

1917 and 1950 Churches.

By Jean Herrin Bond and Jewell R. Alverson.

Church built in 1889 razed to make way for new building completed in 1917. Parsonage next door was later remodeled and brick veneered. Committee to solicit funds: O.N. Starr, A.B. David, T.A. Hopper, J.G.B. Erwin, E.L. Jackson, P.C. Dunnagan, F.L. Hicks, C.F. McClain, R.R. Owen, L.N. Legg, Mrs. G.A. Hall.

Building committee; O.N. Starr, L. Moss, J.G.B. Erwin.

Cost, \$26,000.

Church dedicated 1917 by Bishop Warren G. Candler.

Memorial Windows.

Thos. M. and Susan A. Ellis. (moved to new church)

James W. and Milda Harbin.

Zack T. and Elizabeth Gray. (Moved to new church.)

John M. and Mary Jarvis.

Robertta Harris Wilson.

Major Aaron Roff.

Sarah Elizabeth Crutchfield.

T.E. Reeve First Missionary.

Harriet Gold Boudinot, wife of a Cherokee Indian, Elias Boudinot.

To the Poor of the church, by G.A. Hall. (moved to new church.)

Jennie A. Moss

Oliver N. Starr and Ella H. Starr

Bertie B. Hall

Lot for new church purchased from Lulie Pitts ~~1848~~ 1948, cost \$8000.

Building Committee; Rev. C.W. Fruit, J.H. Reeve, T.J. Brown, J.L. Spink,

Finance Committee; A.B. David, T.J. Brown, Dr. M.M. Ellis, C.L. Moss,

Sam Powers, Willie V. Owen, James H. Starr, Mrs. Anna Maude Wise,

Mrs. J.M. Wright, Mrs. J.H. Reeve.

Architect, William Crutchfield, Chattanooga Tenn.

Thomas A. McLain and
Mary Bolding McLain

Markers, Inscriptions and Memorials.

Windows (new); Mr. and Mrs. T W. Harbin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Starr, Bertie B. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. David.

Furnishings of Chapel given by Family in memory of Dr. J. H. Boston.

Grand piano in sanctuary purchased with funds given in memory of deceased members.

Organ given by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matthews, in memory of Mrs. Matthews father, James H. Starr.

Bronze plaque, left front; First Methodist Church, Calhoun Ga.

Building program inaugurated 1948, Y. A. Olover Pastor.

Building erected 1950, C. W. Fruit Pastor.

Plaque right front; Lanterns given to memory of Claude E. David, by wife and son.

Inside entry; Spire of this church erected in memory of Lawrence Moss. He loved his fellow man.

Entrance to Chapel; Plaque, This furnished in memory of Dr. John H. Boston.

At entrance to Sunday School building; Plaque. 1919, Leila Mooney Hall, Promoter and First Superintendent of Elementary Dept. Calhoun Methodist Church. Her good works do follow her.

(Moved from old church.)

Echoes from the 1880s.

Jewell R. Alverson.

In a letter printed in ~~an~~ a 1914 edition of the Calhoun Times, W.W.Wester, of Gadsden Ala. , wrote; My father , W.V. Wester, and my mother, ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Susanna} Bennett, were married on July 1, 1855 in the old Methodist church, corner Courthouse and River streets.

H.H. Dobson sued the trustees of the church , Oct. 25, 1855, for money loaned them in 1853, \$145. The church was sold at the courthouse, 1856, by Sheriff S.T. ~~King~~ ^{King}, first Tuesday in May. Bid off by Samuel C. Simpson.

1863; J.D. Tinsley sold lot 30, Chandler Survey, with house to the trustees of the Methodist church; James Harkins, T.A. Foster, M.S. Troutman, I.R. Ramsaur, A.C. Trimble, N.A. Jackson. (Int. Passage)

Aug. 26, 1870, Elam Christian, Editor The Calhoun Times* "The little old hull of a church which stands at the extremity of Courthouse street must ever be a crying shame to the people of our town. (Pop. 1000) It is over 5 years since the cessation of hostilities and yet we have not recovered sufficiently to build a house of worship to praise the living God."

Sept. 1870; The Sunday School met at the Methodist church Saturday morning and marched up Courthouse street to the Railroad. They were joined here by the Sunday School from Adairsville , who arrived on the 11 o'clock train. They proceeded to the Presbyterian church lot, the shadiest spot in town, for a program and a basket dinner.

Dec. 1870; Rev. T.M. Pledger returned and will preach at the courthouse next Sabbath. The building will be properly warm.

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Rev. W.J.Scott,P.E.'preached at the courthouse.

"What is to become of our children, reared in a community almost without a church ? Let's build a church whose towering spire will sparkle in the sunbeams."

1871; Calhoun is still without a respectable or comfortable house of worship. Arouse, we say, arouse, our fellow men and let immediate steps be taken to wipe away the reproach from among us. We suggest a more suitable site.

July 1871; A big skeleton of a war relic, a hull of a thing, a monument of shame and an eyesore. A mausoleum of past goodness, a living standing proof that there is precious little pure religion in Calhoun, is that affair across the railroad except a church.

Oct. 1871; The matter of church building is again dormant. Why do people persist in so utter disregard of their highest duty ?

Sept. 1872; The Baptists and Methodists both are resolved to have houses of worship.

1873; The old Methodist church is being torn down. The building was started in April --weatherboarding up and painted.

April; Work almost done for the District Meeting

May. Church ready to be dedicated, by Bishop Pierce.

June; Methodist church received finishing touches last Saturday. An eloquent sermon preached by Rev. George C. Rankin, a young man of Resaca. Rev. Mr. Bigham P.E., preached last Sunday night.

Aug.; New blinds on the Methodist church.

1874; Oct. In 2 years, Calhoun has completed 2 churches. Last Sunday, 2 bells rang out.

A new organ for the Methodist church. Mrs. Parrott organist.

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Sunday School organized.

Dec. 1874; still no stove for the church

1875; Pastor A.C. Thomas preaches on first Sundays at the Methodist church. He shows great earnestness. The church has new song books and 2 beautiful hanging lamps.

In 1875, Rev. A.C. Thomas conducted a 3-weeks revival. The revival spread to other churches and a score of the worst sinners in town were converted. Sunday School enrollments were increased by 100%.

1877; The Methodist church lot on Courthouse street was sold to Mrs. N.E. Pitts, March 3, 1877. Price \$70. Lot 209 feet square.

Trustees; Thos. A Foster, E.J. Kiker, T.M. Ellis, Z.T. Gray, L.N. White.

1880; Methodist church had 127 members.

1881; First wedding in the church was that of Miss Lizzie Wilson and Mr. Wilson Hines. The church was beautifully decorated. Organ music by Miss Mattie Henderson. The young lady attendants were beautifully dressed, each accompanied by a young man.

Members attended the North Georgia Conference at Dalton.

This Conference represents 1/3 of the Methodists in the State. There are 215 traveling preachers, 416 local, 50 lay delegates and 52 lay committeemen. A church property of \$844,732 -- Emory, LaGrange and Dalton and Covington Female Colleges.

New Methodist church 1889.

The 1874 church was destroyed by a cyclone. J.T. Waldrip architect and builder in 1889. L.G. Bradbury painter. Building 40' by 60', 2 spires, ceiled in sections with beaded ceiling.

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Door at either side. First service held in April. Pastor Simeon Shaw preached. Sunday School organized.

First service in new church in April. Sermon by Pastor Simeon Shaw. Rev. H.C. Moeison preached dedication sermon May 9, 1889, text Matt. 16:16-18.

1890; formal wedding of Mr. Logan Pitts and Miss Flora McDaniel. The church was beautifully decorated. Ceremony by Mark Matthews and Rev. L.P. Winter.

1893; Christmas; Church filled to overflowing to hear Rev. W.T. Hamby's brilliant and entertaining sermon on The First Christmas. It's Proper Observance Today.

1894; From Easter sermon by Rev. W.T. Hamby: "The gate of the City of God flies wide open and the doors are lifted high and the matchless spirit of our Emanuel sweeps through the gate of pearl and toward the mediatorial throne. Heaven is elated. The great broadway of Jerusalem is lined with the spirits of just men and women made perfect. Let us behold the man until the high ideal of Christianity be reproduced in us here. "

Pastors and Presiding Elders and District Supts.

From history compiled by T.J.Lance.

1854; Rev. M.D.Bond, Pastor; Rev. J.W.Payne P.E.

1856; Rev. R.F.Jones, Pastor.

1859; Rev. Whitfield Anthony. Pastor P.O McGuire's Station; Rev. John W. Glenn P.E.

1861; Rev. Churchill A. Crowell, Pastor, address Casville Ga.

Rev. John W. Glenn P.E., Cave Springs Ga.

1869; Rev. Thomas W. Pledger Pastor; Habersham J. Adams P.E.

1869; "Pastor to be supplied"; Rev. W.P.Harrison P.E.

(Rev. Pledger had resigned because of eye trouble.)

¹⁸⁷⁰1871; Rev. Thomas Pledger Pastor; Habersham Adams P.E.

1871; Rev. J.M.Barnes Pastor; Rev. H.H.Parks P.E.

1871; Dalton District formed; Rev. T.M.Pledger Pastor; William J. Scott P.E.

1872; Rev. John Robinson Pastor. (resigned 1873, replaced by Rev. M. Lupo, of Whitfield Co.) William J. Scott P.E.

1874; Rev. P.J.Reynolds Pastor; Rev. R.W.Bigham P.E.

1875; (not in Lance's list) Rev. Allen C.Thomas Pastor. Conducted 2-week revival that changed Calhoun. Spread to other churches.

1877; Rev. A.W.Williams Pastor; Rev. A.M.Thigpen P.E.

1878; Rev. M.L.Underwood Pastor; Rev. A.M.Thigpen P.E.

1879; Rev. M.L.Underwood Pastor; Rev. W.A.Parks P.E.

1880; Rev. N.Z.Glenn Pastor; Rev. W.A.Parks P.E.

1881; Rev. B.E.L.Timmons Pastor; Rev. J.F.Mixon P.E.

1882; Same as 1881.

1883; Rev. J.A.Rosser Pastor; Rev. J.F.Mixon P.E.

1884; Rev. G.W.Thomas Pastor; Rev. W.F.Quillian P.E.

1885; Same as 1884.

1886; Rev. R.R.Johnson Pastor; Rev. W.F.Quillian P.E.

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1887; Rev. R.R.Johnson Pastor; Rev. John M.Lowery P.E.

1888;Rev. Simeon Shaw Pastor;Rev. JohnM.Lowery P.E.

1889;Rev. Lovick P.Winter Pastor;A.G.Worley P.E.

1890;Rev. Lovick P. Winter Pastor;Rev. J.B.Robins P.E.

1891;Rev. W.T.Hamby Pastor; Rev. W.C.Dunlap P.E.

1892;Rev. W.T.Hamby Pastor; Rev. H.J.Adams P.E.

1893;Same as 1892.

1894;Rev. B.H.Trammell Pastor; Rev. H.J.Adams P.E.

1895;Rev. Clayton Quillian Pastor;Rev . H.J.Adams P.E.

1896;Rev. Clayton Quillian Pastor, Rev.Rev. A.W.Williams P.E.

1897;Rev. M.S.Williams Pastor; Rev.A.W.Williams P.E.

1898;Rev. S.A.Harris Pastor (father of Pierce Harris.):Rev. A.W.
Williams P.E.

1899; Rev. S.A.Harris Pastor;Rev. B.P.Allen P.E.

1900;Rev. J.W.Hunt Pastor;Rev. B.P.Allen P.E.

1901;Rev. J.C.Atkinson Pastor;Rev. B.P.Allen P.E.

1902; Rev. Atkinson Pastor;Rev .Ford McRee P.E.

1903;Rev. Jeff Davis Pastor; "

1904;Rev. G.D.Stone Pastor. "

1905; " "

1905 to 1909; Rev. Frank Quillian Pastor;Rev. W.P.Lovejoy.

1910; Rev. T.J.Christian Pastor;P.E. & Rev.J.D.Turner Pastor.

1911 to 1914;Rev. Edward G. Mackay Pastor;Rev. W.T.Irvin P.E.

1914; Rev.Walter S. Branham Pastor;Rev. S.B.Ledbetter P.E.

1915 to 1917; Rev.C.M.Lipham; Rev. S.B.Ledbetter P.E.

1918; 2 years,Rev. J.M.Radford Pastor; "

1919-1921;Rev. T.J.Branson Pastor;Rev. John F. Yarbrough P.E.

1922-23-24;Rev. E.D.Hale Pastor;Rev. S.A.Harris P.E. Thru 1925.

1925;Rev.J.T.Eakes Pastor;Rev. Frank Quillian P.E.1926-1929.

1928-1931;Rev. S.D.Cherry Pastor;Rev.J.R.Turner P.E thru 1933.

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1933; Rev. R.C. Cleckler Pastor; Rev. J.R. Turner P.E.

1934; Rev. G.F. Venable Pastor; "

1936-1937; Rev. J. Herman Allison Pastor; Rev. A.M. Pierce P.E.

1938; Rev. W.H. Gardner Pastor; Rev. J.S. Thrailkill P.E.

Title changed to District Superintendent in 1939.

1942-43; Rev. R.L. Armour Pastor; Rev. C.M. Lipham D.S.

1943 to 1947; Rev. Y.A. Oliver Pastor; "

1948-50; Rev. C.W. Fruit Pastor; Rev. N.P. Manning D.S.

1951-52; Rev. G.M. Acree Pastor; "

1953 to 1956; Rev. John C. Moore Pastor; Rev. H.C. Stratton D.S.

1957-1960; Rev. A.B. Elizer Pastor; Rev. W.H. Gardner D.S.

1961-1966; Rev. Robert E. Bridges Pastor; Revs. E.D. Rudisill and
W.A. Tyson Jr. D.S.

1966; Rev. W. Mack Tribble Pastor; Charles H. Middlebrook D.S.

1970; Rev. Jack Lamb, Pastor; Rev. C.H. Middlebrook D.S.

1974; Rev. Jack Lamb, Pastor; Rev. Dan Rice D.S.