BREIF HISTORY
GORDON'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
ORGANIZED:

Gordon's Chapel Church was organized in the year of 1898 under the pastorate of Felix L. Church, first holding services in a brush arbor and a school house until the year of 1900, at which time Mrs. J.F. Gordon donated a lot to build a church. During this year a frame type, one story building was erected which was used for church and Sunday School purposes for thirty-five years.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Among some of the charter members, who were active in the organization and building were Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Gordon, for whom the church was named. Others included Asa J. Thornton, Ira C. Thornton, J.A. Stone, Mrs. J.A. Stone, W.C. Hopkins, Mrs. Dolly Williams, and many others.

ENLARGED CHURCH LOT:

In the year 1917 some additional land was purchased and added to the original one acre lot. This land was purchased by the executors of the estate of J.M. Seagrave and J.A. Stone jointly. This additional land was to be used as a cemetery. In the year of 1945, the Madison County Board of Education deeded four acres of land and a building known as Sanford School building to the trustees of the church. This property is being used for educational and recreational purposes of the church community.

PASTORS:

Rev. Felix L. Church was the first and served as pastor for three years, during which time its membership steadily increased. Since that time, the following served respectively through the years: J.T. Dunnaway, J.M. Crowe, F.G. Golden, L. Talkington, Glenn L. Davis, Marvin L. Franklin, Z. Spears, I.J. Lovern, W.C. Fox, J.B. Mills, H.C. Garrett, A.M. Sprayberry, M.C. Allen, J.T. Pendley, Roy Sampley, J.D. Swaggerty, H.C. Green, William Greenway, W.A. Woodruff, B.W. Hancock, R.C. Owens, H.C. O'Bryant, T.H. Wheelis, H.B. Ward, J.S. Strickland, and Jack Moore, W.E. Cawthon.

ERECTED NEW BUILDING:

On December 10, 1935, Reverend B.W. Hancock, who was the pastor of the church at that time, called a meeting of the Board of Stewards, and after a full discussion of the ability of church members and the community, it was decided to discontinue the old building and a new building be put in its place. The Board, believing in the ability of Brother Hancock and the people in the community, decided that a brick structure could be paid for.

In pursuance of this decision a building committee was appointed, consisting of the following members: Mr. J.M. Relaford, Mr. A.P. Seagraves, Mr. L.C. Seagraves, Mr. E.R. Smith, Mr. A.P. Gordon, Mr. L.C. Morgan, Mr. Q.H. Massey, Mr. B.P. Glaze, Mr. E.B. Wilkes, Mr. A.L. Stone and Mrs. C.L. Gordon. A.P. Seagraves was appointed as treasurer of the building fund and this committee began immediately to solicit funds.
The old building was immediately torn down and before
the Christmas holidays of the same year, the foundation
for the new building had been laid.

Mr. R.H. Thompson of Danielsville, Georgia was employed
as builder and foreman of work. It was under his efficient
management and supervision the building was rapidly com­
pleted and the first services were held in the new building
on July 12, 1936.

The funds for the erection of this building were given
freely and cheerfully, not only by the members of the
church, but by members of the community who were members
of other churches and friends of nearby communities and
cities, notwithstanding the fact that some made great
sacrifices in order to contribute their time and money.
Most all of the labor was contributed and a fine spirit
of cooperation existed at all times during the erection.

The building, as it stands, would cost approximately
$20,000.00, being a brick structure with a masonry stone
foundation. The Church school department is located in
the basement. A modern heating plant has been installed.
Other improvements such as, Chimes, have been made in
the past few years.

The members of the church and the community feel that
the erection and completion of this shrine of worship
is largely due to the leadership of Brother B.W. Hancock.
His belief in the member of the church and his convincing
ideas and will-power proved to the membership that it
could be done. His determination, energetic time, money
and friendly Christ-like counsel paved the way for the
completion at which he was present. The cornerstone was
sealed and dedicated to the service of God and fellowman.

The present pastor of the church is Rev. Jack Moore.
A.F. Seagraves is the General Superintendent of the
Church School, Robert J. Seagraves is chairman of the
Board of Stewards, Mrs. Francine Dillard is President
of the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Patricia Dillard
is President of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The
Board of Trustees is composed of A.F. Seagraves, W.N.
Stone and A.F. Gordon.

A number of local and supply ministers are and were
members of this church, among whom were Carl Seagraves,
Calvin Mancreif, Tom Barnett and Luther Fouche. This
was also the home church of Rev. Roger Stone who is now
a member of North Georgia Conference.

Gordonts Chapel Church is located in the Sanford Community'
of Madison County, ten miles west of Danielsville, Georgia,
in one of the most prosperous communities of the county.
The church serves as a public center as well as a shrine
of worship. Dedicated for this purpose, its doors are
open to all seeking to find peace of mind and rest.

The Pastor, the officials, and the membership extends an
invitation and a welcome to all those who wish to come
and worship at Gordon's Chapel Church.
The present pastor of the church is the reverend W. L. Cawthon, who is completing his second year as pastor of the Danielsville Charge. A. F. Seagraves is the General Superintendent of the Church School. George Barber is Chairman of the Official Board. The president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is Mrs. Austin Kesler. Ronny Dillard is president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The Board of Trustees is composed of George Barber, W. N. Stone, and A. F. Seagraves.