(CANEY HEAD)

CHURCH

ESTB. ABOUT 1833
Starting at right of pulpit and running clock-wise
or church

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denney

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Earnest; Mr. John W. Albert R.; Marvin C. Pearce, and James L. Smith.
In Honor of Willis Smith

In Memory of Mrs. L. W. Denney and Honor of Mr. L. W. Denney.

In Memory of John and Ida Barker.

In Memory of John and Harriet Lancaster—Dedicated By Mayhayley Lancaster.

In Memory of Mr. W. T. Atkinson—In Memory of Mrs. W. T. Atkinson.

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. M. Soroggin.

In Memory of Mr. Frank Thornton and In Honor of Mrs. Frank Thornton.

In Memory of Mrs. J. O. Walls and In Honor of Mr. J. O. Walls.

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barker.

In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knight.

In Memory of Uncle Bud, Aunt Nancy and Aunt Fannie Walls.
HISTORY

It is impossible to find the exact date of the constitution of Caney Head Church. From the best information to be had it is sure that the church is nearly one hundred and sixteen years old and is the oldest Methodist church west of the Chattahoochee River in Heard County. The present building is the fourth in which services have been held. The first building was about one mile southwest of the present location and was built in the edge of a cane brake near a small stream. This location in the edge of the cane gave its name of Caney Head. When the location was changed to the present site a log church was built and served for many years and was replaced with a frame building and served till the present building was built in about 1897.

In addition to the church building there was a school building on the grounds and for many years school was taught here by more famous teachers among whom was W. H. Battles who was a true type of the old fashioned school master. It was the only school in the whole community and was attended by all the children from the country around.

The written records of the church can be found only back to 1832, but Mrs. Harriett Lancaster could remember that she joined the church at Caney Head in 1864 and at the same time 73 people joined the church in a great revival under David Striplin who was the pastor, the church was an old church then. Since Franklin Methodist church is the oldest in the county, constituted in 1832, it is quite possible that the young church of Franklin helped organized Caney Head the following year 1833.

The only titles to the land that can be found is a deed from W. E. Wallis to the trustees: J. P. Atkinson, Enoch M. Smith, John H. Kelley, John T. Kelley and C. B. Walls. This deed was executed in the year 1899.

Striplin and Turner was among very early pastors of the church and beginning with 1882 the following preachers served as pastors of the church: Sappinton, Embry, Daniel, Braswell, Myers, Morris, Laster, Bailey, Burges, Murdock, Weaver, McBrayer, Jones Graham, Kennedy, Benson, Green, Tatum, Roper, Wells, Woodruff, Carnicale, Withrow, Hawks, Kirkpatrick, Frackburn, Lovvorn, Coffman Maxey, Owens, Blackburn, Brown, Millr Chambers and Clark the present pastor.