

# Glen Haven Methodist Church

GEORGE E. STECK  
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.

4862 GLENWOOD ROAD

DECATUR, GEORGIA

MARCUS R. MARTIN, PASTOR

ROBERT S. WALTERS  
LAY LEADER

April 20, 1960

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## HISTORY OF GLEN HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH

On July 17, 1946, some of the people of the Glen Haven Community who were interested in forming a Methodist Church, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bassett for the purpose of making plans and surveying the community for people interested in the new church. Eighteen people were present at this meeting and they pledged \$825.00 for a building fund. On August 16, 1946, the first Quarterly Conference was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wellborn and Mr. and Mrs. J. Candler George Sr., and the church was organized under the direction of the Rev. Charles L. Middlebrooks, Dist. Supt. of the Decatur-Oxford District. Thirty-two persons were received as charter members and the Rev. Hunter Bassett was appointed pastor until the Annual Conference in November.

On September 28, 1946, Mr. Pierce Jackson presented the church with land on which to build the first building, and the Building Committee consisted of Mr. N. R. Jones, Mr. T. L. Suddeth, Mr. J. T. Bassett, Mr. C. W. Wellborn, and Mr. W. B. Jones. Services were held in the homes of members until Sunday, June 29, 1947, when the first building was opened for Sunday School and Worship, with forty-two members. This building housed the church until September 25, 1955, when a new Chapel, costing approximately \$25,000.00, with a seating capacity of 200, was opened for Worship. This Chapel is the first unit of our permanent Building Program. Plans are under way for the construction of an Educational Building, costing approximately \$75,000.00, which, we hope to begin construction in the fall of 1960, or early 1961.

The membership of the church on September 25, 1955, when the new Chapel was opened, was one hundred thirty-seven. The church has shown tremendous gains in the past four and one-half years, and to date (Easter Sunday, 1960), the membership is 294. The community is growing at a very rapid rate and the church should double its membership within the next three or four years. The church was staffed with Student Pastors until July 1, 1955, when Rev. H. B. Simms became the first full-time pastor. At that time a temporary parsonage was purchased, and was replaced in January 1959 with a permanent parsonage at 4406 Covington Rd., at a cost of \$15,000.00. In addition to this property, three additional acres of land adjacent to our church was purchased at a cost of \$6,000.00 in 1957. The final payment on this land will be made in the near future.

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(History of Glen Haven Methodist continued)

Today the average attendance at Church School is 200. The M. Y. F. attendance is 25. The church is well organized and is carrying on a full program of activities. The budget for the Conference Year 1959-60 is \$24,000.00.

This church has a goodly heritage and with new life and a new purpose, faces the future with faith and determination to extend and sharpen our witness for Christ and His Church. The following ministers have guided us through the years since our church was organized in 1946:

Rev. Hunter J. Bassett, Aug. 9, 1946, to Nov. 24, 1946; Rev. Jack P. Speer, Dec. 1, 1946 to July 18, 1948; Rev. W. Ellis Williams, Aug. 1, 1948 to Aug. 31, 1948; Rev. Jefferson C. Christian, Oct. 3, 1948 to June 3, 1950; Rev. Robert B. Engle, Jne 4, 1950 to June 3, 1951; Rev. Lewis Cass Davis, June 30, 1951 to July 1, 1953; Rev. Robert A. Kerr, July 5, 1953 to July 1, 1955; Rev. Howard B. Simms, July 1, 1955 to June 28, 1958; Marcus R. Martin, June 29, 1958.

The church is located on Glenwood Road near the junction of Glenwood Road and Covington Highway, approximately 4 miles south of Decatur.