After the county seat of Jones was moved from Clinton to Gray and more homes were being established, the Methodists felt that a house of worship was needed. The Jones County Land and Improvement Company, on December 6, 1906, had given lots to the Baptist and Methodist people for church buildings. The Baptists had already erected their church, and Rev. D. B. Cantrell, who was serving six Methodist churches in Jones County, was inspired with the desire to build a church at Gray. His enthusiasm, good judgment and physical strength went into the project and early in 1908 the work was begun. On Easter Sunday, April 19, 1908, the church was dedicated. It was a lovely church, its slender white spire rising among great hardwood trees bursting into tender green leafage. The bell, presented by Mr. J. T. Williams of Round Oak, rang out a heart-warming invitation for everyone to come and rejoice with the Methodists on this eventful occasion. Dr. D. E. Dowman was Presiding Elder of the Oxford District and invited Dr. J. E. Dickey to preach the dedicatory sermon. After Rev. Cantrell was moved, Rev. B. H. Mobley succeeded him. He was followed by Rev. A. E. Earnest, 1910, Dr. J. W. Quillian, Presiding Elder. In 1911 the parsonage was built at Gray. In November 1913 Rev. J. T. Robins became pastor for the next four years. Dr. B. F. Frasier came as next Presiding Elder, his first conference being held at Gray January 3, 1915. A few minutes after the business session closed in the afternoon, the beloved structure with all its furnishings, organ, three memorial windows, books, etc. was a mass of flames from an overheated furnace. The insurance, which had lapsed a short while before, had not been renewed. The good Baptist friends opened their church to the homeless congregation and that evening Dr. Frasier preached an inspiring sermon to his almost despairing Gray people, using for his text Gideon and his loyal three hundred followers. As soon as the trustees and stewards could work out plans, a new structure of brick was begun, the first Sunday School service being held August 8, 1915. There were not enough chairs, so boxes or anything else that could be used as seats were brought in. The Methodists were happy to be in their own "meeting house" again, though their hearts were filled with gratitude to their fellow Christians, the Baptists, for giving them sanctuary for nearly eight months. On August 15, 1915, the cornerstone was laid, Dr. William Ainsworth delivering the sermon. On the cornerstone are the names of the building committee: F. M. Stewart, Sr., Ch., J. W. Bonner, S. B. Hungerford, W. E. Morgan, T. S. Bush, J. T. Robins, Pastor, and J. M. McMillan and Son, Builder. None of this committee is living now except J. W. Bonner, Sr. Mr. F. M. Stewart, Sr. gave the new bell. Through the instrumentality of Mrs. J. W. Bonner a piano-organ was given by her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams of Blakely, Georgia. Money had to be borrowed to rebuild the church though contributions were generous. In addition, several love gifts were presented. Among them, the Communion Service by Mrs. Holmes Johnson, two collection plates by the Young Peoples' organization under the leadership of Mrs. S. B. Hungerford, a pitcher and goblet in memory of Mrs. Alma Bragg Morgan, by her nurse, Miss Blount. Only one memorial window was replaced; the one in memory of F. S. Johnson and his wife, Mrs. Emily Hutchings Johnson, by the latter.
After several years the debt was paid and the church dedicated during the ministry of Rev. J. F. Davis on October 30, 1927, Dr. Elam Dempsey, Presiding Elder, preaching the sermon. During Rev. D. B. Cantrell's ministry the Woman's Missionary Society was organized and has always been a strong arm of the church. It secured the agency of The Idle Hour Florists in Macon, being paid a percent on every order given them for flowers. Mrs. F. M. Stewart, Jr., took over this work and when enough funds were accumulated a handsome carpet for church and choir loft were laid, in addition to a kneeling cushion. This carpet is now used in the pastor's study and back halls of the church. After a few years the church needed to be repaired and during Rev. L. S. Baugh's ministry, who served two years, 1944 and 1945, under the District Superintendent, Rev. H. H. Jones, the remodelling of the building got under way. Rev. Baugh was moved in 1945 and Rev. Grover Bailey sent to Gray. He served one year and was followed by Rev. W. O. Lindsey, Rev. C. L. Middlebrooks being District Superintendent. During the second year of Rev. W. O. Lindsey's service the church, at a cost of more than $26,000.00, was completed. The Woman's Society of Christian Service continued to get its percent of flower orders, another firm being added to the first, that of Mr. and Mrs. William Fraley of Milledgeville, Georgia. Mrs. J. A. Burnette was made treasurer of the fund, and at this time a beautiful wine carpet covers the isles and chancel; kneeling cushion and choir curtain matching in color, at a cost of $800.00. These were placed in 1948. The Woman's Society of Christian Service, including the Wesleyan Service Guild, now has about sixty members. On December 5th "Home Coming" was celebrated, several former pastors and members returning to enjoy and renew the fellowship of years gone by. The church now has eight furnished Sunday School rooms, three pianos, a plentiful supply of song books and hymnals, many of the latter given in memory of some loved one, flower containers and bookshelves. Two flags, United States and Christian, were given by The Youth Fellowship. Gas heats the auditorium and Sunday School rooms. In 1950 were dedicated a pulpit stand in honor of Mrs. Sadie S. Hunt by her son, Dr. Jasper Hunt; a communion table in memory of Mrs. Belle S. Wootten by her daughter, Miss Frances Wootten and sister, Mrs. Sadie S. Hunt; two pulpit chairs in honor of Mrs. Irene S. Bonner, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, Sr.; a pedestal in memory of Mr. Frank M. Stewart, Sr., by his wife; a pedestal as a gift by Mr. Walter Williams, Sr., and a pulpit Bible in honor of Rev. L. S. Baugh by Miss May Stewart. The former pulpit and chairs are used in the assembly room. The pastors who have served the Gray Methodist Church are nineteen in number, as follows:

Rev. D. B. Cantrell 1905-1908 P. E. Dr. D. E. Dowman
" B. H. Mobley 1908-1910 " " " " "
" A. E. Earnest 1910-1913 " " J. W. Quillian
" J. T. Robins 1913-1917 " " B. F. Frasier
" G. W. Barrett 1917-1920 " " H. B. Mays
" J. B. Jordan 1920-1922 " " " " "
" C. T. Ivey 1922-1925 " " W. G. Crawley
(Church voted against unification. Died with heart attack in summer of 1925).

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Rev. J. F. Davis 1925-1927  P. E. Dr. Elam Dempsey
" J. K. Kelley 1927-1929 " " " " "
" T. H. Maxwell 1929-1931 " " " Nath Thompson
" A. B. Sanders 1931 " " " "
(Retired in 1932 from broken health)
" R. C. Singleton 1932-1935 " " W. H. LaPrade
" L. G. Cowart 1935-1937 " " Wallace Rogers
" O. J. Withrow 1937-1940 D. S. " T. M. Sullivan
" H. L. Mitcham 1940-1943 " " H. H. Jones
" L. S. Baugh 1943-1945 " " " "
" Grover G. Bailey 1945-1946 " " " "
" W. O. Lindsey 1946-1950 " " C. L. Middlebrooks
" J. B. Ward 1950- " " E. G. Mackay
Taken from the official record of Quarterly Conference, 1887.

Charge - Clinton and Mission
District - Oxford
Conference - North Georgia
Presiding Elder - Geo. W. Yarbrough
M.A. Phillips, P.C.

1. Clinton Church
Trustees - R.T. Ross, R.V. Hardeman, G.T. Pursley, H. Kingman
Stewards - R.T. Ross, W.H. Holstenback
Sunday School Superintendent - W.H. Holstenback
Sec. Church Conference - R.T. Ross

2. Fortville Church
Trustees - R.H. Bonner, J.D. Godard, M.H. Morton, J.A. Pitts
Stewards - R.H. Bonner, J.D. Anchors, J.A. Pitts, W.S. Morris
Sunday School Supt. - J.D. Anchors
Sec. Church - J.R. Bonner

3. Pitts Chapel
Trustees - J.W. Slocumb, A.B. Stribling, J.B. Anchors
Stewards - the same
S.S. Supt. - J.W. Slocumb
Church Sec. - A.B. Stribling

4. Tranquilla Church
Trustees - Stewards - R.E. Hutchings
Sunday School Supt. - Miss Mary McCullough
Sec. Church Conf. - William Barron

5. Round Oak Church
Trustees - R.J. Smith, J.P. Hunt, J.M. Hunt, Frank White, Samuel Gordon
Stewards - J.W. Barron, J.P. Hunt
Sec. Church Conf. - R.J. Smith

Trustees - T.R. Stribling, H.L. Smith, T.G. Smith, Joshua Harris
Stewards - T.R. Stribling, T.G. Smith
S.S. Supt. - T.R. Stribling
Sec. Church Conf. - T.G. Smith

7. Roberts Chapel
Trustees - Jackson Roberts, M.W. Kitchens, Frank Slocumb, W.J. Lipsey,
James Brown
S.S. Supt. - M.W. Kitchens
Sec. Church Conf. - C.Y. Roberts

8. Liberty Church
Trustees - J.B. Hearndon, R.W. Gresham
S.S. Supt. - W.H. Gresham
Sec. Church Conf. - G.T. Gresham