The Eton Methodist Church is located at Eton, Murray County, Georgia. The records of the church are incomplete, and the information given in this history is given by people who remember the members who would know are deceased.

The lot upon which the church is standing was purchased from the School at Eton, and $75.00 was paid for the land. Much of the material and construction was donated. The church was finished in 1911. Prior to that time, a Sunday school was organized, and since there was no Methodist Church in Eton, which was a new town, the Sunday School was held in the Eton Baptist Church. There is no record of Charter members, however we do know that a group of Methodists had moved to Eton who were anxious to have a church of their own, many of them had come from nearby Center Valley and Spring Place Churches, and by sheer determination, and cooperation the church was a reality.

The Parsonage at Eton is a charge Parsonage, and was moved from Center Valley to Eton in 1913 or 1914. The Parsonage at Center Valley was sold and the money received was applied to the purchase of the present Eton Charge parsonage. The balance of the money used for the purchase was from the Eton and Summerhours Churches. $1200 was paid for the building, and it is valued at $6000 at the present time.

The first year of Church activities that is recorded is 1906 the Rev. G. E. Barton was the pastor in charge, and it can be supposed that the Sunday School was organized in 1906. We have no record of officers, nor what amount was paid for all causes the first year. The amount paid for all causes last year, 1959, was $2137.72.
The Ladies Aid, which is now known as the Women's Society of Christian service, was organized in 1912. We do not know the names of the first officers. Nor the number of members. This organization is still active with 100% membership of the women in the church membership. The church membership at this time is 65 however not over 35 are active members. The Women's Society or Christian Service is an important factor of the church. The Society has met all obligations, and is most active in local Church work. Mrs. Tom L. Gregory is the president.

Bishop Warren A. Candler was a visitor to the church in years gone by, and many distinguished preachers have held revivals in the church. The Dalton District Conference has been held at the church, which brought all the ministers and lay leaders together for the day.

The young members of the church have gone to the Army, some of them into important positions after Army duty, all of them good citizens. The church has always kept in touch with them wherever they are located.

The following is a list of the presiding Elders and the Pastors of the Church in the early years:

Dr. Lovejoy P.E. 1906-1910
Rev. G. B. Barton, Pastor
Rev. T. J. Christian, P.E.
Rev. C. A. Alday Pastor, 1910-1911
Rev. W.L. Irivin P.E.
Rev. W. H. Hardy Pastor, 1911-1912
Rev. H. O. Green 1912-1913-1914
Rev. R. H. Cliett 1914 1915
Rev. C. E. Ledbetter P. E. 1916-1918
Rev. W. R. Kennedy
Rev. J. C. Lupo Pators
Rev. John F. Yarbrough P. E. 1918-1922
Rev. L. M. Davidson
Rev. Y. Speer
Rev. N. A. Parsons
Rev. E. A. Harris P. E. 1922 1923
Rev. H. A. King Pastor.

The present membership have added hardwood floors, stained memorial windows and new Pulpit furniture.

The present Pastor is Rev. Herman L. Heath

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