HISTORY

Of

STILESBORO CHARGE

Bethlehem Church
Harmony Grove Church
Hopewell Church
Stilesboro Church
Taylorsville Church
Just south of the present building on some of the same property, was a small building erected by a small group of pioneers in Methodist work in this section. We do not have these names nor the exact date of this building, but the legend is that it was used for a place of worship and to shelter sick and wounded soldiers of the great struggle between the north and south in the sixties. Later on, in the year of 1879, the present building was built, and some of the supposed charter members were such as the following families: Tibbits, Douthid, Penn, Badget, McGuire, Keever, Brown, Campbell, and Crowe.

Great revivals were conducted through the ensuing years. Grove meetings and prayer, and class meetings were conducted. As a result of these revivals there came a young man that later went into the ministry. He later joined the North Georgia Conference and he also served in the South Georgia Conference. His name was John W. Crowe. He came back to North Georgia to serve his last work, Hopewell being one of his churches.

There has been Sunday School carried on continuously throughout the years. We have had one missionary who went out from Hopewell. She is Mrs. Dorothy Beard, who is in the East Indies at present.

Some of the pastors that served Hopewell in former years were the Reverends Holmes, C. A. Allday, Leake, N. A. Parson, W. B. Taylor, Adrian Warwick, Jessie Warwick, Clifton Freeman, T. H. Whellis, and Tom Rutland.