, Rev. J. C. Callaway, Nov. 1931-Nov. 1934, Rev. V. O. Gentry, Nov. 1934-Nov. 1935, Rev. L. P. Huckaby, Nov. 1935-Nov. 1937, Rev. George Stone, Nov. 1937-Nov. 1938, Rev. Z. V. Hawks, Nov. 1938-Nov. 1939, Rev. T. M. Holbrooks, Nov. 1939-Nov. 1941, Rev. H. C. Garrett, Nov. 1941-Nov. 1943, Rev. Lamar Cherry, Nov. 1943-Nov. 1945, Rev. Dickens, Rev. W. J. Graham, and Rev. J. Lackey, Nov. 1945-July 1947, Rev. R. E. Watley, July 1947-July 1948, Rev. Fred Stinson, July 1948--Rev. J. R. Thompson the present pastor. The following are the Presiding Elders and District Superintendents of this church during this period. No record up to 1913. Rev. F. Walton, 1915-1918, Rev. W. L. Pierce, 1918-1924, Rev. Luke G. Johnson, 1925-27, Rev. J. H. Eaks, 1928-1930, Rev. L. M. Twiggs, 1931-35, No record, 1936-1939, Rev. W. M. Twiggs, 1940-1944, Rev. Marvin Maxwell, Rev. R. L. Russell, and Rev. A. M. Pierce, 1945-49, Rev. Paul Turner, 1949-Present, D. S. Rev. H. H. Jones.

The church has sent out the following men into the ministry, Ira Jones, Alvin Longino, Luther Coppage, Hope Coppage, Jimmy Kelly, ~~Walter Watley~~, Offord Timmons, Walter Carmichael, Luther Digby, and Will Hill, Worth Huckaby, and Herschel Hudgins.

This is the second church building in which the people of the Brooks Methodist Church have worshipped. The present building stands on the original lot. The lot was given to the church by Mr. Posey. The original lot consisted of about two acres, but some of it has been sold, because the church did not need all of the two acres. The first building was built in ~~the year~~ the years during the War Between the States, and the cost is not known. The present building was erected in 1911 and the cost is not known. Yes the Brooks Church owns a parsonage jointly with the other churches of the Inman-Brooks Charge. It is the original building, and the present value of it is about \$3500.

The church does not own any other property, and the deed does not contain the trust clause.

The Sunday School was first organized in the year of 1886, with Mr. James Posey as the first superintendent. The enrollment is not known, neither is the amount that was paid for all causes the first year. The present enrollment is about twenty-five, and it raised about \$100.00 for all causes last year.

The Missionary Society was first organized in 1900, with Mrs. Lizzie Lee Posey Jones as the first president. The number of members and the amount of money raised for the first year is not known. There are twenty ladies on roll at the present, and ~~the~~ raised \$252.75 for all causes last year.

The church raised \$620.38 last year for ministerial support and benevolences. The amount raised the first year is not known, for no record was kept. The church raised about \$1,000.06 for all causes last year, but that raised the first year is not known.

Brooks Methodist Church has on roll at the present 110 members. This information was

taken from old records, and from older members who knew some of the church history. Sorry that we could not give ~~xx~~ a ~~more~~ fuller history of our church at Brooks, Georgia.