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Fallulah Falls Charge

A Part of The History of Ebenezer Church
Homecoming Day Report
August 4, 1940
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About the time that Habersham County was organized in 1818 Ebenezer Church was built across the highway from this present location on land owned by the Mathews estate. No records can be found of the building committee or date in which this first church was built, but the information has been handed down to our oldest citizens and church members that Mr. Mathews gave permission for the church to be built on his property and that it probably remained there about 70 years until the church purchased 8-1/2 acres from Edward N. Ivester in the year 1892.

➤ Located on High way 23 and Georgia 441, 12 miles north Clarkesville, Ga Ebenezer Methodist Church here at Hollywood is one of the oldest churches in Habersham County. It is the oldest Methodist Church unless Clarkesville has that record.

In reviewing the Quarterly Conference Minutes we find that this church was at one time in the Dahlonega Charge. It has also been in the Elberton Charge and is now in the Gainesville Charge.

Many of the leading citizens of Habersham County and Georgia have been members of Ebenezer Church. Many able pastors have served the church staying from one to nine years at a time.

A deed was made on May 18, 1892, between Edward N. Ivester and the Trustees of Ebenezer Church. The trustees were: A. C. Inglis, J. T. Smith, G. A. Anderson, J. R. Anderson and Moses Franklin. They purchased 8-1/2 acres for the Church lot and Grave Yard for the sum of \$27.00. The Deed states: "This land to be held in Trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, subject to the Discipline, usage and Ministerial Appointments of said Church." This deed was recorded on July 19, 1892,

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among the records of Habersham County. The above Trustees were probably the building committee that erected the second church that same year the land was purchased. This would make the present building most 50 years old. It was moved back from the highway about 1927 at the time the highway was paved.

In reviewing the Quarterly Conference Records of May 9, 1885, you can find that the following churches were in conference at Ebenezer on that date. Clarkesville, Nacoochee, Cool Springs, New Liberty, Ebenezer, Alley's Chapel and Pleasant Grove. The Presiding Elder was W. P. Lovejoy and the Pastor was Eli Smith.

At a Quarterly meeting here in the year 1893, M. L. Underwood was the Presiding Elder and G. W. Farr was the pastor. The next year Toombs Dubose was the pastor.

At a quarterly meeting held here on October 4, 1897, the following record was made: E. A. Cook, Presiding Elder and J. D. Milton was the pastor. The church ^{was} in Dahlonga Charge. Those answering the roll call were: Robert McClure, G. A. Anderson, J. R. Anderson, Mitchell Franklin, A. C. Inglis, H. H. Webb, J. A. Fry, J. N. Gabrels and J. W. Green. Charles L. Bass was recommended to the District Conference to preach. The children baptized were: Edwin Inglis, Biggers Davidson, Claude Garrett, Loy Still, Helen Bowden and George Ayers. The following were elected Superintendents:

Clarkesville	- - - -	Charlie Bass
Turnerville	- - - -	J. W. Green
New Liberty	- - - -	D. F. Fry
Ebenezer	- - - -	J. N. Gabrels
Alleys Chapel	- - - -	W. N. Gideons

At the quarterly meeting on October 22, 1900, the trustees reported that the church owned a good building and about 8 acres of land valued at \$650.00. They further stated that there were no debts and that the deeds were recorded. A roll of the members was submitted. There were 141 members of the

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church that year.

The 3rd Quarterly Conference was held at Ebenezer on June 26, 1909. The Presiding Elder was J. H. Mashburn. The Pastor was W. A. Simmons.

At a Quarterly Meeting held 30 years ago which was on July 23, 1910 the minutes state that the "Sunday School at Ebenezer, Cool Springs and Clarkesville, especially have been working steadily and well". Reeves Gabrels and Charlie Inglis were received by certificate. Fletcher Walton, Presiding Elder and W. C. Fox, Pastor.

At a Quarterly Conference held at Ebenezer in 1913, T. J. Christian was the Presiding Elder and J. R. Jordan the pastor. The Stewards present were: J. A. Anderson, A. C. Inglis, J. R. Anderson, J. N. Gabrels, J. M. Mix, J. P. Inglis, B. F. Scott and J. N. Ivester.

In 1914 J. S. Strickland was the pastor.

At a Quarterly Conference 25 years ago which was held here September 4, 1915, the following officials were present: T. J. Christian, Presiding Elder, O. M. Ponder, Pastor, and J. N. Gabrels was elected secretary. Those answering to the roll call were: W. A. Demore, J. A. Fry, A. C. Inglis, J. P. Inglis, J. H. Ivester, J. N. Gabrels, B. F. Scott, J. W. Nix, F. Y. Ivester and Percy Demore.

At a Quarterly Conference on July 1, 1917, privilege was given to *have* a church at Habersham Mills. B. F. Scott was elected Delegate to the District Conference. Frank Gabrels was elected secretary. J. W. Quillian was the presiding elder. L. B. Linn was the pastor.

L. B. Linn, pastor in 1918 added a group of teen-agers to the church roll as members: Alma Deal, Dixie Taylor, Mamie Scott, Arthur Scott, Walter Scott, Sallie Ivester, Glenn Densmore and Hugh Inglis.

At a conference here July 4, 1924, M. T. Hamby was the presiding elder and L. B. Linn the pastor.

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On June 5, 1926, John Logan was the presiding elder and J. L. Harrison the pastor.

In 1928, H. L. Edmonson was the presiding elder. In 1931, the presiding elder was J. W. Veatch. Since that time we have had Mr. Emory and Mr. Yarborough. Gaines M. Spivey, pastor.

In 1930 shrubbery was planted around the church.

About 1931, the Tallulah Falls Charge was organized and because of the geographical location Ebenezer, New Liberty and Alleys Chapel were put in with Tallulah Falls with Gaines M. Spivey, pastor. From 1937 to this date A. A. Phillips has been the pastor on the Tallulah Falls Charge.

From time to time records show that Ebenezer has been assessed from \$35.00 per year to \$165.00 for pastors salary and carrying on the work of the church.

Part 2

Homecoming Day Report

September 5, 1948

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The eight year period from August 4, 1940, to September 5, 1948, has been a period of great conflict. World War II has been fought and won, the American Way of Life has been retained which allows freedom of worship and puts the benefits for people first and the rights of the state second. The armed service did call many members both men and women away from home. Here at Ebenezer the work of the church has gone on.

In 1941 - 42 B. C. Matteson was pastor with Claude Hendricks, district superintendent. In 1943 - 46 V. O. Gentry was pastor and Foster Young was district superintendent. From 1946 to this time Arthur Chamblee has been pastor and McLowery Elrod, district superintendent.

This year the church building is newly remodeled and painted and is probably more attractive than at any previous time. Eleven years ago I. A.

Taylor took the lead and had the church painted. The money was raised by donations and proceeds from a box supper.

This church has been the Community Center for Worship, Sunday Schools, Christman trees and Easter programs for the Hollywood community.

Families often associated with Ebenezer Church for the past 30 years are: Scotts, Gabrels, Ivester, Taylor, Franklin, Lumpkin, McCurry, Nix, Dover, Dooly and Inglis.

Since I gave this history of the church in 1940 you have had 37 to join by Profession of Faith and 4 by Certificate.

School Superintendents for the past 60 years were:

1890 - 1906 - J. N. Gabrels
1906 - 1910 - Frank Ivester
1910 - 1920 - J. P. Inglis
1920 - 1923 - J. W. Nix
1923 - 1926 - B. F. Scott
1926 - 1935 - W. O. Gillespie
1935 - 1940 - J. P. Inglis
1940 - 1945 - B. F. Scott
1945 - - J. P. Inglis

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Homecoming Day Report
April 30, 1950

This special day was to dedicate two new Sunday School rooms added to the church. Edwin Inglis, Joe Lumpkin, Allen Matthews with some help from other members did the construction work.

The pastor, James Oakley

Sunday School Superintendent, J. P. Inglis

Return pastor preaching for this occasion, G. M. Spivey.

Speical music, Toccoa Institube students.

Special teacher message, Miss Bert Winter.

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Dinner was served from baskets on a long table at the east side of the church. The church was filled with people. Many were old members who had come home and people from New Liberty and other churches.

Since 1818 the date Ebenezer Church was organized, ~~any~~ have served here and passed on.