History of Dunn Chapel Church

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In Columbia County, about three miles from little river on the west side of Highway No. leading from Apling to Lincolnton, stand a little Methodist Church, called "Dunn Chapel."

Some time between the years 1835 and 1850 a group of people living near this place were meeting together, at the school house (then called Citizens Academy) for sabbath school & prayer meetings, decided to build a house for where they could meet together and worship the Lord.

In this neighborhood was a very religious family, named William Dunn & his family. Among this family was a young convert named John Dunn that felt the call to preach and under his leadership & inspiration the church was built.

Uncle William Dunn agreed to give the land to build the church on, and some of those contributing were Dunn, Stovall, Sikes, Marshall, Ferdinand Smalley & others.

Some of the families that have worshipped here & kept the church going were Dunn, Smalley, Marion McDaniel & family, Uncle Bill Sumby & family, Caleb & Mary Bohler, & family, Roberts, Sikes, George Dunn,
Elbert Dunn, George Tinkley & family
Miss Susan Bullard, Billy Bohler & family
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Broom & family, Mr. W. J. Fulcher & family, Miss Savannah Bohler, Susan Paschal, William Tanchelt, Dolly & William Tanchelt, E. O. (Bar) Tanchelt & family, John & Effie Tanchelt & family, Miss Rosa Bohler & family, Mr. Sam & Ida Story, Harvey & Hester Story & family, Ben & Minnie Story & family, Virgil & Orie Bohler & family, Leo & Agnes Story & family, Eddie Tanchelt & family, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Yelton, Sam Yelton & family, E. L. Yelton & family.
In Columbia County, Ga.; about three miles from little River, on the west side of Highway No. 47, between Appling and Lincolnton, Ga., stands the small humble Methodist Church called “Drum Chapel.”

Some time between the years 1835 and 1850, a group of people living in this neighborhood were meeting at the schoolhouse (called Citizens Academy) for holding Sabbath school and prayer meetings, decided to build a church for place of worship.

In the community was a devout Christian, he also was a large land owner, by the name William Drum, who gave the land for the church to be built. One, also helped in the building, in the Drum family was a young convert named John Drum, that felt the call to preach, and under his leadership and inspiration the church was built and named “Drum Chapel”.

The foundation, built, still serves for the present building, but there has been two changes made as the building.

The original house was built with two doors at front, pulpit in between them, one door at back or north end.
Some of those that helped with the building were Dunn, Stovalle, Luke, Marshall, Ferdinand Smalley & others.

Among the families that have worshiped and attended here and kept the church going, were Dunn, Stovalle, Nala, Smalley, Luke, Marshall, Marion McDaniel & family, Joseph Bill Smiley & family, Caleb & Mary Bohler, Uncle Bill Smiley & family, Caleb & Mary Bohler, J.J._family, the Roberts, George & Elbert Dunn & family, Jenny families, George Bohler & family, Joseph Bert, George Smiley & family, Susan Bullard, William & Polly Tannahill, Susan Paschal, Mr. Taylor Fuller & family, William J. Bill, Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Broom & family, J. D. Tannahill, Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Broom & family, E.D. Tannahill, Mr. & Mrs., John & Bohler & family, Mr. Rosed & family, John & Bohler & family, Mrs. Sam & Ida Story, Mr. & Mrs., Savannah Boger, Eddie Bond, E.J. Fuller, Mrs. Rhea Bond, Mr. & Mrs. Perry Story & family, Ben & Minnie, J.J. Tannahill, story & family, Virgil & Ocie Bohler & family, George & Agnes Story & family, Eddie Tannahill, & family, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Yellow, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Yellow, & family, E.L. Yellow & family, W.F. Fuller, Edward Tannahill & family, and others.

The names of the early Ministers that preached here could not be obtained, but has been handed down that John Dunn was the first to preach here for several years.

Others that have served here were Roger B.D. Echols, Hubert Smith, Pattillo, T.R., Simmons, J.R. Allen, Lane Ware.
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John Dunn  
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A. D. Echols  
Hubert Smith  
Pattillo  
T. R. Timmons  
J. R. Allen  
Love Ware  
J. H. Little  
T. R. Seaborn  
J. M. Fowler  
B. F. Mize  
J. H. Farr  
G. W. Hamilton  
w. D. Speue  
J. O. Burnett  
O. B. Tally  
J. W. Lee  
E. O. Vickory  
Henry D. Pace  
Carl Stanley  
A. A. Philips  
H. G. Garrett  
W. A. Woodruff  
J. W. Dunnigan  
Lloyd Jackson McDuffie  
J. O. Brand  
M. H. Smith  
T. W. Taylor  
Robert Stewart  
B. J. Matteson  
Barrett Lamb  1952  
Bernard Henry  7-52-  7-53  
V. O. Gentry  7-53  7-55  
Alford Key  7-55  7-56  
Mattron  7-56  7-57  
C. R. Scott  7-57  7-59  
W. H. Borman  7-59  7-60  
C. Glover  7-60  1-61  
C. Gardner  1-61  6-62  
J. Dean  6-62  6-64  
J. C. Powell  6-64  6-66  
Guy Kent  6-66  
Lee Downing  
J. W. Lee  
Elton Lawson  Present