HISTORY

Of

BUCHANAN CHARGE

Buchanan Church
Bowden Junction Church
Dodson Church
Poseyville Church
The Buchanan Methodist Church was organized about the year 1879 in the Haralson County Court House in Buchanan. There were four members present who organized the first church. They were Mr. & Mrs. George M. Roberts and Mr. & Mrs. Connell. Rev. Billy Simpson was the first pastor.

Services were held for a while in the Court House but later the group moved to a school house North of the town. After a short time there, the Baptists offered them the use of their church which was near the center of the town on the spot where the present Methodist Church stands.

The Methodists soon built a church on the West side of the Court House square. There was a union Sunday School at that time of which Mr. Horatio Williams was superintendent.

This first church burned in the fall of 1888. They met again in the Baptist Church for a while with the Rev. L. D. Coggins as pastor. They soon purchased a lot from Mrs. Tom Moore across the street from the Baptist Church. Then in 1908 they exchanged lots with W. C. Moore and built the brick church which is in use at the present time, being on the East side of Cedartown Street.

During the years from the organization up to the present time many fine men have served this church; to mention a few: J. D. Turner, Walter G. Crawley, C. M. Verdell, B. P. Searcy, C. P. Marchman, J. M. Fowler, B. H. Green, L. H. Green, J. W. King, F. D. Cantrell, W. S. Gaines, C. A. Norton, J. W. Veatch, H. D. Pace, O. P. McDerment, M. B. Sams, E. P. Eubanks, G. W. Hamilton, T. H. Maxwell, J. Walker Chidsey, J. L. Black, J. V. Jones, Charles Williams, Hollis Brigman, Geo. E. Chambers. Some portion of this time Bremen and Buchanan were served together as half stations.

A parsonage was purchased about 1900 and J. M. Fowler was the first pastor to live in the parsonage.

After having a union Sunday School for several years, the Methodist Sunday School was organized in 1895 with G. M. Roberts as Superintendent. (Much of this information was given by Geo. W. Roberts, a son of G. M. Roberts and Mrs. W. T. Newton who is a daughter of G. M. Roberts, both of whom live here at the present time).

The next Superintendent was C. W. Ault; then J. J. Beall, then W. A. McCalman, who served until his death in 1908. An educational annex is now under construction.

The Missionary Society was organized about 1907 or 1908 with 8 or 10 women present, three of the charter members living here at the present time. Mrs. L. H. Green organized the society and the W.S.C.S. is active at the present with 41 members.

It is believed that Simon P. Richardson was the first Presiding Elder. Later came Dr. Lovejoy, Dr. Glen, A. W. Williams, W. T. Irvine, J. H. Eakes, J. R. King, J. P. Erwin, George L. King, W. H. LaPrade, B. Frank Pim, Wills M. Jones and the present Dist. Supt., D. L. Hagood.

The membership has always been small and numbers at the present time about 125 members, active and inactive.

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