

HISTORY
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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 McCullough.

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 McCullough.

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 McCullough
 Sara Crockett
 T. E. Bartlett
 Lucy A. Wester
 Clark Bartlett
 James D. Wester
 Harry Crockett
 Ophie W. Bartlett
 W. Gordon Bartlett
 Ira W. Witcher
 Malissa E. Witcher
 Mattie A. Bartlett
 Alica A. Crockett
 Lola Crockett
 Eddie Bonner
 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;

PRESIDING ELDERS	PASTORS	YEAR
W. R. Foote	B. H. Trammell	1903-4
	W.O. Butler	1905
S.B. Ledbetter	H.M. Strozier	1906-7
J.S. Jenkins	J.W. Geber	1908-9
	G.H. Bailey	1910

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W. B. Dillard 1912	L.P. Huckaby	1911-14
J. H. Eakes 1913-16	W. O. McMullan	1915-16
	Clem T Ivey	1917-18
Geo. L. King 1917-20	B. F. Mise	1919
	Z. V. Hawks	1920-21
W. T. Irvine 1921-24	G. W. Bailey	1922
	R. P. Tatum	1923
	B. W. Kilpatrick	1924
J.P. Erwin 1925-28	Z Spear	1925
	B.N. McHan	1926-28
G.L. King 1929-32	J.L. Varner	1928-29
	R.I. Johnson	1930-33
J.W.O. McKibben 33-36	W. B. Hughes	1934-35
H.C. Holland 1937-40	B C Matteson	1936-38
	J.L. Lupe	1939-40
W.L. LaBrade 1941-43	Adrian Warwick	1941-43
B. Frank Pim 1944-47	G T Shell	1944-45
	Arthur Griffies	1946
W M Jones 1947-50	A. W. Williams	1947-50
D.L. Haygood 1950-	Buford Smith	1950-

We have had an active Sunday School since the Church was erected in 1903. The following have served as Superintendents of the Sunday School:

J. D Wester	S. A. McGukin
Walter Threadgill	Mrs Clarence Gray
J. V. Hamrick	Olin McGukin
William McGukin	Bob Gray
J. M. Wester	Donald Levans.

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The men who have served on the Board of Stewards and as Trustees are:

F. J. Sharp
T. J. Bonner
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 McCullough
M. G. Almon
W. N. Baxter
W. B. 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.

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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 McCullough	Mrs Bessie Wester
Mrs Lucy Wester	Mrs Ellie Wester
Mrs C. A. White	Mrs W. A. Almon
Mrs. Iva Levans	Mrs Omie Almon
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. L. Levans