Families living several miles from the nearest Church and Schoolhouse one hundred and twenty years ago were unable to be regular in attendance. Such was the case of families in the area of East Point. Thomas W. Connally and his wife, both ardent Methodists, decided to do something about this problem. They started a school and a Sunday School in a little log cabin on their property. From this small beginning, interest grew and other families joined them. Soon a Church was organized in 1846. The Church grew in both membership and interest resulting in the building of a new and larger building which was called Shady Grove. Revivals were frequent and the Church flourished.

In the tragic Civil war year of 1864, General Sherman and his troops passed through this area, burning the Church, destroying homes and scattering the people.

Two years later, Uncle Jack Wardlaw, a Methodist minister settled in East Point. He, Mr. Tom Connally and Mr. Joe Caldwell built a brush arbor in a grove near where our Church now stands, and began a revival meeting. Torch fires lighted the arbor at night and people came from all around the East Point area. This meeting resulted in the re-organization of the Church in 1866.

From this second beginning there was a steady growth resulting in the purchase of a block of land in 1868. The congregation was unable to build a Church, so they worshiped in a schoolhouse located on the Ware property, now on the corner of Ware and Church Street. We were a part of the Atlanta Circuit which included Wesley Chapel, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Zion churches. The circuit was changed to Fulton and then to East Point Circuits.

The building of our first Church was on the same spot where our Church now stands. A small house for the preacher was built at the rear of the Church. At this time, the purchase in 1868 was deeded to the Circuit.

In 1902 both the Church building and the parsonage had to be enlarged. This was done and the little white church on the corner of Forest Avenue and Church Street became a landmark in a fast growing town.

In 1906 the church became a station with a full time pastor. The Sunday School, the Epworth League and the two Missionary Societies did very fine work.

Because of lack of space, a movement began in 1913 and 1914 for a new church building. The Quarterly Conference acted favorably but because of lack of funds, the work was not actually done until 1920, when the present sanctuary became a reality.

In 1928 more room was needed for Sunday School. Classes were held in nearby homes and the parsonage, so it was decided to buy a new parsonage and use the old one for Sunday School classes. A home on Ware Avenue was purchased.

The Sunday School continued to grow, so in 1939 and 1940 the first educational building was erected and in 1941 it was ready for use. Four years later, it was fully paid for and dedicated. It was not too long before the rapidly expanding Adult Division needed more space. Two lots had been purchased on Forest Avenue and work began on the new Adult building. In 1956 the work was completed.

The need for parking space made it necessary to purchase the property on Forest Avenue and three lots on Cheney Street. The Thompson property on Church Street and the Carter property on Ware Avenue have also been purchased.

The parsonage on Ware Avenue was sold and a new one on Headland Drive was purchased. In 1959, a lot was given our church by a Baptist layman, Mr. Harold Sheats, on which we built a beautiful new home for the housing of our pastor. The house on Headland was sold to help in the building of the new one.

Being fully aware of our present and future needs, the church is looking forward to the purchase of other properties adjacent to our present holdings as it becomes available. Our greatest need at this time is a new Sanctuary. Plans are now under way to make this need a reality.

Our Church has been directly responsible for the organization of two new churches and the reorganization of another. We have given financial assistance to three others. We have supported missionaries in both home and foreign fields; we have given liberally to the educational work of the Church; and have given regularly to our Conference Center, Camp Glisson.

Our Quarterly Conference has recommended many for license to preach. At the present time the woman member of our Conference and three young men are in active service. We have one young man in school who will soon be ready to enter the Conference and we have three others who are applying for license to preach.