HISTORY OF DANIELSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

The Elberton District was organized in 1886, when the General Conference was held in New Orleans and embraced Madison County.

The first District Conference was held at New Salem Church in Banks County in 1867. Rev. A. G. Worley was the first Presiding Elder of the Elberton District.

All the Methodist Churches in Madison County were embraced in the Carnesville Circuit until 1872. At the conference held in Atlanta that year they were organized into an independent work, under the names of Danielsville and Madison Springs Missions. In 1873 they were set up as a regular circuit and Rev. Britton Sanders sent as Pastor. In 1888 two preachers were sent, Rev. L. P. Winter and Rev. Eli Smith and the work was greatly enlarged.

The work as organized in 1872 consisted of Mt. Zion, (Danielsville Liberty, Jone's Chapel, and Diamond Hill.

Mt. Zion was an organized church by Sept. 16, 1823 and perhaps before that time. On date of Sept. 16, 1823 John Hopkins deeded to James Towns, Hosiah Hopkins, Sr., Willis Towns, Robert Groves and James Long, trustees of the Methodist Meeting House, one acre of land near the road leading from Danielsville to Augusta. "That for and inconsideration of the love and affection and friendship and esteem that I have and bear towards the Methodist Society."

On Feb. 19, 1881, J. E. Sanders, J. H. White, G. C. Sanders, Trustees of Mt. Zion Church for and in consideration of the sum of $30.00 deeded the 1 acre to Washington Grimes and it is recorded in Deed Book M-2, page 68. Or almost 58 years time.

Under date of September 7, 1881, James P. Hall deeded to the members of the Methodist Church at Danielsville, one acre of land, in consideration for a church building, so long as they shall use the same for church purposes, that whenever the said Methodist Church shall transfew or discontinue to use the said premises for any other purpose, it would revert to his estate. This deed is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Madison County, Superior Court, Deed Book M, page 162.

Under date of September 7, 1881, John M. Matthews, deeded to the Methodist Church at Danielsville, one acre of land, to be used for church purposes, the same being to the members of said Methodist Church, this deed is recorded in Deed Book M, page 161, Clerk's Office of Madison County Superior Court. This is referred to as the Parsonage lot.
March 26, 1935, the trustees of the parsonage purchased from Will D. Graham, 67/100 of an acre which lies west of the parsonage lot, to give additional land for lot, barn, pasture, drainage bed, etc. This deed is recorded in Deed Book Y-2, page 360, Clerk's office of Madison County Superior Court.

All papers, title, etc., are in the custody of R. H. Gordon.

For a time not very long before 1881, the Mt. Zion Church was abandoned and we held meetings in the Presbyterian Church at Danielsville. The old Mt. Zion Church building is still in use by Mr. Frank Graham as a barn and is yet in good condition. It has been moved a short distance from where it was first located.

In 1939 a new church was started. While the old church was being torn down services were held in the Presbyterian Church. The new Methodist Church was completed in 1940. The credit for the new church should go to the Rev. R. G. Owen, Pastor, who not only assisted in building the church but he and his wife, Mrs. R. C. Owen, contributed liberally. The cost of the new building was $10,000.00.

The Hut was built to the rear of the church building for use as a Sunday School class room building and for recreational activities in 1927.

In 1951 a new garage was built at a cost of $600.00.

Contrast this with that of 1895. John M. Lowery, residing Elder, and L. Dow Coggins, Pastor: Pastor's Salary, $301.73; Presiding Elder's Salary, $48.00; Four churches: Comer, Wesley Chapel, Jones Chapel. Paid first quarter, $48.25; Total membership, 439. Value of parsonage $550.00; Value of Parsonage now $6,000.00. Pastor's Salary, now, $2300.00 and raise for all purposes $8,000.00.

In 1898 building of stable at parsonage was brought up, also lack of furniture and condition of parsonage spoken of.

Total membership in 1952 - 838 (Danielsville Charge)

R. H. Gordon, Historian

Bro. Price: This is a copy of the history as given to me by Mr. Gordon.

W. L. Cawthon
DANIELSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH LOT
DEED BOOK M, PAGE 161

One acre within the present corporate limits of the town of Danielsville situate on the West Side of the road leading from Danielsville to Daniels Ferry and Madison Springs beginning on said road at a rock N 28° E, 2½ ch. to a rock; N 62° W, 4 ch. to a rock; S 28° W, 2½ ch. to a rock; S 62° E, 4 ch. to the beginning.

DANIELSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY LOT
DEED BOOK H-3, PAGE 112

That tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 204th GM Dist said County of Madison, known as the Zoar Church Lot, being a part of the Thos J. Adams estate, being bounded on the North and East by lands of Ellis Compton, on the South by paved highway known as State No. 8, and on the West and North by the lands of Hoka Smith and more fully described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a rock corner on public road and running thence N 70° W, 4.10 to rock; thence S 20° W, 2.45 to rock; thence S 70° E, 4.10 to rock; thence N 20° E, 2.45 along said road to beginning corner, containing one acre.