

HISTORY OF CONCORD METHODIST CHURCH
Hickory Level, Carroll County, Georgia

1828 to 1966

Concord Church was organized in 1828 with thirteen members. Some of the charter members were Rev. James Baskin, David Stripling, Wright Majors and James Upton. While the names of all the original members are not definitely known, some of the following families were no doubt among them: Allen, Baxter, Bryce, Cash, Powell, Taylor, Turner, Wynn and Ballards.

Concord Church was literally the mother of many of the early local preachers. Among them being: James Baskin, James Bryce, James Stripling, David Stripling, William Brooks, William Francis Spaight Powell, Levi Thomas Gardner Powell, J. F. Bryce, C. W. Baskin, Biyed Kelly, Jesse Garrison and Sam Baskin.

There have been many who have gone from this church and community to attain high places in the field of education, agriculture, commerce, home making, medicine, nursing and the Christian Ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred I. Smith, members of Concord Church, moved to Brazil in 1869 and spent their lives there in missionary work. In 1870, Bishop Pierce sent the first missionary to Brazil and in the yard of Mrs. Smith was held the first conference in Brazil and the organization of the first Methodist Church in Brazil.

In 1869 sixteen Negroes were members of Concord Church. One Negro was a preacher, Rev. Larkin Walker. He was also buried in the church cemetery.

There have been a large number of great revivals in the church. One of these was in 1889 conducted by members of the church, local preachers

C. W. Baskin, J. F. Bryce and Thomas Powell did the preaching. This reached almost every individual and home in the community.

Another one of the high moments in the history of the church was that August day in 1896 when fifty-four men, women, boys and girls were received into the church. That was under the Pastorate of the Rev. W. T. Irvine in the early years of his long and very useful ministry.

The Sunday School was organized around 1868. There were some years during the bitter cold winter months it would be suspended for a short time, but with the coming of more favorable weather, it would always start again. There has been a duly elected Superintendent each year since its beginning. Its present Superintendent is Mr. Dan Williams. The Sunday School has contributed a big part of the addition of members and the building up of the spiritual life of the church. It is perhaps one of the main reasons why, although Concord is a rural church, it has continued to live and grow.

The Woman's Missionary Society had its beginning about the middle of the 1890's with Miss Mollie Wynn as its President. Its contributions in the way of service to the church have been many. It seems that each time some tough job presents itself, it eventually finds its way into the hands of these good women. Then it is always finished in a superb way. The President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the present is Mrs. Mae Baskin. They are still very active in the church.

In 1966 the North Georgia Conference gave Concord Church the citation of being the oldest Methodist Church in the Rome District.

BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

The land, the present church property, was donated and deeded to the church by James Baskin in 1828. In that year the first house of worship was erected. It was of logs and was eighteen feet square. The second house of worship was built in 1836. It was also built of logs and was twenty-four feet square. The third house was a frame building and was built in 1854 at a cost of about \$500.00 and was thirty-six feet by forty feet. It was dedicated to God on the first Sunday in April 1854 by Rev. John C. Simmons, District Superintendent. The fourth church building was also a frame building forty feet by sixty feet. It was built in 1891 at a cost of over \$1,000 and was dedicated to God the 30th day of August 1891 by Rev. H. C. Morrison, D.D. His text was taken from Matthew 16th Chapter and 18th Verse - "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

The fifth house of worship, which is the present one, was of brick and was built in 1909 after a storm wrecked the old building. The cost of the building, including work and material was about \$4,000. It was dedicated to God by Bishop Warren A. Candler, the first Sunday in July, 1909.

IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS
TO CHURCH BUILDING

January 8, 1922 - Individual Communion Server	\$ 22.50
1935 - Pews and interior repairs	631.00
1941 - New Steps on front and columns at entrance	230.00
1944 - Memorial windows and doors. Dedication of memorial windows and doors October 29, 1944 by Rev. B. Frank Pinn, District Superintendent.	2135.00
1948 - Cement floor and tile	1700.00
1954 - Educational Building Dedication of educational building by Bishop Arthur J. Moore, May 9, 1954.	10,000.00
1954 - Altar Rail, Communion Table, Wainscoating	Est. 400.00
August 3, 1959 - Marble baptismal font	187.00
March, 1957 - New Pulpit	100.00
1962 - New Roof on church building	Est. 700.00
1962 - New Roof on educational building	506.22

AVAILABLE RECORD OF
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

1842 - 1847	W. D. Mathews
1848 - 1850	James P. Payne
1851 - 1855	J. C. Simmons
1856 - 1858	Samuel Anthony
1859 - 1860	W. H. Evans
1861 - 1864	J. Blakley Smith
1865 - 1867	J. C. McGee
1868 - 1869	L. J. Davis
1870 - 1871	Peter Ryburn
1872	J. A. Kimble
1873 - 1874	Thomas Pierce
1875	W. P. Pledger
1876 - 1879	S. P. Richardson
1880 - 1882	W. T. Gynn
1883 - 1887	J. R. Mason
1888 - 1889	W. D. Anderson
1890	W. F. Glenn
1891 - 1893	M. P. Lovejoy
1894 - 1895	G. P. Gibson
1896 - 1897	A. M. Williams
1898	M. J. Cofer
1899 - 1900	T. J. Christian
1901	W. R. Footourd
1902 - 1904	M. J. Cofer

1905 - 1908	S. H. Ledbetter
1909 - 1910	John S. Jenkins
1911	Walter Dillard
1912 - 1915	J. H. Eakes
1916 - 1919	J. R. King
1920 - 1923	W. T. Irvine
1924 - 1927	J. P. Ervine
1928 - 1931	G. L. King
1932 - 1935	J. W. McKibben
1936 - 1938	H. G. Holland
1939 - 1942	W. H. LaPrade
1943 - 1947	P. Frank Pinn
1948 - 1949	Willis M. Jones
1950 - 1953	D. L. Haygood
1954 - 1958	J. Hamby Barton
1960 - 1965	R. Parks Segars
1966	Dumas Shelnuitt

PREACHERS WHO HAVE SERVED CONCORD METHODIST CHURCH
AT HICKORY LEVEL, CARROLL COUNTY, GEORGIA

1828	Unknown
1829	Simeon L. Stephens
1830	George W. Powell
1831	Applenton Haygood
1832	George Bishop
1833	William Stegall
1834	M. Gresham
1835	James Jones
1836	J. W. Yarbrough
1837	Thomas W. Thomas
1838	Alford Dorman
1839	Phillips Groves
1840 - 1841	Sidney M. Smith
1842	Jesse M. Carroll
1843	Thomas Fowler
1844	B. E. Lucas
1845	Robert R. Johnson
1846 - 1847	Wm. B. Moss
1848	J. Blakley Smith
1849	William E. Lucy
1850 - 1851	Thomas H. Whitley W. B. McHand Jr. P.
1852	Alfred Dorman L. G. Allen, Jr. P.
1853	Cleyburn Trussell J. G. Worley, Jr. P.

1854	W. J. Wardlaw M. W. Arnold, Jr. P.
1855	Cleyburn Trussell
1856 - 1857	Thomas Boring
1858	Miles W. Arnold
1859	Jackson W. Brady
1860	Samuel Clark
1861	James Lupo
1862	David Stripling
1863	John Murphy
1864	No pastor (War)
1865	David Stripling
1866 - 1867	W. C. Dunlap
1868	Cleyburn Trussell
1869	Robert R. Johnson
1870 - 1872	J. N. Myers
1873	Sanford Leek
1875	Joseph Chambers
1876 - 1877	F. F. Reynolds
1878 - 1879	J. D. Weems
1880 - 1881	Britton Sanders
1882	O. C. Simons
1883 - 1885	S. H. Braswell
1886 - 1887	E. H. Wood
1888 - 1889	Sanford Leeke
1890	W. M. Sewell
1891	W. J. Wood
1892	S. W. Rodgers

1893	J. M. Fowler
1894	J. T. Curtis
1895	W. E. Tarpley
1896 - 1897	W. T. Irvine
1898	Artmeus Lester
1899 - 1900	J. S. L. Sappington
1901	T. P. Graham
1902 - 1904	B. H. Trammell
1905	W. O. Butler
1906 - 1907	H. M. Strozier
1908 - 1909	J. W. Gober
1910	J. W. Bailey
1911 - 1913	L. P. Huckaby and G. P. Braswell
1914 - 1915	W. O. McMullen
1916 - 1917	C. T. Ivey
1918 - 1920	B. F. Mize
1921	W. P. Carmichael
1922	R. S. Fleming
1923 - 1924	A. F. Nunn
1925	Z. V. Hawks
1926 - 1927	W. E. Brown
1928	A. B. Elizer
1929 - 1932	L. L. Burch
1933	G. P. Gary
1934	W. D. Spence
1935 - 1938	Barret L. Barton
1939	Y. A. Bailey

1940 - 1941	T. H. Maxwell
1942 - 1946	S. A. Dailey
1947 - 1949	A. W. Williams
1950	Buford Smith
1951	C. J. Grilhe
1952 - 1955	Herschel H. Sheets
1956	A. R. Folds & Associate Clarence McCall
1957	Frank Dorris - Associate Clarence McCall
1958	Frank Dorris - Associate Clifton Whitlock
1959	Clifton Whitlock
1960	J. D. Lawrence
1961	H. W. Cannon
1962	George Miller
1963 - 1964	Sven Mossinger
1964 - 1966	Thomas Jerry Mitchell