Confidence

Methodist preachers from North Carolina began holding services in the Confidence community, Young Cane, Georgia, about 1835. Between 1835 and 1845 the church was organized and approximately in 1845 the first building for church purposes was constructed. This is one of the few churches (Methodist or Baptist) not built for a school and church. At times, school was held in the church, but not a great deal. This church progressed and grew in number. Great and rather emotional revivals were held, and many converts gained. This church was the head of the Young Cane circuit, now disbanded. In approximately 1875, a parsonage was built. The building still stands across the road from the present church building but has long since ceased to be used as the parsonage. In 1890 a new church building was constructed in connection with the Masonic Lodge. The Lodge Hall was upstairs, the church on the first floor. It was a nice, large building. The church grew. It was the largest Methodist church in the county, at times having over 200 members. During World War I people began to move out of this section and continue until this day.

In 1945, it was decided to build a new church. A heated controversy arose over whether or not to rebuild with the Masonic Lodge, whether to remodel, and what type building to put up. It was decided not to build with the Lodge. The church was split badly, several withdrew from the church. A small but faithful group went ahead with the building. It was slow, but finally in 1948, it was completed and dedicated. It is a nice cement block building with four Sunday School rooms.
In the meantime dissatisfaction with the Methodist Church, in general, had set in. For several years it was served by students, this brought further dissatisfaction. Without the consent of the Conference, a group in the Church called a local Baptist preacher and a retired local Methodist preacher of the Northern branch of the Methodist church as their pastors, and intended not to accept the pastor sent by the North Georgia Conference. However things were worked out. The building that had taken so long to complete, was completed. Many of the rifts were patched—but some division remains. It has hurt the Church and it will take a long time to recover. Slowly but surely the spirit of the church, the organization and the attendance improves, and the church serves its community well.