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EBENEZER

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Ebenezer Methodist Church was transferred from the Dalton District to the North Atlanta District in 1889 and placed in the Woodstock Charge.

A report of the Ebenezer Trustees at the fourth quarterly conference in 1893 was as follows: Ebenezer Church owns two acres of land on which there is a frame church in good condition with a seating capacity of 250, valued at \$600.00. The deed is recorded on Page 54 of Book C in Clerk's Office of Cobb County, Marietta, Georgia. Signed as Trustees: S. R. McClesky, A. O. Tolleson, R. A. McCollum, B. F. Mackey, M. L. McClesky.

Sunday School Superintendent - Mr. Lee McCleskly  
Stewards - W.P. Dawson, Samuel McClesky, W. A. Bishop, R. A. McCollum  
Exorter - W. A. Betsill  
Church Secretary - A. H. McClesky  
Others who served as Trustees: R. W. Christopher, W.H. White, Johnny Kemp, Arch McClesky, Edna McClesky Haney (Mrs. Dave), Fred McClesky, Licensed Preacher.

Ebenezer had an active Epworth League and carried on the program of the church until it was discontinued in 1945 because young members moved to where they could find employment and older ones passed on to their reward.

The Reverend H. M. Strozier was probably the first pastor after the church was transferred to the Woodstock Circuit.

Some of the 1894 members were the P. Morris family, the Wylie McAfee family, a Mr. & Mrs. Spellman, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Morris, the Harris family, Miss Bess Bishop, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Bishop, the Tolleson family and the Robert McCollum family. Some of these moved to Marietta and Atlanta leaving only a few members. The church was moved to a center of Methodist population. Some of the members in the new location were the Whit Chastain family, the Lee McCleskey family, the Robert Chandler family, Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Bishop, the M. T. (Polk) McCleskey family, the Owen family, the B. H. Summerour family, the J. D. Dobbs family, the Sam McCleskey family, Mrs. Will York and family, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Betsil, and others.

Two young men, John Chandler and Fred C. Owen were called into the ministry from this church. They were received into the conference about 1916. Fred McCleskey was granted a local license in 1915.

The pastors of Ebenezer performed their duties faithfully. There were some Methodist in the community who were members of Woodstock, but cooperated with the local church. The York and Latimer families, staunch Baptists, were faithful attendants at services and contributed much to the musical program.