

# Hiawassee

Soon after Towns County was divided from Union County, one of the lots into which Hiawassee was divided was obtained by the Methodist Church. The church built upon this lot had a long history of service in the town and county. Through many years it cooperated with the local Baptist church, and Methodists and Baptists alike attended the services in both churches.

Some of the Methodist pastors, recognizing the superiority of the Baptist facilities and their far greater numerical strength, abandoned the use of the Methodist church building. The Methodist people gradually lost the sense of their separate identity, and the Baptist people fell out of the habit of attending services in the Methodist Church. When later pastors took their flock back to their own church, they faced a very difficult situation. This was met with varying success, but finally in the early years of the Second World War, the work was abandoned and the property was sold.

From time to time, irregularly, Methodist services continued to be held in Hiawassee. In recent years several Methodist families have moved into the town, and the need for renewing the work became clear. A WSCS was organized, and last fall the church was officially reorganized and regular services recommenced. <sup>Its present membership is twenty-two</sup> A new lot has been purchased adjoining the old one, and before Conference a start will have been made on the new building.