

HISTORY
OF
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The original Dallas Methodist Church was located in Paulding County on land lot Number 350 in 1844. This land, located about one and one-half miles southwest of Dallas, Georgia, was donated by Samuel Chappell. The first church house was built of pine logs cut from the grounds on which the church was built. This building was destroyed by fire several years later.

On March 18, 1855, the Justice of the Inferior Court, namely L. M. Matthews, John Pace, S. D. McGregor, S. Ragsdale, and J. J. Williams executed a deed to Samuel Chappell, Hezekiah Harrison, Jacob R. Owen, Thomas M. Ansley, and Dr. George T. Parker, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to the plot of ground on which the church house and parsonage now stand.

Several church houses have been erected on the present church grounds since enlarged in 1912. A Church School annex was added to this in 1940. On a Friday night in February, 1944, this church plant was burned. While the embers were still smoking, the Board of Stewards met on Sunday afternoon in the parsonage to make plans to rebuild. Present also were Rev. Charles Moore, Pastor, Rev. Joe Black, former Pastor and District Superintendent B. Frank Pim. The present \$100,000. structure was started in 1945. In 1946 the congregation moved in. The building was completed in 1951. In April, 1951, Mr. R. R. Lee, Chairman of Board of Stewards, completed a drive for funds to clear the church of debt. The drive was successful and the church was debt free. Plans for dedication were made.

In 1892, the Board of Trustees and Stewards of the Church and property was composed of E. Davis, A. J. Camp, J. B. Watson, R. L. Rawls,

and Dr. S. Robertson. The Pastors from 1881 - 1951 have been:
 1881, Samuel D. Evans; 1882-83, B. F. Payne; 1884, W. W. Brinsfield;
 1885, R. B. O. England; 1886-87, S. B. Ledbetter; 1888, G. J. Orr;
 1889, W. B. Austin; 1890, K. W. Newton; 1891-92, W. J. Wood; 1893-94,
 W. T. Irvine; 1895, C. C. Durel; 1896-98, J. T. Eakes; 1899, J. G.
 Golden; 1900-02, A. F. Nunn; 1903, J. E. Rorie; 1904-05, J. M. Fowler;
 1906-07, A. S. Hutcheson; 1908, J. N. Bailey; 1909, J. W. Gober;
 1910-12, L. Roper; 1913, J. L. Ware; 1914, N. L. Green; 1915, G. B.
 Barton; 1916, T. M. Elliott; 1917-19, M. M. Walraven; 1920-21, W. A.
 Woodruff; 1921-22, G. W. Ridley; 1922-23, O. J. Withrow; 1924-27,
 W. E. Brown; 1927-28, E. C. Swetman; 1928-30, J. W. Stephens; 1931-35,
 J. B. Gresham; 1936, W. Z. Wiggins; 1937-39, J. L. Black; 1940-42,
 A. F. Howington; 1943, Charles O. Moore; 1944, Gordon Thompson, 1945-47;
 Dan F. Brewster, 1948-1951.

The following account of the first Sunday School in Dallas was
 furnished by Mr. W. A. Foster, member of the First Baptist Church of
 Dallas, Georgia: "The Dallas Methodist Sunday School was organized
 in the year 1881 by Miss Jane Foote and S. L. Strickland, this being
 the first organized Sunday School in Dallas. It was well attended
 with from fifty to sixty each Sunday. Mr. Strickland was my teacher
 and we boys surely loved him. I have a little book he gave me for
 regular attendance during year 1881. It's title is 'Baxter's Call
 To the Unconverted'. So far as I know, I am the only living man or
 woman who attended this Sunday School. I have a great love for your
 Sunday School. It has done great work for the boys and girls of
 Dallas."

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