

Ellenwood Charge

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HISTORY OF ELLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH FROM ORIGIN TO 1951

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH. The Ellenwood Methodist Church was organized in September of 1941 at Ellenwood, Georgia, with thirty-five charter members. The church was organized under the influence of Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Roberts, a retired Methodist minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Needham.

The trustees elected for the church from these charter members were M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, Coley Stanford, and John Matthews.

The church building was constructed in the year 1942 during the pastorate of Rev. Hoyt Henderson, student at Emory, on lands granted to the trustees for this purpose by Mrs. R. L. Henry.

W. E. Needham was elected as the first Church School Superintendent and Mrs. M. E. Waggoner was elected as first president of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service.

A Methodist Youth Fellowship organization was set up and began to function at Ellenwood in the Spring of 1947, while Rev. T. E. Fowler was pastor, with the help of a layman, Thomas Friddell. Gibson Friddell was elected as first president of this Fellowship.

The Ellenwood Charge consisted of four churches when it was organized. They were: Ellenwood, Bethel, Anvil Block, and Mt. Zion, the latter two having been Methodist Protestant prior to Unification in 1939. In the year 1946 Rex Church was added to the charge and Kelley's Chapel in 1947. During this latter year John Lane was made assistant pastor of the Ellenwood Charge to serve Rex and Kelley's Chapel.

In the year 1948 the Rex Circuit was organized with Rex, Kelley's Chapel, and Noah's Ark composing the churches.

At the Second Quarterly Conference of the Ellenwood Charge in the year 1944, held at Bethel Church on May 21, a Board of Trustees was authorized to raise money and build a parsonage. This Board was given blanket authority by the Quarterly Conference. J. H. Friddell, of Ellenwood, was elected as a trustee of the parsonage to be a member of the Board at large. Each church was then to elect its own trustee for the parsonage. They were: J. B. Bond, Anvil Block; Earl Sout, Bethel; Horace Ward, Mt. Zion; M. E. Waggoner, Ellenwood. Construction of the parsonage was begun during the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Woodruff in the year 1945 and completed shortly after his successor, Rev. T. E. Fowler, was sent to the Ellenwood Charge in 1946. Both the church and the parsonage were soon freed of all indebtedness and so remain to this date.

TRUSTEES OF CHURCH PROPERTY LISTED CHRONOLOGICALLY.

1941- W. E. Needham, M. E. Waggoner, Coley Stanford,
John Matthews.
1942- Same.
1943- Same.
1944- Same.
1945- W. E. Needham, M. E. Waggoner, John Matthews.
1946- Same.
1947- Same.
1948- W. E. Needham, M. E. Waggoner,
Thomas Friddell.
1949- Same.
1950- W. E. Needham, M. E. Waggoner, Thomas Friddell,
W. E. Adams.
1951- W. E. Needham, M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Adams,
M. E. Waggoner has been chairman of the Board from
1941 through 1951.

BOARD OF STEWARDS LISTED CHRONOLOGICALLY.

1941- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, Mrs. R. L. Henry,
Mrs. A. C. Cobby, Jr.
1942- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, Mrs. R. L. Henry.
1943- Same. J. H. Friddell.
1944- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, R. L. Henry.
1945- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, R. L. Henry, Ben
Holland, Mrs. J. H. Young, Communion Steward, J. H. Friddell.
1946- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, Ben Holland, J. H.
J. P. McKnight, Mrs. T. F. Roberts, Mrs. J. H. Young CS/Friddell.
1947- Same.
1948- M. E. Waggoner, W. E. Needham, J. H. Friddell,
J. P. McKnight, H. F. Fittz, Mrs. T. F. Roberts, T. J. Liles,
Mrs. T. J. Liles, Communion Steward.
1949- M. E. Waggoner, Mrs. T. F. Roberts, J. P. McKnight,
H. F. Fittz, H. F. Waller, Mrs. T. J. Liles CS, J. H. Friddell.
1950- M. E. Waggoner, Mrs. T. F. Roberts, O. W. Cowan,
W. E. Adams, Mrs. J. P. McKnight, Communion Steward, J. H. Friddell.
1951- M. E. Waggoner, Mrs. T. F. Roberts, O. W. Cowan,
W. E. Adams, Hoyt Estes, Mrs. J. B. Shurley, Communion Steward.

PARSONAGE TRUSTEES LISTED CHRONOLOGICALLY.

1944- J. H. Friddell, J. B. Bond, M. E. Waggoner,
 Earl South, Horace A. Ward.
 1945- Same.
 1946- Same.
 1947- Same.
 1948- J. H. Friddell, J. B. Bond, M. E. Waggoner,
 J. A. Clark, Horace A. Ward.
 1949- Same.
 1950- J. H. Friddell, J. B. Bond, M. E. Waggoner.
 J. A. Clark, Paul Masters.
 1951- J. B. Bond, M. E. Waggoner, Paul Masters,
 J. A. Clark.
 J. A. Clark acted as treasurer of the Board since his
 election.

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

1941- W. E. Needham,
 1942- Same.
 1943- Same.
 1944- W. E. Needham, Superintendent, Ben Holland, Asst.
 1945- J. H. Friddell, H. F. Waller, Asst.
 1946- Same.
 1947- Same.
 1948- Same.
 1949- Same.
 1950- Same.
 1951- W. E. Adams, Superintendent, Hoyt Estes, Asst.

PRESIDENT'S OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

1941- Mrs. M. E. Waggoner.
 1942- Same.
 1943- Same.
 1944- Mrs. Ben Holland.
 1945- Same.
 1946- Mrs. J. P. McKnight.
 1947- Same.
 1948- Same.
 1949- Mrs. W. E. Adams.
 1950- Mrs. J. P. McKnight.
 1951- Mrs. M. E. Waggoner.

PRESIDENTS OF METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

1947- Gibson Friddell.
 1948- Pauline Hemphill.
 1949- Yvonne Waller.
 1950- Clinton Liles.
 1951- Peggy Shurley.

CHARGE LAY LEADERS.

1944- Horace A. Ward, Mt. Zion Church.
 1945- Same.
 1946- H. F. Fittz, Ellenwood Church.
 1947- Same.
 1948- Same.
 1949- J. H. Friddell, Ellenwood Church.
 1950- Ray Mitchell, Bethel Church.
 1951- Paul Masters, Mt. Zion Church.

CHURCH SECRETARY AND TREASURERS..

1945- Mrs. T. F. Roberts.
 Same for all subsequent years.

CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY HAS BEEN MRS. M. E. WAGGONER FOR ALL THE YEARS OF THE CHURCH'S EXISTANCE.

GOLDEN CROSS DIRECTORS.

1944- Mrs. T. F. Roberts.
 1945- Same.
 1946- Thomas Friddell.
 1947- Same.
 1948- Same.
 1949- H. F. Waller.
 1950- O. W. Cowan.
 1951- Same.

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PASTORS OF ELLENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH.

1941- T. H. Wooten, Student at Emory.
 1941-1943- Hoyt Henderson, Student at Emory.
 1943-1944- A. E. Shelton, Student at Emory.
 1944-1946- W. A. Woodruff.
 1946-1949- T. E. Fowler, Student at Emory.
 1949-1951- F. E. Jenkins, Jr., Student at Emory.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE ELLENWOOD CHARGE.

1941- R. L. Russell.
 1942- M. M. Maxwell.
 1943- Same.
 1944- P. A. Turner.
 1945- Same.
 1946- Same.
 1947- Same.
 1948- Same.
 1949- H. H. Jones.
 1950- Same.
 1951- Same.