

Five Springs United Methodist Church

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HISTORY OF FIVE SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Five Springs United Methodist Church is located three miles south of Dalton, Whitfield county, Georgia, just off U.S. 41, and to the left of Five Springs road.

In the year 1875, a few people started meeting in a four room tenant house on Col. John B. Maynard property. This property is located one-fourth mile north of the present church location. This house was located across the road from the Guinn and Bertha Mae Smith home.

The records show J. N. Myere as being pastor in 1878-1879.

Charter members were G. A. Maynard, J. B. Maynard, R. B. Maynard Sr., J. H. Hyer, Mrs. J. H. Hyer, T. R. Henderson, S.I. Bowie, Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mrs. N. J. Mitchell and Mrs. S.A. Rollins.

Five Springs church was named for the five mineral springs on the Col. John B. Maynard property. At that time the Maynard property was a summer resort. These five springs are located at the foot of the hill, in back of the home of Guinn and Bertha Mae Smith.

In 1886 Mrs. Kate G. Phelps deeded to the trustees and their successors, of Five Springs Methodist Episcopal Church South, three acres more or less of land. It is located at the intersection of the Old Atlanta or Tilton Road, and Rome or Carbondale road. The terms of the sale were for five dollars cash and her regard for morality and religion. The trustees were Col. John B. Maynard, John H. Hyer, Thomas R. Richardson, J. W. Slate and Buel Stark.

In that same year the church was built and still stands in good repair, and in the same location.

The first wagon load of lumber was hauled by R.B. Maynard Sr. The following people subscribed to the building fund.

Frank Fields	1.00	J. B. Miller	1.00
J. F. Stanford	25.00	John Gazaway	.25
T. B. Mitchell	35.00	Henry Hamilton	5.00
John Stark	10.00	Sam Poarch	5.00
Charles Mitchell	1.00	J. W. Bowie	11.00
T. B. Henderson	10.00	J. B. Maynard	100.00
M. Bagwell	2.00	John Hyer	20.00
T. B. Mitchell	25.00		
			<hr/> \$251.25

Col. John B. Maynard was in charge of building expenditures.

Expenditures paid to the following:

Paid for clearing and other labor	10.50
7/31/1886 W. G. Cavender	50.00
7/15/1886 W. G. Cavender	25.00
7/24/1886 J. M. Austin	13.35
7/24/1886 Hyer and Hamilton	40.00
7/29/1886 Paint and oil	5.60
7/31/1886 Henry Coker - shingles	37.50
8/4/1886 Berry - 2 windows	5.90
8/11/1886 Wooten and Holmes - paint	7.40
8/14/1886 Williams and Slate - painting	6.00
8/16/1886 Labor cutting ditch	1.50
8/20/1886 Frelock, making 10 benches	9.10
8/20/1886 800 feet flooring	6.40
8/20/1886 800 feet weather boarding	6.40
7/10/1886 Two barrels of lime	2.05
8/20/1886 Farrow - dressing bench material	.89
8/20/1886 Miller and Slate for benches	1.60
8/20/1886 Fraker for flooring	6.37
8/20/1886 Williams and Slate - painting	10.50
8/20/1886 Farrow - lumber	6.37
8/20/1886 Mitchell - hauling	3.65
8/20/1886 Wooten and Holmes - painting	2.24
8/20/1886 Two lamps	1.70
	<hr/> \$ 260.02

Col. John B. Maynard paid the balance of the subscription \$8.77. Also much labor and materials were donated.

This building was built before the deed that is now on record was made. The reason the deed had to be changed was because of the Discipline requirements of the Methodist Church.

A list of members and pastors (on record in the church office) is all that was found for the years 1887-1923.

In 1924 the Woman's Society of Christian Service, (Now United Methodist Women,) was organized. Charter members were Mrs. B. L. Reavis, Mrs. Clara King, Mrs. H. C. Smith, and Mrs. H. D. Stevens. The first president was Mrs. Clara King. One of their first projects was buying the church's first piano. They raised money for this project by selling refreshments at two auction sales. They also made and sold quilts. They have had many good projects over the years, such as furnishing the parsonage. The society is still very strong.

In 1925 the Epworth League (now MYF) was organized. This was under the direction of the pastor and the W.S.C.S. This MYF has been the best in the district at many times, and is very good at this time. This group has received outstanding leadership over the years.

In 1926 the U.S. 41 highway was built. The church gave right-of-way for the New road to run across the property. The New road, now known as the Five Springs Road, cut off a triangle on the south side of New road and east side of Rome road. The trustees agreed to trade this triangle to C.M. Hansard for a triangle on the north side of New road that Hansard owned. No deed was made until 1948. These triangles are where the parsonage now stands and where Donald King's house trailer is now located. Trustees at this time were H.P. Stacy, J. R. Callahan and B. L. Reavis, Sr.

The electric lights were installed in the church in 1926. The power line at tht time was owned by C.C. Speck, J. K. Spann, and H.C. Smith. Permission was given by owners for hookup. The line was built from H. C. Smith's store to church by free labor. Poles were also given. The church was wired by Troy Kirk. Cost of the materials was \$70.00.

My early memories of Five Springs Church includes the entrance on the north side and facing the intersection of Atlanta and Rome road. The back is now where the front used to be located. There were two large front doors about ten feet apart, with two aisles. The men used the left (east side) and the women and children used the right (west side). The older men sat in front along side the pastor in the Amen corner. The old pump organ was in the opposite corner. Kerosene lamps hung on the wall. An old pot bellied stove sat in the center, then was changed on right, then on the left. They couldn't seem to agree where it should be.

Later, the two front doors were taken out and double doors installed in the center. Concrete steps were built at this time. Now there was only one aisle down the center of the church.

In 1927 the timber was cut off church property and stacked to dry. The labor was free. Cost for sawing of lumber could not be found. This lumber was used for the Sunday School rooms.

In 1928 four Sunday school rooms were built on the back of the church. (Where the front is now.) Lumber was hauled by wagons to Dalton, planed and returned. Jess Smith was hired to oversee the building. All other labor was free. Total cost of labor and materials was \$750.00.

A Boy Scout Troop was formed in 1939 with Guinn Smith as the first scoutmaster. There have been many Eagle Scouts and God and Country Awards earned in this troop. In 1962 one Eagle and Four God and Country Awards, in 1963 there were six God and Country awards. This troop was top in this district several years. The outstanding accomplishments of these young men, and their development as community leaders is a tribute to the dedicated scoutmasters, who have served this troop over the years.

In 1947-1948, the church was completely remodeled under the supervision of Mr. L. S. Orr, Sr. The entrance was moved to the south end of the church, facing the Five Springs road. Sunday school rooms were built on the north end. Some labor and materials were donated, other labor and materials cost \$6,700.00

In 1948 the deed was made for land trade agreed on in 1926 between Mr. C. M. Hansard and the trustees. Trustees at this time were L.S. Orr, Sr., H. W. Smith, Sr., and H. D. Stevens. The parsonage was built in that same year.

Materials and labor	\$4,358.69
Labor donated	942.25
Materials donated	271.50
Discounts on materials	<u>178.32</u>
	\$5,750.76

Money collected at this time for furnishings for the parsonage was \$1074.50.

Rev. Norris L. King moved in the new parsonage October 1, 1948, as pastor of Belmont-Five Springs charge.

In July 1949 Five Springs became a full station church. J.T. Sofge, Jr. was the pastor.

In 1952 bathrooms were added to the church at a cost of \$550.00. This was paid by the W.S.C.S.

In 1953 a single garage with storage area was built at the parsonage at a cost of \$750.00.

In 1956 and 1957 the education building was built under the supervision of Mr. L. S. Orr, Sr. Five more Sunday school rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall and office are included in this building. The bathrooms were moved during this renovation. Total cost, labor and materials was \$10,000, plus much free labor, and materials purchased at discounted prices.

In 1956 the Methodist Men's Club was organized with 24 charter members. E. H. Holloway was elected the first president. Some of their projects include the communion table and the electric range in the kitchen.

In 1960 the church purchased the old school lot from Mrs. Frances York Stark for \$750.00. This lot joins the church lot on the west side, increasing the church lot to between 4 and 5 acres. Trustees at this time were Mrs. A. H. Bagley, H. W. Smith, Sr., Howard Smith, R. C. Thomason, Sr., Mrs. D. M. Choate, and L. S. Orr, Sr.

In 1965 the Wica Chemical Company, Inc., conveyed to the trustees of Five Springs Church for \$1.00 and as a gift to said church a lot of approximately one acre. The trustees at that time were Guy Davis, L. H. Hall, E. H. Holloway, L.S. Orr, Sr., Guinn Smith and R. C. Thomason, Sr. This lot joined the church property on the east side, making the church lot between 5 and 6 acres. At the time Wica Chemical Company gave the church a house to be moved off their property. It was sold to James Kinnett for \$500.00

In 1969 the church sanctuary was air conditioned. The cost was \$2540.00

An addition to the parsonage in 1971 added two rooms and a bath. The parsonage was carpeted throughout, and painted inside and out. The cost of \$6300.00 does not include the labor and materials donated.

In July 1974 a new furnace and air conditioning unit was installed in the education building. It is a memorial to Mr. R. C. Thomason, Sr. It was paid for by the family and cost \$1795.00.

When Mr. B. L. Wallace's will was probated in 1976, he had willed the Five Springs United Methodist Church \$5,000.00. This money was added to the building fund.

Since the beginning of Five Springs Church, which covers a period of more than a hundred years, there have been many loyal second mile Christians. Besides our regular Methodist members, other people attending include Baptists, Presbyterians, Christians, and other denominations. All have contributed of their time and efforts and served in the various leadership positions in the church. Many of them deserve mention because of their untiring efforts, but because of possible omissions, names will not be listed. Instead a special thanks is given to the entire membership, past and present, for making Five Springs a caring and sharing church.

This is of course, just a brief physical history of the beginning of the Five Springs Church. The greatest work here has not been mentioned for surely the greatest work done by our Lord Jesus is recorded neither in this, nor in any other church history, but deep in the hearts of those people who have been, and who are, the church.

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By Guinn Smith

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PASTORS AT FIVE SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1878-1981

Methodist Episcopal Church South

1878-79	J. N. Myere
1880	W. H. Edwards
1881	N. E. McBreyere
1882	J. W. See
1883-84	S.P. Richardson
1885-86	T.J. Simmons
1887	D. C. Brown
1888-89	E. W. Stranton
1890	B. H. Green
1891	J. R. Speck
1892	M. D. Smith
1893-94	J. N. Myers
1895	J. S. Church
1896-97	M. M. Walraven
1898	J. L. Bryman
1899-1900	J. V. M. Morris
1901-02-03	G. L. Chastain
1904	(H. M. Hawkins (T.L. Bryan
1905	R. P. Tatum
1906	A. B. Pendleton
1907	M. L. Harris
1908	(Z. V. Hanks (T. L. Rutland
1909	E. A. Shields
1910-11	D. P. Johnston
1912	N. A. Parsons
1913-14	Nelson Hinsley
1915	J. A. Griffies
1916	Rev. Spears
1917	A. W. Conway
1917-18	Van B. Harrison
1919	N. T. Hayes
1920	Jas. W. Lee
1921	Frank Green
1922	H. W. Conway
1923	J. T. Pendley

1924	W. L. Jolly
1925	Fred Ray
1928	W. F. Walden
1931	S. A. Dailey
1934	H. O. Green
1935	J. B. Stevenson
1936	G. T. Sorrells
1938	W. F. Dailey
	Methodist Church U.S.
1939	M. H. Smith'
1940	J. L. Black
1941	Benson Barrett
1942	J. B. Godfrey
1943	J. F. Cook
1944	Henry Norris
1946	H. B. Duling, Jr.
1947	David Mc Keithern
1948	Norris King
1949	J. T. Sofge, Jr.
1951	Julian Thompson
1952	George Davis
1954	Ancil H. Arnold
1955	Paul H. Stokes
1956	T. J. Weeden
1959	Frank Dorris
1960	Eugene Dixon
1961	Russell Taylor
1963	R. E. Sabo
1964	J. R. Thompson
1966	E. G. Pursley
	United Methodist Church
1967	Richard F. Danek
1969	Lloyd Lovern
1972	Les Connell
1975	David Robb
1977	Gene Bartenfield
1978	Wallace Green, Paul Stone
1979	Claude Fouts