In August 1892, a tent meeting was held across the railroad from the business section of Godfrey. Preaching was done by Miles H. Dillard and John Kenny. I am told that it was a glorious revival. Charlie D. Tillman brought an organ and a player. Tillman did some wonderful singing. At the close of these services it was decided to build a church. There were few men of means here at that time, but everyone gave wonderfully to the building fund. The Baptist Church plunged into it too, giving freely of their means.

R. D. Stubbs along with Jim Pennington were the families who were really financially able at that time. An early start was in the making, material was bought, and a real contractor that knew how was hired. Before finishing the church some material was bought that was not the best (a mistake by some one). There was a controversy over it and work stopped. Finally the material was exchanged for good stuff.

On the fifth Sunday in May, 1893 the community, Baptists and Methodists alike, met at the church with a picnic dinner. Dr. Simon Peter Richardson preached the dedication sermon and such a wonderful Day and sermon it was! The first preacher was H. M. Julian from the East Putnam Charge. By the winter of that year the church had been fitted with stove, organ, chairs and everything necessary for a beginning. The Stubbs family and the Penningtons gave most of the furnishings.

The next year (if I am told right) the church was on the Newborn Charge, then off the Shady Dale Circuit. Since then the church has had numbers of preachers and many glorious meetings. Four or Five times repair work has been done. The last repair work was
in the spring of 1952 when the whole inside of the church was
redecorated, also added were venetian blinds, chairs upholstered,
piano tuned, and a new pulpit Bible, new hymn books and a picture
to hang behind the pulpit.

We think that we have a beautiful little church although the
membership that at one time was over one hundred and twenty-five is
now very small. We are doing our best.

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