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Capitol View Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized November 11, 1911, at the home of C. A. Carpenter on Allene Avenue by Rev. Joel T. Daves, Presiding Elder of the Atlanta District.

A list of the charter members is as follows: C. A. Carpenter, Mrs. C. A. Carpenter, Miss Nellie Carpenter, S. N. Freeman, W. B. Deckner, Hunter Hogue, Mrs. Hunter Hogue, Mrs. Farris A. Mitchell, J. L. Jepson, Mrs. J. L. Jepson, Frank P. Jepson, Albert F. Miller, Mrs. Albert F. Miller, Junius P. Hill, Miss Ruby George, W. D. Bethea, Mrs. W. D. Bethea.

The Sunday School of Capitol View Methodist Church was organized in a tent at the corner of Dill and Stewart Avenues on the first Sunday in January, 1912. John C. Shannon was Superintendent; Frank P. Jepson, Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society officers and members were: Mrs. J. L. Jepson, President; Mrs. A. C. Hay, Vice President; Mrs. O. C. Cole, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. A. F. Miller, Mrs. Farris A. Mitchell, Mrs. W. D. Bethea, Mrs. George P. Dickson, Mrs. Hunter Hogue, Mrs. George Robbins.

The first communion service was administered by Rev. W. D. Heath, of the Alabama Conference, on Easter Sunday, 1912.

The foundation of the church was laid in 1913, during the pastorate of Rev. E. K. Akin. The congregation worshipped in the basement until 1925, when plans were made for the erection of the present building under the pastorate of Rev. W. T. Watkins. The building was completed March 18, 1928, while Rev. W. J. Culpepper was pastor, and during the pastorate of Rev. H. C. Stratton, final payment on the mortgage was made. Shortly thereafter, plans were begun for the building of a Sunday School annex, to be paid for as the work progressed. This structure was completed and occupancy begun also during Rev. Stratton's pastorate. The value of the present church building, including the Sunday School annex and furnishings, is \$75,000.

In 1946, it was decided to purchase another parsonage. The old frame parsonage on Beatie Avenue was sold, and the present parsonage, a seven-room brick residence, located on Shannon Drive in Capitol View Manor, was purchased. Part of the furnishings were replaced at this time also, the present value of the house and furnishings being \$17,500.

A pipe organ was purchased in 1945, however, at the present time the church is negotiating for the purchase of an electronic organ at a cost of approximately \$4600.00.

The kitchen was remodeled in 1950, with the addition of wall cabinets and other new equipment.

Rev. L. B. Simpson was the first pastor of Capitol View Methodist Church, and supplied from December 1911 to March 1912, when Rev. W. S. Lampkin was appointed and served until May 1912. He was relieved by Rev. E. K. Akin, who filled out the remainder of the year and supplied for 1913. The pastors who served from 1912 to the present time are as follows: W. P. Carmichael, 1914-1915; Roscoe David, 1916;

L. L. Burke, 1917-1918; Hamby Barton, 1918-1919; Arthur Maness, 1920-1922; W. T. Watkins, 1923-1926; W. J. Culpepper, 1927-1928; Claud Hendrick, 1929-1931; W. J. DeBardleben, 1931-1935; J. H. Allison, 1936; B. F. Mize, 1937-1939; H. C. Stratton, 1940-1947; R. B. Hawkins, 1948; O. P. Fitzgerald, 1949-1950; Dr. Wills M. Jones, 1951.

Members who have served as Chairmen of the Board of Stewards since organization of the church are as follows: Sam N. Freeman, Sr., John C. Shannon, Dr. L. N. Osborne, W. B. Deckner, T. W. Teasley, Ed G. Deckner, C. E. Purcell, D. B. Pearson, and the present chairman, G. F. Coley.

Since the church was organized 39 years ago, the membership has increased from 17 to 1,050, and the membership of the Sunday School for approximately 550.