
Many years have passed, to be exact, 81 years, since this "old school house revival" took place at Camak, Ga., Warren County. Dr. R.W. Hubert was preaching in this revival and due to the enthusiasm, inspiration and spiritual feeling that existed, a group of consecrated men and women felt the need of a church in this small community of only a few homes and probably fewer citizens.

With the Rev. T.A. Seals, preacher in charge and Dr. Hubert presiding, the Camak Methodist Episcopal Church South, became a reality in August 1870, with (40) forty charter members, some of whom came by letter from the Macedonia Methodist Church and others on profession of faith.

The land was donated by the late William Mayes, grandfather of Miss Lura and W.J. Mayes, for the purpose of erecting a church building on part of the balance to be used for a cemetery.

The first official board consisted of nine (9) Trustees, two (2) stewards, one of whom was J.H. Brinkley, another grandfather of Miss Lura and W.J. Mayes, two (2) class leaders, one of whom was Mr. Mike Rogers, grandfather of Mrs. Belle Rogers C.B. Sawyer.

Services were conducted in the "old school house" until a wooden structure was erected. By hard work of the ladies, who sponsored suppers, quilting, festivals and what else, the financial need was met and the indebtedness was paid.

After many years of service this church was condemned and sold to the Negro Baptist congregation and was removed to a site about two (2) miles out of town and after repair, the original edifice still stands and serves.

By subscription, a beautiful building was erected in 1926, consisting of four (4) Sunday School rooms, pastors study and a three hundred (300) seating capacity sanctuary under the supervision of the late W.T. Mayes, W.M. Moere and R.T. Mayes building committee, almost on the same site as the old church.

On Sept. 28, 1930 the dedication sermon was preached by Bishop Warren A. Candler to a large concourse of people. He used as his Scripture Gen. 28 Hebrew 10 and his text was from Psalm 87:5-6.

There have been two (2) who went out from this church to work for the Master, namely Rev. J. Tom Hendricks, father of Rev. Claude Hendricks, as a preacher and Miss Susie Mayes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Mayes, who went as a missionary to China. At present she is home on furlough and would have completed (50) twenty years of foreign service had not the world situation intervened and forced her return home.

Pastors who have served this church since its organization are:

T.A. Seals
W.F. Smith
Josiah Lewis Jr
George Hardaway
J.R. Parker
F.S. Davies
W.F. Hamilton
G.W. Duval
J.H. Mashburn
W.R. Stillwell
R.P. Martin
J.H. Bailey
C.L. Kelley
J.W. Srupae
F.G. Hughes
J.W. Bailey
S. Leake
J.C. Adams
J.T. Robbins
J.M. Fowler
Z. Spear
W.B. Bessent
R.W. Rogers
Firley Baum
W. C. Butler
F. H. Ragsdale
J. E. Russell
J. A. Reese
J. M. Guest
H. D. Pace
G. C. Burtz
O. L. Vickery
A. P. Watkins
H. L. Wood

J.S. Hill
R.E. Lyle
R.W. Greene
H. F. Barfield
W. W. Byington

Pastors who have served this church since its organization are:

R.W. Hubert
H.R. Pate
James Armstrong
Frank Guy.
Former Church School Supers have been:

J.H. Brinkley Deceased
Mike Rogers
W.G. Rogers
W.J. Mayes
R.W. Ware
W.E. Smith
W.M. Moore Jr.

J. Albion Chapman (Baptist)

Former Pianists are:

Miss Donie Mayes Deceased
Mrs. Annie Fuller Berry
Mrs. Eva Swain Gill
Mrs. Armicie Rogers Holmes
Mrs. Norabelle Fuller Sheppard
Mrs. Eugenie Chapman Murrow
Mrs. Flora Haynes Twilley
Mrs. Roberta M. Gill
Mrs. Nelle Nichols.

Former Secretaries include:

Robert Mayes
W.M. Moore Jr.
W.J. Mayes
Curtis McCarty
Miss Lura Mayes
Miss Florrie Chapman.

The Womans Missionary Society was organized, date not recorded, by Mrs. Tuddie Hubert Felts Deceased, Miss Donie Mayes was the first President. Other Presidents have been; Mrs. J.A. Chapman

Miss Lura Mayes
Mrs. R.T. Mayes
Mrs. J.M. Rachels
Mrs. J.A. Hannah
Mrs. A.L. Potts
Mrs. W.R. Haynes

The W.M.S was changed to The Womans Society of Christian Service October 1940 with charter members; Mrs. J.A. Chapman

Mrs. W.M. Moore
Miss Donie Mayes
Miss Lura Mayes
Mrs. (H.) Eleanor Gill
Mrs. R.T. Mayes
Mrs. W.R. Haynes
Mrs. A.L. Potts
Mrs. W.E. Smith
Mrs. J.A. Hannah.

The membership has grown to twenty-three (23). Mrs. W.E. Smith is ending her fourth year as President and according to the Constitution is the limit for a President to serve.

The present church roll membership is (87) eighty-seven with more than half residing elsewhere.

The oldest member is Mrs. Pearl Mershon (J.A.) Chapman and others in succession:

W.J. Mayes
Mrs. Laura (R.T.) Mayes
Miss Lura Mayes
Mrs. Lillie Durham (Alfred) Mayes.

So good things thrive and the Camak Methodist (so changed after
Worship services are held on two (2) Sundays each month, by the regular appointed conference pastor on the second Sunday and by a local preacher on the fourth (4) Sunday, who at present are, the Rev. W.W. Byington, with his charming wife reside in the Thomson Circuit Parsonage, Thomson Ga., and Dr. Frank Guy, Pharmacists, who with his wife also reside in Thomson.

In 1925 and 1926 the parsonage was located here, when the charge was changed.

The officers of the church are:

Stewards—T.A. McCrary
W.R. Haynes
W.M. Moore Jr.
A.L. Potts
J.W. Radford
W.E. Smith
G.C. Norris

Trustees
W.T. Harper
Carlton Bell

Trustees:
W.R. Haynes
A.L. Potts
W.J. Mayes
T.A. McCrary
G.C. Norris
A.C. Whitehead

Secretary & Treasurer:
Mrs. A.L. Potts, who is Church Pianist as well.

The Church School is very small and was first organized by an Episcopal Minisiter Cranston, first name not known on record, nor the date.

Officers of the church school: Carlton Bell, Supt.
Gene Rachels Secretary
Ben Mayes, Asst. Secretary
Mrs. J.W. Radford Pianist
Miss Jacky Mayes, Asst. Pianist

Mrs. W.M. Moore Treasurer

The school consists of five (5) classes:

Bible Class, T.A. McCrary, Teacher
Young Adult, Mrs. A.L. Potts
Intermediates Mr. W.R. Haynes
Juniors, Mrs. E.A. Wilson
Primary, Mrs. W.M. Moore

Other teachers who have served
Mrs. J.H. Brinkley
Mrs. Sallie Hendricks
Mrs. Mamie McCarty (W.J.) Mayes
Miss Donie Mayes
Mrs. J.A. Chapman
Mrs. R.T. Mayes
Mrs. Myra Fuller Weaver
Mrs. Eva Swain & Bob) Guill
W.J. Mayes
W.G. Rogers
W.E. Smith
W.R. Haynes
Mrs. Roberta Mayes Guill
Mrs. Florence Gibson (J.A.) Noonan
Miss Florrie Chapman.
History of the Camak Methodist Church. Contd

the merger of the Northern and Southern Methodist has made much progress through all these years.

Let's plan now for the centennial.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. L. Potts
(Allene Chapman)