Godfrey Church

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Dear Mrs. Mackey,

Rev. Bernard Trias asked me to send a short sketch on the Godfrey church. I had started a history, haven't been able to finish it, however, I'm sending a short sketch. I hope to finish the paper I had started at the near future.

We are so few in number but now and I haven't been able to get the information that I needed.

We had a nice collection for Methodist expansion at the church Sunday.

Sincerely

Mrs. Emma Kilpatrick

PS. Take out if not suitable on error I haven't a good record.
In August 1892 a tent meeting was held at Godfrey. The preachers were Rev. Miles H. Dillard and Rev. John H. Turner (both long gone to their reward). The church was organized then. The work was started in fall of 1892 and the building finished in the spring of 1893. It was dedicated on the fifth Sunday in May in 1893. Dr. Simon Peter Richardson preached the sermon. There was some delay during the time because they refused some of the material, so it was built of the very best that could be bought and has lasted as still good.

The church was first on the East Putnam Charge. The first preacher was Rev
H M Quilliam (if I'm informed right) it was transferred to the Newborn Circuit then to Shady Dale.

Through the years we have had numbers of preachers and great revivals, at one time there were almost 150 members now we have just a few.

It has been repaired from time to time. Just last year 1952 it was redecorated inside and now it is in splendid shape. Our present preacher is Bernard Via Jr.

This year marks sixty years. We are friends of the little church.