A BRIEF SKETCH OR HISTORY CONCERNING
THE GRAYSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

About eighty years ago the trustees of the New Methodist Church at
Graysville, Georgia received a deed for an acre of land, which stated
in part: "I, Allen Kennedy, for and in consideration of the love
that I bear for the cause of Christ, and from an earnest desire to promote
his Kingdom on earth, do give and grant by those present, convey to:
Robert B. Church, Dr. J. M. Maddox, Thomas H. Williams, William Gamblin, B.
C. Springfield, J. M. Keener, M. R. Julian and their successors in office,
forever for the purpose of divine worship, for the use of the members and
membership of the M. E. Church South. The Trustees who accepted the deed
were the above mentioned, and the date was 1876. The church building had
been erected in 1875 of excellent materials and workmanship, attested by
the fact that in the present year 1950, it stands strong and well-pre-
served and its of pleasing proportions architecturally.

Previous to the erection of the new building, the small congregation wor-
shipped in Blackwell's Chapel, a crude log construction about one mile
distant from the present location. The land for Blackwell's Chapel was
donated about 1840 by Lindsey Blackwell to be used for a church and school.
Some of the members of the church at the time were grandparents and great-
grandparents of members who belong to and attend the church at Graysville
now. Along with the increase of population the church membership, also,
increased, and it is said that in a revival in 1868 a considerable number of
people joined. Soon after this the congregation felt strong enough to
build the comfortable church which has housed faithful Methodists for so
many years.

About 1933 several rooms were added, the interior of the sanctuary was re-
decorated and a new rostrum and chior facilities were built.

For a long period of years this church was a part of the Rockton Conference,
sharing the pastor with other churches of a circuit. In or around 1940, the
Graysville Church was transferred to the North Georgia Conference.

Throughout a century and a decade, many loyal followers of Christ have
received inspiration and instruction from a long list of revered pastors.
Among the Pastors who have so faithfully and ably ministered are:


In 1923, fifty years later, the following ministers served:

| Rev. Lyons         | Rev. Elkins       | Rev. Browning    |
| Rev. Lawhorn       | Rev. Stone        |                  |
In the year 1950 Rev. M. H. Ortwein is the pastor and has held this charge six years.

The Board of Stewards now serving the Church are:

Mr. C. A. Gray - Chairman
Mr. & Mrs. Alonzo Weathers
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Jasoeks
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Brown
Mrs. Gertrude G. Rhodes
Miss. Mayme Williams
Mrs. Chas. W. Heffington
Mrs. Flonnie Ingle
Mr. Sam Ingle

This information has been compiled out of love and respect for those who carried on in days gone by and who have long ago gone to be with God.

I sincerely trust that those who follow in their steps may hold high the banner of Christ, Whom to know aright is life everlasting.

Sincerely,

Gertrude G. Rhodes