HISTORY

of

BUCKHEAD CHARGE

Buckhead Church

Fork Chapel Church
History of Buckhead Methodist Church
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On the present site there has been a church building since the early 1800's. The only church in this section and citizens for miles around would come here to worship.

This site was part of a vast acreage owned by Daniel G. Gunn and in 1883 Mr. Gunn deeded this site to the town of Buckhead to be used for church and school purposes. The plat and deed calls for one and one-half (1½) acres. A tract 315 feet long and 209 feet wide.

The original church was built of logs and in 1884 this building was replaced with a more modern building; a frame building of which the little town was justly proud. Methodist and Baptists worshipped here as one large family—a community church. The members filled with the holy spirit and love for their fellow man. An ideal church. In this environment my childhood days were spent. My sister, Mannie Bearder, was the first teacher in this building which was used as a school as well as a church.

The names of some of the Methodist families who worshipped here were; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrow, the Jack Barrow family, members of the almand family, Luther VanWinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson and George, Dr. and Mrs. Hbrookley, the W. B. McRee family, the Richard Bearden family members of the Wallace family, members of the Banner family and many more whose names I do not recall.

Later the Bowman family, the Dr. Rogers family, the Milton Bryant family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer PaChal, the Walter Wright family, Mr. West Armour and sister Miss Abbie Armour, their niece Mary Nettie Storzier, the Avery family, the Pirkle family, Mr. and Mrs. Alect Moore and family, and Miss Hallie Strozier, Became Members.

The Buckhead church was a part of the Rutledge Circuit. The pastor was appointed by the conference each year, and many times remained for four years. The personage was at Rutledge, and the pastor and his family would come down once a month on Saturday afternoon and remain for the week end—having service Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night—preaching to a filled church.

The church that I remember and loved, was burned in 1914, and the present church was erected in 1915. Those who became interested in the church in later years and gave generously toward erecting this church among them were;—Mr. R. N. Perkile, Harry McWhorter, J. B. Swords, Mrs. Juilla Shouse, W. M. McRee, Walter wright, Mr. Pat McWhorter, Mr. Gus McWhorter and many others.

This is a grand old church of which the members are justly proud, with an opportunity for winning a ripe harvest of souls for the Master.