

A

HISTORY
OF THE
EBENEZER
METHODIST
CHURCH

The history of the Ebenezer Methodist Church of Conyers, Georgia is being written and being compiled by its present pastor, the Reverend R. Marsden Kitley. Mr. Kitley is grateful to the many friends and members of the church who have taken the time to sit with him to discuss the history of the church. Special acknowledgement is made to Mrs. Bessie Almand Pierce and Mrs. Emma Stanton for their previous histories of Ebenezer. They are again being offered in this paper as many of the folks may have lost their copies many years ago. The first section will be Mrs. Pierce's work which took the history of our church until 1930. The second section will be from Mrs. Emma Stanton's work which was compiled in June 1955. The third section is being composed by your pastor in the the hope that the history of Ebenezer might be brought up to date. The fourth section will be written in the years to come by Ebenezer's many friends and members.

Section one; This material was prepared and read at the Centennial of Ebenezer Methodist Church, June 15, 1930 by Mrs. Bessie Almand Pierce.

It is a matter of regret that in compiling this history we were hampered by a complete absence of church records, which would have been invaluable for historical as well as sentimental reasons. A very incomplete church register only was available. It is further a matter of regret that this work of love and respect was delayed by half a century. The ones whose memories held many precious recollections are now sleeping in this and other church yards, and their voices cannot be heard. Owing to this lack of records, we cannot be sure of the exact date when this church was founded. As will be shown later, the church was known to have been built before April, 1831, and was possibly in existence years before that time.

For help in securing the data herewith presented we are indebted to old minutes of the Methodist Church, which then embraced the United States and Canada, found in the reference room of the Theological Library at Emory University, George G. Smith's History of Methodism in Georgia, old deeds deposited in the Conyers Court House, traditions that have been handed down, and personal recollections of some of the present members.

A sense of profound love and reverence for these fore-fathers grows upon us as we look into the records referred to, and this old church is held in greater tenderness as we study its beginnings and trace its history through a possible hundred and twelve years.

Ebenezer never figured conspicuously in the history of Georgia Methodism - it has always been one of those quiet meeting houses where the people of the community gathered, worshiped, mingled in pleasant friendly intercourse, and went about their ways. Perhaps no famous man or woman ever went out from it to blaze its name, but in its own place and in its own way, it has been a great factor in molding the lives of the people in this section and in giving help and inspiration to the many who have come within its influence. There are those who "feel a little closer to Heaven" in the sacred walls, and many have been those who have wanted "to be brought back to rest here" when their earthly membership was transferred to the heavenly. These memories and traditions have come down through a century to become a priceless heritage to the children's children to the fifth generation of these early fathers and mothers who knelt around this old altar and went out to live by the lessons learned there.

Early in the last century a revival swept over Methodism, and camp meetings throughout Georgia were held in nearly every county. The location of such a camp meeting was usually determined by a grove and a spring, both of which were found in this section, exactly on this location, just about thirty yards from the southeast corner of this building. The original posts of the arbor are remembered by some of the former members. Here in 1818 a camp meeting was held. It was not such a camp meeting ground as we often see, but a crude brush arbor, possibly a platform, with logs for seats; and the people, coming from 75 miles, lived in their loved wagons for tents. The meeting usually ran three or four days, and there were marvelous demonstrations of power. Strange phenomena were manifest, deep conviction under strong preaching caused many to fall prostrated. At such meetings hundreds were converted. A camp meeting was held on this spot for one season, possibly longer, then it was moved for a year or so to a spot near Tucker's Mill. Where the movement then

led, we do not know. At that time Rockdale and Newton Counties were a part of Henry County. In 1828 the first camp meeting was held at Salem, then in Henry County. Possibly it was the same movement, as nearly every county had its own camp meeting. Soon after this camp meeting was held at the old spring here, a church, which usually followed such a meeting, was organized and a house was built. It was most likely of logs and it stood nearer the forks of the road, the old chimney of which left a mound easily remembered by some who are here today.

An old deed, dated 1831, discloses that this church lot was sold by John Hodge to Trustees, named in another place, the lot containing in the words of the deed, "The Methodist Meeting House known by the name of Ebenezer, in the Yellow River Circuit in Henry County, for an consideration of \$2.00, in hand paid." The transaction was on the 5th of April, 1831. It was recorded the 12th day of May, 1831 and was witnessed by William Johnson, (His Mark), John Stewart and Jesse Wade, with H. Burge as Clerk.

The Trustees of this church were - Ferdinand Duke, Bennett K. Stansell, John W. Stansell, Nicholas Goode (Grandfather of J.M.B. Goode), Jeremiah R. Scott, Robert Gaston and Daniel Hardwick. The deed speaks of the tract No. 209, - 2.9 acres, - as lying in and being around the meeting house, showing that the building was in existence prior to 1831, possibly built on land owned by John Hodge. Sam Hodge evidently lived at the spring, as it is referred to as the Sam Hodge's Spring. One corner of the lot is in the old spring. Yellow River Circuit, in which the church was located, took its name, according to the primitive custom of locating boundaries from streams from Yellow River, and it was composed of the then counties of Walton, Henry, Fayette and Clayton. Newton and Rockdale have since come out of Henry and the other counties were possibly correspondingly larger than now. The Yellow River Circuit or Mission appears first in the Minutes of the Methodist Church in United States and Canada in 1823. This mission numbered 350 members, white and colored. The first preacher was Andrew Hamill. He soon took superannuate relation, because the work was too much for his strength. He was a delegate to the General Conference several times, which fact indicates that the Mission rated high - the church embracing as it did all the United States and Canada. It was in the Athens District and the South Carolina Conference. The Georgia Conference was merged into the South Carolina conference in 1793, and in 1831 the Georgia Conference was formed again. No individual church in this Mission was mentioned. Only the mention of the location of this church in the Yellow River Mission, which was found in the original deed, gave the key which open the pages of its history. This circuit was broken up in 1833.

Perhaps a glance at the presence and progress of other churches and denominations in this community will be of interest. Smyrna Church - Presbyterian - was organized in 1827. Salem camp meeting, as stated before, began in 1828. Bald Rock - Primitive Baptist - now located in Conyers, was organized at Moses Daniel's school house, near where Mr. Joe McDonald later lived, on September 1, 1843. The Conyers Methodist Church was organized in 1852, and the Conyers Presbyterian in 1860. Rockdale Church was founded in 1842. Rockdale County took its name from this church in 1871.

Membership in this church associates one with the "first families" of Georgia Methodism and with the pioneers of all church movements in Georgia.

As early as 1836, possibly earlier, we find at Ebenezer a union Sunday School, with Joseph Hollingworth as superintendent, and John L. Stewart teacher. This item was found in the biography of Mrs. Julia Ann Hollingsworth Stewart, whose romance with John L. Stewart began at this Sunday School. The existence of a Sunday School at this early date showed a state of marked advancement for this community, as, according to George G. Smith, Sunday Schools were then very scarce. In 1823, he says, there were no Sunday Schools save in the larger cities.

About the time this church was organized the Conference allotted every preacher \$100.00 a year. In 1824, the second year after the organization of the Yellow River Circuit, the Conference was able to pay every preacher only \$40.00 for the year. Every preacher was paid the same salary.

In 1834 in response to a call for the superannuates, widows and orphans, and to supply the deficiency in the preachers' salaries, the circuit that it is believed that Ebenezer was then in, the Covington Circuit, paid the amount of \$2.00.

In Ebenezer's history, this unexplained situation occurs. An old deed, dated March 26, 1853, then in Newton County, there is the recital of another sale of part of the same lot, No. 209, containing one acre, with Joseph McCollum on the one part, and the Trustees of Ebenezer Church on the other, this acre being bought for the sum of \$12.00. This transaction was attested by D.T. White and Leander F. Taylor, with Douglas Puckett, as Justice. The Trustees were David Murdock, Nicholas Goode, Elijah Plunkett, Robert Plunkett and Ferdinand Duke.

About 1835 Milton Waldrop moved with his family from South Carolina - Newberry, to this community. They soon united with this church. He later gave the original lot for the cemetery and the school house lot. The school house had long been in existence, as the school house spring almost directly across the road was referred to in the deed of 1831. The cemetery was given for Milton Waldrop's family and any others who might wish to be buried there. His son, Larkin Waldrop, who came home injured from the war, to die soon after, was the first to be buried there in April, 1862, and in the summer of the same year the father went to Virginia to bring the body of his son, Haralson, to lay by the side of his other boy. There are likely others who fought in the War between the States who sleep there.

It is a point of interest to know that a detachment of Sherman's Army passed by the old church. Many interesting incidents are recalled in this connection.

The present building was erected in 1872 or 1873 with Robert Plunkett and Levi Waldrop as builders. The timber in the previous structure was bought by Milton Waldrop and was converted into the barn which still stands at the old Almand homestead at the crossroads.

Some of the old members, dating from 1832: Trustees - Ferdinand Duke, Bennett K. Stansell, John W. Stansell, Nicholas Goode, Jeremiah R. Scott, Robert Gaston, Daniel Hardwick. Twenty - one years later, 1853, Trustees - David Murdock, Nicholas Goode, Elijah Plunkett, Ferdinand Duke, Robert Plunkett.

Dates of admission by profession and otherwise: 1835, Milton Waldrop and wife; 1840, D.C. Goode (first recorded member in present register) and The Henry Turners; 1857, Mrs. Rebecca Marbut; 1860, Mrs. Susan Stanton; 1861, Mrs. Betty Swann; 1862, Mrs. E. D. Thrashe; 1868, Mr. T. T. Thrashe; 1869, John W. Almand

The following list, which is very incomplete, contains the heads of families as far as can be recalled, up to 1900. We very much regret the incompleteness of this roll, which is due to the loss of church registers. The list: The Nicholas Goodes (Joe, Jimmie and Clarke); The Plunketts (Elijah - who lived at the old Tarasher place, Charlie - who lived on the hilltop almost back of the church); The Sammie Hutchensons; The Bennetts, with sons, Bill and John; The Hudsons (Mark, Fressley, Anthony, and Fannie); the Joel Stansells. M.H. Waldrop who joined in 1871; The Clarke Goodes; The Robert Stantons; Mrs. Amelia Plunkett Edwards (daughter of one of the original trustees); The John W. Almands; The Levi Waldrops and Frank Waldrop; The B. J. Marbuts; J.J. Stansell (who joined the church under J.A. Reynolds in 1878. Mrs. Stansell who was the daughter of D.T. White, was also a member here); The Bates Reagans; The J.J. Cowans; The W.T. Stantons; "Uncle" Warren Tucker; The Warren Heads; J.B. Sparks; Mrs. Betty Swann and family; The Lee Longshores; Mrs and Mr. W. B. Jackson; Mrs. A.E. Hardin; The Arthur Sharpes; The W.T. Fees; The J.R. Hardins; The A.J. St. Johns; The W.H. Alexanders; The J.E. Andrews; The G.S. Christians; The J.L. Dyes; The S.R. Thompsons; The J.R. Treadwells; The J.R. Rossers; The J.I. Rossers; Aunt Mary, Sally, and Lucy Farmer. Mrs. Hayden C. Almand, only living child of Milton and Sarah Longshore Waldrop, and M.H. Waldrop, son of Levi Waldrop, also Mrs. Armelia Plunkett Edwards, daughter of Elijah Plunkett, one of the trustees in 1853, are likely the oldest living persons whose names have ever appeared on the roll. They are all present today.

Early preachers: James Bellah. Pastor in 1827, and for five year in all; was a married man and had a home. He was a man of good report and very useful, traveling some of the hardest circuits in Georgia. He was tall and slender, quite impressive in looks and manner of preaching. The work was very hard and there was little or no provision for his support so he had to support himself. He labored hard and died in the work. This circuit was his last work. It included a large part of Newton County, which included Rockdale, all of Henry, Butts, Jasper and one appointment in Monroe. There were 28 appointments and he, by riding every day, could fill them in one month. After he failed his brother, Morgan, took the work and continued in the ministry for 40 years. During this year on the Yellow River Circuit he received \$160.00. Out of this he was compelled to furnish a house, a horse, pay his traveling expenses, and indeed provide for all his wants. Allen Turner. (Brother of Greene Turner) Admitted 1812; preached 40 years; superannuated in 1837, late in life preached at Ebenezer. Began as an unlettered boy - deep nature and strong faith; a man of marked peculiarities, bold in asserting his convictions; never allowed himself the luxury of a laugh, but a man of exquisite gentleness. Afraid of no man. If a preacher wore a beard or shaved on Sunday, Uncle Allen never failed to set him straight. When too old to preach he was always engaged in trying to do good. Wonderfully gifted in prayer. He was well known and as highly respected as any man of his time. Many anecdotes are related of him - how he always required the family where he was a visitor to rise from the table, if they were previously seated, until he had asked a blessing. Once when threatened with a flogging at Salem by some wild lads whom he had denounced he left the stand and defied them to touch him, saying that God would strike them dead if they touched him. Later many of these young men were converted under his preaching. Among the earlier teachers were Professor Frank Hitch and his sister Katie about 1856. About 1881 James I. Coleman taught a large number of girls and boys and was very much loved.

We have with us today a former pastor, Brother Asbury Ragsdale, a man whose life and efforts have been an inspiration for so many years. Brother Ragsdale served this church faithfully and effectively about thirty years ago.

Our visitors today: T. M. Waldrop and wife from Shawnee, Oklahoma; John W. Waldrop and wife from Carlton, Texas; L.J. Waldrop from Falkville, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris from Hartselle, Ala.; M.H. Waldrop of Atlanta, children of Levi Waldrop, son of Milton and Sarah Longshore Waldrop.

It is a matter of unusual interest that we have here today two of the descendants of the fifth generation from two lines of the early members of this church, Mary Frances and Martha Goode, daughters of Grady and Celia Goode. They are the descendants of Nicholas Goode, one of the original Trustees, and of Milton Waldrop, who united with this church about 1835.

Thus ends a wonderful story by Mrs. Pierce as told in her words to the Centennial celebration on June 15, 1930.

Section two:

Twenty-five years later Mrs. Emma Stanton thought that it was time to bring Ebenezer's history book up to date, accordingly the following is her record and recollections of the wonderful people of Ebenezer.

Some twenty-five years have elapsed and we are still observing June as our Homecoming month. The first homecoming day was observed in the year 1928 under the leadership of Pastor J. D. Milton. Homecoming day was not observed during the duration of World War II. Rev. A.M. Pierce was the speaker each year, with the exception of one, until 1954, his health failing him then.

The oldest recording of those pastoring the church, as taken from the church register is not complete. However the following is a list of the names of some of the ministers who were our pastors between 1857 until 1955. John Yarbrough, Rev. R. J. Bigham, Asbury Ragsdale, W.F. Robinson, M. H. Dillard, A. M. Pierce, Robert Eakes, F.R. Smith, W.E. Venable, J.M. Crow, J. M. Sewell, J. W. Tumlin, J.D. Milton, Rembert Sission, Neil McKinnon, J.L. Peck, W. Florence, A.W. Rolland, J.R. Reynolds, Allen Thomas, H.S. Bradley, Rev. Pertilo, Rev. G.M. (Mack) Eakes, Firley Baum, L A. McLaughlin, W'P. Branham, E. J. Phippen, Nathaniel H. Davis, L. M. Davidson, H.F. Barfield, Mack C. Phillippe Jr., W.D. Spense, Robert Collins, H. M. Driver, Herbert L. Bowdoin, Fred Gwin, Carl McGrady, B.N. McHand, E.W. McDougale, Leslie Rabb, John D. Humphrey, Charles Herron, Carl Standard. Mr. R. R. Smith was the son of Robert Eakes and wife, Lula Guinn of Conyers. She was the sister of Dr. J. A. Guinn.

Those pastoring the church in the 1800's we would think had longer terms than those in the 1900's. Some of the recent ones were still students at Emory in Atlanta.

During these later days the Annual Conference changed us many times. We first were on the Salem Circuit, Redan-Rock Chapel circuit, the Milstead charge, Almond charge, at present Oak Hill charge, (now we are on the Milstead charge.)

We hope that Ebenezer will not be switched about as before. We helped build the new parsonage at Oak Hill and also furnished one room. We pay our pastor \$250.00 and all benevolences as asked on a percentage basis. Members who have passed on to a home in the sky are: W.B. Thresher, W.I. Fee, S.I. Cowan, Joe S. Stanton, H.C. (lum)

Cowan, J. Will Cowan, R. L. Cowan, Will H. Cornwell, Milton J. Waldrop and Roddy Jackson. With the passing of these men the church has been left almost manless. There are at present nine widows. The membership is only thirty-eight.

In 1905 the cemetery was improved with new posts and new wire. In 1948 Milton J. Waldrop and Grady F. Goode and others enlarged the cemetery by putting new fencing around the old and new part. As the old had rusted out, we needed to do something. At present we have one of the best cemeteries in the county. Since 1906 our pastors were almost forced to have the same Official Boards due to the few members in numbers. So each fourth quarterly conference they would be re-elected and if any had passed away or moved then new ones would take their place. Hence many women have begun to serve on the official boards. The following names are some who have served on the board down through the years: W. B. Thrasher, H. C. (Lum) Cowan, C.M. Finch Mrs. L.S. Rice, Mrs. J.S. Stanton, R.L. Cowan, W.J. Cowan, M. J. Waldrop, Mrs. Fred Scarbrough, and Mrs. Dave Jackson.

Ebenezer Church sponsored Christmas trees and programs many times for the Sunday School. In 1919 Tom Morris who was a member of the church and with the Atlanta Fire Department sponsored a Christmas tree for the church and surrounding communities which made a lot of children and adults happy. In 1920 the church observed tree planting day. Miss Sally Fanny Gleaton, Mrs. Abbie Rice, and others set out a magnolia tree in their honor in front of the church.

For a number of years Ebenezer had an active missionary society. In 1944 they contributed the first \$20.00 toward having electric light for the church. Five of these dollars was from the sale of a quilt. Thomas J. Stanton did the work of installing the lights free of charge. In 1954 Walter Goode and Herbert Johnson gave four and Hewlet Almand installed them.

The Ebenezer School house that stood on the little rise on the south side of the church is remembered by many as their first school. Mrs. Fanny Thrasher (Perkins) remembers her first school at this place having been taught by her father about 1888, and having the open fire place with a chimney at each end of the house. They sat before a fire and burned only logs for warming. The school was consolidated with other schools in the district and carried to Smyrna by bus in 1929. School was in session at that time in the old Smyrna church building. Later a new building was built about one mile from Smyrna which housed several hundred students. It was given the name of Violet Tucker (King). Then in later years the name was changed to the Smyrna Grammar School, the building having burned in 1953. Then all schools in the district were transferred to the Conyers schools.

Ebenezer School building was wrecked by Will McCollum, a negro, and sold to him for \$25.00. Walter Goode grew to manhood in this community and attended grammar school and church school and was a member of Ebenezer Church. He moved to Atlanta around the year 1908. He always comes back at intervals and is a Santa Claus to the church - he upholsters the chairs, and pulls dead branches from the trees, he keeps the spring at the foot of the hill clean and park like around it. The teachers from the school would bring their classes over for a few hours of recreation and lunch.

"It is the little things in life that count". Ebenezer had her first wedding in 1947, July 26th when Miss Donna Jean Wood and William Lester Meadow took their marriage vows at the altar. Rev. E.W. Dunagon read the wedding vows. Mr. Meadows is a grandson of W.T. Fee. In 1952 a new heating system was installed taking the place of "pot bellied" stoves that burned wood. In 1954 Mrs. Exer Waldrop Jackson conceived the idea of planting pecan trees for shade in hopes that

within twenty-five years they would be bearing fruit and the church might receive a revenue from the sale of some.

In 1950 Highway number 138 was paved bringing the church one fourth of a mile to paved roads. This 84 year old church building was renovated in 1953 and made to look more modern. New pews and altar furniture was made by Mr. Dewey Starr. There was one thousand dollars given by church members and friends to make the change in the building. Jim Gilbert, C. M. Fincher and Grady Goode set about to have the changes made. New double doors in the front and new doors and windows were seen all around. Rock steps and new pillars were installed. The part called the partition or railing down the center of the church which had served as a separation of the men and the women in bygone days was removed, making an aisle in its place. The outside of the church was painted by E.C. Moss. The women painted the inside in 1953. At present the church has three preaching services a month. An active Sunday School is under the direction of Mrs. W.O. Hammonds as superintendent. The Board of Stewards are: Chairman, Jim Gilbert, Sec.-treas., Miss Sara Cowan, Mrs. Pauline Almand, Mrs. Louise Burnett, Miss Nati Cowan, Mrs. Exer Jackson, and Mrs. Emma Stanton as Honorary Stewart. Our Board of Trustess is composed of Mr. Grady Goode, Mr. Jim Gilbert, and Mrs. Emma Stanton.

The Church is desparately in need of moremen as we need persons which can bring a new philosophy of life which makes a home great is also that which makes a church great. The supreme task of our church members is that they need to experience Christ as a reality in their lives so that they can share him with the unchurched members of the sommunity.

Section Three:

Miss Emma's final words speak of a faith which has been carried over into the next decade. Ebenezer has been in need of men folk. However, there are now some Sundays when the men outnumber the women. Nevertheless men folk are needed. We are now holding a service of worship each Sunday Morning.

During the 1950's there was seen a beautiful and wonderful addition to our church - an educational building which adjoins our sanctuary. Space was added for four new classrooms. This allows for four classes to meet separately and makes for more effective teaching. Early in the 1960's the Curriculum Committee of The Methodist Church brought out its new materials for children. Happily all our classes at Ebenezer are using it. Our teachers are at present, Miss Nati Cowan, Mrs. Louise Burnett, Mrs. Martha Slaton, Mrs. Julia Kitley, and Mrs. Betty Hammonds. Our Pastor sometimes teaches our adult class. Plans call for using the new adult material when it becomes available in September 1967. The material for the new building was donated and the members through "blood, sweat, and tears" pulled out each and every nail before it could be used. But once this task was accomplished the actual building began. The building was complete and the church is now free of debt. Work days are scheduled to keep the building and grounds in a good state of repair. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this new building in the life of Ebenezer because it symbolizes the faith which we have in our being concerned with the faith of our young people. It indicates that every child is entitled to meet Christ in the best possible manner. It is sad that our MYF has had difficutiies and is not meeting regularly due to the lack of members. To help remedy this situation the pastor has formed a softball team (The Ebenezer Angels). This team is composed of the boys in the neighborhood and the church.

This is a step in the right direction but much more is needed.

For many years Ebenezer has been without a Woman's organization. However, last July (1965) our ladies met with Mrs. Maud Sneed, the District WSCS President and with Mrs. Gladys Binkley, and Mrs. Betty Sherrill to organize a Woman's Society Of Christian Service. The Charter members are: Mrs. Lousie Burnett, Miss Nati Cowan, Miss Sara Cowan, Mrs. Mary Lou Garner, Mrs. Betty Hammonds, Mrs. Bamie Jackson, Mrs. Exer Jackson, Mrs. Julia Kitley, Mrs. Martha Slaton, Mrs. Jeanette Stanton, Mrs. Emma Stanton. These "gals" have been meeting monthly in their homes and have had several informative and interesting meetings. They have replaced shrubbery and have given some altar appointments in addition to serving the needy in the neighborhood.

In the last few years extra ground has been purchased for use as a cemetery as the "old" cemetery was getting smaller. This summer the Ebenezer members purchased a riding mower. This has helped the appearance of the grounds greatly (and it's much easier to do, also) Members of the church gathered one day in May to put on a much needed coat of paint on the new building.

We have regular monthly meetings of the Official Board with Mrs. W.O. Hammonds as chairman. At a recent meeting it was learned that the county would begin paving the road to Ebenezer. Work on this road has begun and it is hoped that by next June our many friends and relatives with others will be coming to Ebenezer all the way on a paved road. This will help us considerably. Our Homecomings are still a success with all of us getting a chance to renew acquaintances along with our eats. Speaking of eats, when I was going over some old Quarterly Conference forms I found that there was always mention of the wonderful "feast" which was spread. This year our Homecoming featured the return of a beloved pastor who served us for one year. We were glad to see the Rev. Ben F. Wright and his family once again.

Our list of pastors since 1955 are; Rev. Carl Standard, 1955-1961. Rev. Ben F. Wright, 1961-1962. Rev. Harold Murphree, 1962-1965. Rev. R. Marsden Kitley 1965-1967. I would like to close this section of our history book with the same thoughts of Miss Emma, We need persons with a new philosophy. What makes a home great is also that which makes a church great. The supreme task of our church is for our members so to experience Christ that they will have real concern for every unchurched person in the community. Yes, Miss Emma has crystalized our faith at Ebenezer. To go forward we need to have Christ in our hearts. We must know His Love so others might know Him. AMEN.

The fourth section remains to be written. It will be written by you and your children. I'm sure that Ebenezer will carry on and become even greater in the years to come. Numbers on the roll mean very little for it is the depth of concern which truly counts.

Rev.R. Marsden Kitley

MEMBERSHIP ROLL AS OF AUGUST 1966:

#	Name	Address	Phone
1.	Almand, Mrs. Pauline	Poterdale, Ga	
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3.	Almond, Larry		
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6.	Cowan, Miss Nati	706-3 Twin Oaks Dr Decatur, Ga.	378-6837
7.	Cowan, Mrs. Robt. L.	Rt. 1 Conyers, Ga	483-4140
8.	Cowan, Miss Annie Laura	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4140
9.	Cowan, Miss Sara	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4140
10.	Fincher, Mr. Carl M.	1547 N. Green St, Conyers, Ga.	483-7606
11.	Fincher, Mr. Royce A.		
12.	Goss, Mr. H.P.	1077 West ave. Conyers, Ga.	483-4098
13.	Goss, Mrs. Annie Ruth	1077 West Ave. Conyers, Ga.	483-4098
14.	Goss, Mr. Frank	1077 West Ave. Conyers, Ga.	483-4098
15.	Goss, Mrs. C.C. (Daisy)	Westbury Medical Care Home Jackson, Ga.	
16.	Goss, Mrs. J.C. (Ollie B.)		
		Rt. 1, Box 367, Conyers, Ga.	
17.	Goss, Miss Lois	Rt. 1, Box 367, Conyers, Ga.	
18.	Goss, Miss Mildred	Rt. 1, Box 367, Conyers, Ga.	
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20.	Hammonds, Mrs. W. O.	Rt. 1, Box 313, Conyers, Ga.	483-8470
21.	Hammonds, Miss Janice	Rt. 1, Box 313, Conyers, Ga.	483-8470
22.	Hammonds, Mr. Wayne	Rt. 1, Box 313, Conyers, Ga.	483-8470
23.	Holmes, Mr. Thomas W.	202 Pine St NW Apt. 328 Atlanta, Ga.	874-2056
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25.	Horne, Mrs. Hoyt	Rt. 4, Box 235, Conyers, Ga.	
26.	Jackson, Mrs. Dave	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4357
27.	Jackson, Mrs. Bamie L.	Rt. 1, Box 313, Conyers, Ga.	483-8470
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30.	Meadows, Mrs. Lucille	1911 Napier, Ave. Macon, Ga.	
31.	Mitchell, Mrs. Daisy	Conyers, Ga.	
32.	Moss, Mr. James W.	Rt. 4, Conyers, Ga.	483-4803
33.	Moss, Mrs. James W.	Rt. 4, Conyers, Ga.	483-4803
34.	Myers, Mr. J. Ralph	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga	
35.	Myers, Mrs. J. Ralph	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	
36.	Myers, Miss Mary Evelyn		
37.	Rice, Mrs. Abbie	1017 College Ave. Conyers, Ga	483-8944
38.	Ricks, Mr. James	Rt. 2, Covington, Ga	
39.	Ricks, Mrs. James	Rt. 2, Covington, Ga.	
40.	Ricks, Mr. Ronald F.	Rt. L, Conyers, Ga.	483-8553
41.	Scarbrough, Mr. J.B.	3475 Bennington Dr. Decatur, Ga.	289-6681
42.	Scarbrough, Miss Wynette	1198 N. Green St. Conyers, Ga.	483-8681
43.	Slaton, Mrs. Arthur	Rt. 2, Covington, Ga.	786-5233
44.	Smith, Mrs. Hoyt.	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4122
45.	Stanton, Mrs. Emma	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4122
46.	Stanton, Mr. Joseph A.	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4177
47.	Stanton, Mrs. Joseph A.	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4177
48.	Stanton, Mr. Joe Robert	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4177

49. Thomas, Mr. Verlyn	1285 Janice Lane, Conyers, Ga.	
50. Thomas, Mrs. Verlyn	1285 Janice Lane, Conyers, Ga.	
51. Veal, Mrs. Mary Lee	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	
52. Waldrop, Mrs. Milton	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4357
53. Wood, Mrs. Ruby	4100 Dorsey St. Charleston Heights, S.C.	
54. Yarberry, Mrs. Ruby E.	Rt. 1, Conyers, Ga.	483-4909

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OUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY LIST

January

Mrs. C.C. Goss
 14 Mr. Tony Terrill
 18 Miss Terry Ann Slaton
 19 Mr. Clyde Burnett
 22 Mr. Ronald Ricks

April

7 Mr. Robert McDonald
 13 Miss Marie Goss
 21 Mrs. Hoyt Horne
 22 Mrs. Arthur Slaton
 28 Mr. Hoyt Horne

February

8 Mr. Levi Goss
 16 Miss Sara Cowan
 17 Miss Nati Cowan
 26 Mr. J.B. Scarbrough
 26 Mr. & Mrs. H.P. Goss

May

1 Miss Tina Slaton
 2 Miss Reesie Goss
 7 Mr. & Mrs. W.O. Hammonds
 8 Mrs. Milton Waldrop
 8 Mr. Wm. Franklin Goss
 9 Mr. Joseph A. Stanton
 12 Rev. R. Marsden Kitley
 12 Mrs. James Moss
 15 Mr. Joe Robert Stanton
 15 Miss Lois Goss
 19 Mr. Merle Goss
 24 Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Goss
 28 Mr. James Ricks

March

2 Mrs. Marion M. Clack
 7 Miss Janice Hammonds
 7 Mr. Roddy Thomas
 9 Mrs. Robt. L. Cowan
 14 Mrs. Mary Lou Garner
 25 Miss Wynette Scarbrough
 28 Mr. J.C. Goss
 28 Mrs. Sadie G. Horne

June

3 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Stanton
9 Mrs. H.P. Goss
12 Rev. & Mrs. R. Marsden Kitley
12 Mrs. Hoyt Smith
14 Miss Susan Williams
15 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Slaton
19 Mr. Carl Fincher

July

2 Mrs. James Ricks
6 Miss Mildred Goss
7 Mr. Henry Goss
11 Mr. Harold Goss
14 Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Smith
17 Mr. H.P. Goss
21 Miss Florine Goss
24 Mr. Roger Allen Stanton

August

3 Miss Annie Howard
7 Miss Annette Horne
9 Mrs. Abbie Rice
17 Mrs. Daisy Goss
19 Mrs. Emma Stanton
21 Miss Josephine Mitchell
22 Mrs. Daisy Mitchell
22 Mr. Thomas Holmes
26 Mr. Virgil Horne
27 Mrs. Bamie Jackson
28 Mr. James Moss
28 Mrs. Thomas Holmes

September

2 Mr. & Mrs. James Moss
7 Mr. Paul Howard
8 Mr. W.O. Hammonds
8 Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Burnett
11 Mr. T.C. Goss
15 Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Horne
15 Miss Annie Laura Cowan
20 Mrs. J.C. Goss
21 Mr. Hoyt Smith
26 Mrs. Clyde Burnett
27 Miss Connie Sue Goss

October

12 Mr. Johnny Jackson
16 Mrs. Dave Jackson
16 Miss Vicki Thomas
20 Mrs. Sara Williams

November

1 Mrs. Joseph Stanton
22 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Horne
26 Mr. Arthur "Gene" Slaton

December

1 Mr. Dwayne Horne
12 Mrs. Mary Ann Brescia
24 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Jackson
25 Mrs. W.O. Hammonds
26 Mrs. Verlyn Thomas
27 Mr. Wayne Hammonds
27 Mrs. R. Marsden Kitley
28 Mrs. Dewey Starr
29 Mr. Dave Jackson