The church was established October 19, 1908 with 22 members. The Reverend W.L. Pierce, pastor of the First Methodist Church, met in the school house with a group of people of the community who were desirous of establishing a church. A free will offering was taken at the first meeting and $500.00 was raised. After that, these God fearing Christians set out to raise the balance of the money needed by having ice-cream suppers, getting donations from the people of the town, and by great sacrifice on their parts. They purchased the land on which the present church building stands from J.N. Camp at a cost of $200.00, and erected a church building for approximately $1500.00. The first Board of Stewards consisted of the following: Mr. D.D. Underwood, Mr. Jim Milam, Mr. Dan Summerhour, and Mr. W.D. Cross. One of the members of the first Board of Trustees was Mr. John T. Griggs. Mr. W.D. Cross was the first Sunday School superintendent.

Through the years the struggles of this church have been met bravely and fearlessly by a faithful few who would not become discouraged and give up. They realized and believed that God's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void", has and will forever remain true.

On April 27, 1947, a tragic fire completely destroyed the building, and for more than a year the members of the church met in the Elizabeth Junior High School building. With a membership of about 80, the people of the church set about to rebuild the church. The following served on the Building Committee: T.H. Marr, chm., A.L. Marr, Howard Hicks, Paul Frey, J.M. Drummond, T.E. Barrett. On the Finance Committee: Tom Green, chm., Miss Irene Faucette, Miss Gladys Berry, M.L. Frey, C.P. Hames, Mrs. Howard Hicks, Mrs. M.C. Marr, Mrs. Paul Frey, Mrs. M.L. Frey, Bill Brown, Omra Faucette, M.C. Marr, and Lee Green. The Reverend Carl Tollison, pastor at the time when the church burned, and the Reverend J.G. Wooten, Jr., who became pastor in July, 1947, worked very faithfully with the members to help raise funds. At the time Reverend Wooten left there was approximately $9400.00 on hand, plans were drawn up, and the contract let. The Reverend R.R. Baker, who came in July, 1948, continued the good work that was under way, working very hard with the members, in order to raise the necessary funds to secure the loans from the General and Conference Boards, thereby having enough money on hand to complete the contract. Rev. Baker's report to annual conference showed that $8,739.00 had been paid out for building and improvement during the church year ending June, 1949. We finished the year with our membership amounting to 107. The church is gradually growing and attendance is greater than it has been for a long time.

The present church building, a 60 x 35 wood frame and wood finish building (to be brick veneered later) has a seating capacity of around 200 with three adjacent class rooms. The basement, when finished, will include four modern class rooms, a kitchen and a large recreation room. The new church, erected at a cost of approximately $15,000 was officially opened September 26, 1948, with the present pastor, Reverend Baker, in charge of the service.
During the church year ending June, 1950, with Reverend Baker and all the members working very tirelessly, we have accomplished a great deal. We finished this year with a membership of 122. An approximate $3,267 has been paid out in all departments of church work. The basement floor, walk and steps have been completed at a cost of $482. Loan payments and other improvements amounted to $1,206. Present plans include completing the kitchen and two church school rooms.

Again with Reverend Baker and the members giving their all unreservedly, we finished the year ending June, 1951, with the average attendance in the church school the best in the church's history, and the over-all attendance of the church very good. The budget was increased from $2400 to $2900, and has been met successfully. Two church school rooms and the kitchen have been completed at a cost of $578. The kitchen is partially equipped, the Woman's Society of Christian Service having purchased a gas stove, a sink, a hot water heater, some silver, and cloths for the dining tables. Every department of the church seems to be functioning well.

The plans for next year include fully equipping the kitchen, beautifying the church yard and painting the church.

We are moving on toward the realization of the dream of all who have labored so faithfully in this place.

The pastors who have served the Elizabeth Methodist Church from 1908 to 1951 are:

W.L. Pierce
W.F. Mitchell
W.S. Sewell
S.E. Jenkins
S.G. Brinkly
C.M. Litham
Grover C. Knowles
A.C. Cantrell
Otis A. Morris
Walter E. Brown
B. Frank Pim
Charles C. Cliett

Carlos Gardner
Carl McGrady
S.J.B. True
Oakley Lee
W.T. Borchers, Jr
John Quarles
D.B. Shelnut
William Ruff
Norris King
C.G. Keathley
Carl Tollison
J.G. Wooten, Jr.
R.R. Baker

Signed:

Mrs. Howard Hicks
Chm. Committee on Church History