Holly Springs Methodist Church Was founded in 1825. Early worshippers constructed a log cabin which had neither windows, ceiling, nor floors. Although the building was inadequate and the hardships were many, Holly Springs grew and prospered until 1860.

Then every male member between the ages of 14 and 66 joined the Confederate Army. Holly Springs received another crushing blow in 1864 when Sherman and his vagabonds burned the building.

In 1867 the indomitable members built a new weatherboard structure. Windows and floors were added but no ceiling.

During these early years Holly Springs was a mecca for beautiful singing and good preaching. Young members looked to the Church for social activities as well as spiritual guidance. During those days local preachers served as ministers.

Active membership was usually greater than 100, which is large for a small rural community. Growth was so great that a new building was erected in 1905. Members willingly furnished the labor, material, and money. Although not elaborate, it was completely modern. With the exception of two coats of paint, a new roof, and gas heat, the building had since changed little.

In 1905 Holly Springs joined the Methodist Conference and became part of the Marietta Circuit. Composed of eight Churches in 1905, it now has four. With the joining of the Conference local preachers were replaced by Circuit Riders selected by the Conference.

Holly Springs reached its peak between 1900 and 1925. Church and Sunday School attendance was large. All day singings with dinner-on-the-ground were held. Preachers often had revival audiences so great that more people stood on the outside than the packed Church could seat. During this era one of the preachers is said to have
remarked: "In this community we have the devil up a tree."

Since 1925 the interest and attendance at Holly Springs has decreased. The active membership now is approximately fifty, with a Sunday School enrollment of about the same number. We hope that in the coming years it will again reach the heights of bygone days.

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