History of the Candler Methodist Church

The Candler Methodist Church was organized on July 17, 1887, the charter members were A. E. Bate, Margaret Bate, James A. Cobb, Shaldania H. Cobb, John H. Simmons, Meary A. Simmons, Della Simmons, M. W. Sears, Ruth Sears, William Heely, Joseph W. Heely, Jane Heely, Meary A. Little and John W. Cobb. All of these members were transferred from some other church. The first preacher of the church was S. H. Braswell, he served as pastor for three years.

When the church was built they covered it with shingles, and painted it white on the outside, but didn't seal, paint or wire the inside. After several years they sealed the inside, and changed the roof from shingles to tin. Up until 1940 the church was lighted with Kerosene lamps, then it was lighted with electricity.
The Church has the original pews,
banches, and pull-pit stand, It wasn't
painted inside until 1947, then it
was painted, and blinds put at the
long windows, which had gone with
with out any thing since the Church
was built.

We have had forty two pastors
since we organized, our members and
attantance have decreased a great
deal. Our Church has prospered the
most from 1947 until 1977. Our
present membership is forty four.

The Candler Church has sent out
one conference preacher, an one
local preacher. We also have an
other local preacher a member of
our Church.

The oldest living member up
to now (1951) is Mrs. O.W. West. She
has been a member since Child-
hood.
HISTORY OF THE CANDLER METHODIST CHURCH
in question and answer form.

1. The name of the church is?
   Candler Methodist Church.

2. How long has this church been standing?
   Sixty-five years.

3. Who was the preacher at the time of its beginning?
   Mr. Breaselt.

4. How many different preachers have we had at this church?
   Thirty.

5. Has this church building been rebuilt at anytime?
   No.

6. Was the church property bought or donated?
   It was bought at a cost of $80.00.

7. Did Sunday School gather anywhere to worship before the church was built? If so where?
   Yes, it met at the school house.

8. Has the membership increased or decreased?
   Decreased.

9. How many charges has this church been on?
   Two charges.

10. Has the church sent out any preachers? If so how many?
    Yes, one.

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