GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

In November, 1871, a lot was secured on Irwin Street and North Boulevard. On this lot a small building was erected in which a Mission Church and Sunday School was organized, known as St. John Mission. Grace Church is its successor.

On April 13, 1883, a lot was secured on Boulevard between Houston and Cain Streets. In 1884 a one-story building was erected which was the basement of the auditorium built later. During 1890 a church auditorium was built on the original structure and a two-story parsonage at the rear of the church lot. In 1895 there was constructed an addition to the auditorium.

This property was sold, and on June 19, 1906, ground was broken for the erection of a church on Boulevard between Houston and Cain Streets. The new church was completed in July, 1906, and the first sermon was preached in the church on July 1, 1906. In the fall of 1914 a parsonage was built adjoining the church. In May, 1917, the great fire in Atlanta burned the church and parsonage and the homes of many of the members.

It was decided to build a new church near the corner of Ponce de Leon and Boulevard. The educational plant was first constructed and used for a time for all the services. This unit was completed about November 1, 1918. The new auditorium was completed about February 23, 1923.

On July 17, 1943, the church became the beneficiary of a gift from T. B. Martin and his family, the lot being located west of and adjoining the church property.

A parsonage was purchased in June, 1948.

In June, 1952, the church membership was 2,674, and they had raised for all purposes during the year $122,457.00.