HISTORY

of

TEMPLE-CONCORD CHARGE

Center Point Church
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Temple Church
CENTER POINT METHODIST CHURCH

The first Methodist Church in this community was one mile north of the present location of Center Point Methodist Church. The old church was known as County Line, and was established in the early 1800s, the exact date of which is not known.

At a Quarterly Conference held October, 3, 1903 at County, permission was granted to build a new church at Center Point, and a building committee was appointed:

J. D. Wester
T. E. Bartlett
Giles McCulleugh.

The lumber and labor for the new church was donated by the members. The pastor of the Church was the Rev. B. H. Trammell, who planned and superintended the building, and worked as hard as any member, on the new church, which was finished the following summer. The value of the building at that time was approximately $1,000.00. The land on which the new church was erected was donated by Wesley Dominick. The land for the cemetery was donated by Mrs Mary Ophelia McCulleugh.

The location of the Church is four miles south of Temple, Georgia, in Carroll County.

The charter members of Center Point Church was as follows:

T. J. Benner
John H. Bartlett
Mary Bartlett
R. R. Ballard
Samuel Haynes
Alice Haynes
Ruie P. Levans
Mrs Ophelia McCulleugh
Sara Crockett
T. E. Bartlett
Lucy A. Wester
Clark Bartlett
James D. Wester
Harry Crockett
Ophie W. Bartlett
W. Garden Bartlett
Ira W. Witcher
Malissa E. Witcher
Maggie A. Bartlett
Alice A. Crocket
Iola Crockett
Eddie Benner
Marvin Wester
Effie Ora Haynes

The list of preachers and Presiding Elders that have served Center Point Church from 1903 to 1951; are as follows:

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<th>PRESIDING ELDERS</th>
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<td>Buford Smith</td>
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We have had an active Sunday School since the Church was erected in 1902. The following have served as Superintendents of the Sunday School:

- J. D. Wester
- Walter Threadgill
- J. V. Hamrick
- William McGukin
- J. M. Wester
- S. A. McGukin
- Mrs. Clarence Gray
- Olin McGukin
- Bob Gray
- Donald Levans.
The men who have served on the Board of Stewards and as Trustees are:

F. J. Sharp  
T. J. Benner  
J. V. Hamrick  
J. M. Wester  
William McGukin  
J. D. Wester  
S. A. McGukin  
Hugh McGukin  
Cecil Levans  
W. N. Parrish  
Clarence Gray  
W. O. Wester  
Roy Parrish  

E. B. Allen  
Earnest Perdue  
Mrs Loyd Wester  
H. T. Drewry  
J.W. Parrish  
Andrew Hamrick  
Arthur McGukin  
John Parker  
Giles McCulleugh  
M. G. Almen  
W. N. Baxter  
W. E. Wester

The Church has been kept in good repair and no major changes were made in the building until November 1949, when the building was completely remodeled. A vestibule and three Sunday School rooms were added. The Church was painted inside and out and a new roof placed on the building. A heating system of butane gas was installed, new pews, new hymnals and new carpet was placed in the church. The total cost of the remodeling was $6,000.00. A new piano had been placed in the Church in 1948. The value of the Church plant at the present time is $10,000.00.

The building committee for remodeling the Church were:

Roy Parrish  
W. O. Wester  

E. B. Allen  
Dewey Muse.
The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized by Miss Bert Winter in July 1925 with twelve charter members as follows:

Mrs Clara McGukin         Mrs Ruie Levans
Mrs Ophelia McCulleugh    Mrs Bessie Wester
Mrs Lucy Wester           Mrs Ellie Wester
Mrs C. A. White           Mrs W. A. Almen
Mrs. Iva Levans           Mrs Omie Almen
Mrs Mary Drew             Mrs Alberta Driver

Mrs Ellie Wester was the first President of the W. S. C. S. and served for twenty four years, until her death in 1949. After her death the society was named for her and is now known as the Ellie Wester Circle. The society now has twenty members, with Mrs E. M. West as president.

The Church now has a membership of one hundred members. The Church is on the Temple Charge and services are held on the fourth Sunday in each month. This Church pays $550.00 on the pastor's salary. Other assessments amount to $300.00 per year, which does not include Sunday School work. The W. S. C. S. raised $600.00 in 1950 for all purposes.

The Church now has an active Methodist Youth Fellowship.

This brings the history of Center Point Church up to date of December 31, 1950.

Historian Mrs C. S. Levans