

HISTORY OF THE EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

In the State of Georgia, Warren County, Community of Reynoldsville, on the 8th of October, 1878, John H. Felts gave two and one-half acres of land to be used for a church and cemetery, on which the church building was erected and has stood and been used for the worship of God, and for the good of the community.

The church was organized at this time and was named Ebenezer, and as it was in the North Georgia Conference, it was put on the Barnett Charge, Athens District.

The first pastor was James L. Prince. The Rev. R. W. Bigham was Presiding Elder.

The building and grounds have been kept in good shape. The building is the same one that was erected in the beginning. Repair work has been done from time to time. In 1947 and 1948 general repair was made with two coats of paint inside and out; also the tin roof was painted and electric lights installed.

Ebenezer Church stands as a monument to God and the community at this time with 25 members, with a few members still in the State of Georgia, Warren County, Community of Reynoldsville.

On the 8th of October, 1878, John H. Felts gave the land and the deeds were turned over to the trustees who were F. M. Harrison, Benjamin L. Parham, W. H. Pilcher, R. W. Hubert, Joseph D. Smith and John H. Felts.

Ebenezer still meets the requirements of the North Georgia Conference, even though its membership is small. In years passed it has been a beacon light to God and much good has come out from it. May we that are here to carry on be a beam of light in the name of God.

PASTORS THAT HAVE SERVED THE EBENEZER CHURCH

1879 - Rev. James L. Prince	1930 - Rev. H. S. Zoeller
1880 - Rev. E. A. Grey	1931 - Rev. W. F. Lunsford
1881 - Rev. F. P. Brown	1932 - "
1882 - Rev. J. W. G. Watkins	1933 - "
1883 - Rev. F. P. Brown	1934 - "
1884 - Rev. M. W. Arnold	1935 - Rev. V. B. Hamrick
1885 - "	1936 - "
1886 - "	1937 - "
1887 - "	1938 - Rev. W. J. Culpepper
1888 - Rev. W. T. Carswell	1939 - "
1889 - Rev. R. A. Seale	1940 - Rev. A. T. Hind
1890 - "	1941 - "
1891 - "	1942 - "
1892 - Rev. J. B. Holland	1943 - "
1893 - Rev. A. J. Hughes	1944 - Rev. A. P. Watkins
1894 - "	1945 - "
1895 - Rev. E. B. Reese	1946 - "
1896 - "	1947 - Rev. Lee Branham, Jr.
1897 - "	1948 - "
1898 - Rev. J. S. Embry	1949 - Rev. P. H. Stokes
1899 - Rev. J. B. Holland	1950 - Rev. T. J. McCullough, Jr.
1900 - Rev. J. A. Timmerman	1951 - "
1901 - "	1952 - "
1902 - Rev. O. L. Kelley	1953 - Rev. W. L. Brackman, Jr.
1903 - "	1954 - "
1904 - Rev. W. A. Farris	
1905 - "	
1906 - Rev. R. W. Rogers	
1907 - "	
1908 - "	
1909 - Rev. J. R. Allen	
1910 - Rev. J. W. Bailey	
1911 - Rev. Firley Baum	
1912 - "	
1913 - "	
1914 - Rev. J. M. Fowles	
1915 - "	
1916 - Rev. C. F. Hughes	
1917 - "	
1918 - Rev. W. O. Butler	
1919 - "	
1920 - Rev. F. A. Ragsdale	
1921 - Rev. J. E. Russell	
1922 - "	
1923 - "	
1924 - "	
1925 - Rev. C. A. Reese	
1926 - "	
1927 - "	
1928 - Rev. Hoson Garrett	
1929 - Rev. W. J. Bryson and Rev. Chenault	

CHARTER MEMBERS

Male

John H. Felts
 Nathaniel Parham
 Francis M. Harrison
 Benjamin L. Parham
 John L. Hill
 Thomas M. Brown, Sr.
 Thomas E. Byrd
 William L. Heath
 Nicolas C. Edwards
 W. A. Stonestreet
 J. A. Wright
 John W. Hill
 R. L. Wright
 George W. Harrison
 W. H. Pate
 B. F. Ivey
 A. M. Massingale
 George W. Norris
 P. M. Hill
 Ellie Byrd
 D. W. B. Carden
 N. M. Carden
 James W. Hill

First Trustees

F. M. Harrison
 Benjamin L. Parham
 W. H. Pilcher
 R. W. Hubert
 Joseph D. Smith
 John H. Felts

Present Trustees

C. B. Bacon
 R. R. Hill
 F. W. Reese

Female

Mary Felts
 Mary A. Parham
 Swarth A. Pate
 D. A. Parham
 Allie Byrd
 Julia B. Heath
 Mary Brown
 Nancy Bishop
 F. R. Harrison
 Georgia V. Armstrong
 Hattie Massingale
 Julia A. Harrison
 Amah Parham
 Elizabeth Hill
 Mary J. Byrd
 Emily V. Jackson
 Avie Sammon
 Millie Brown
 Olio Brown
 Fannie Brown
 Amah Heath
 Lislén Heath
 Nettie Heath
 Rosa Byrd
 Lolar Armstrong
 Lorena Armstrong
 Matilda Scott
 Emma E. Ivey
 E. V. Edwards
 Mary Hattaway
 Mary M. Harrison
 Ida Brown
 Lee Brown
 M. E. Hill
 M. E. Carden
 M. Fannie Hyman
 M. Willie Hill
 E. C. Hendrick

PRESENT MEMBERS

Miss Corrine Jackson
Roy Hill
Gordon Reese
Lamar Hearn
Olin Hearn
E. L. Reese
C. B. Bacon
Fred Reese
Mrs. Willie Reese
Marion Moore
Onon Saggus
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