A birth of a new church is always an historic occasion, but the birth of Hyatt Memorial was different in that Georgia Methodist did not either plan it or expect it.

In June, 1955, the Gate City Methodist Church was without a pastor and a congregation. At that Annual Conference Dr. Nat Long, Atlanta East Superintendent sent a lady to find the congregation, have worship services, love the youth of the community and get the church property for the conference. At that time the small, primitive one room and the land on which the little church stood belonged to the Manget Foundation, as did the community surrounding the Gate City Cotton Mill and the mill also.

With much prayer, effort and grace the little congregation was reassembled and services were held regularly (sometimes only the Lord and the minister attended). Youth work was begun and flourished for a time. Sunday School grew slowly and has had a hard time surviving. The preaching services have increased in size, devotion and dedication. The great problem of that first year was "to own the church."

Much planning, discussion and heart breaks ensued, but in November, 1956, the church and property were deeded to the congregation by Dr. Fred Manget. The name of the church had been changed from Gate City to Annie Elizabeth Hyatt Memorial Methodist Church (a memorial to a saintly, fine old lady who worshipped with the children and kept them together without a preacher).

At last the little congregation had a home. Plans were made to remodel the one-room sanctuary and build Sunday School rooms. A campaign for funds was begun. It was a long and arduous endeavor. Dr. Long directed funds from the Thousand Club, and there were many individual donors. The people grew spiritually as they struggled to get $5,000.00 in order to build. The Mission Board loaned the trustees $10,000.00 and the building was opened and consecrated by Dr. Nat Long in March, 1958.

The membership has grown to 76 active people. The debt has been reduced to $6,500.00 and the people are cooperative, hard working at money-making enterprises, and are anxious to pay for their "little church with a great God."

Today a new church has been growing for over three years, it belongs to the conference, it is working to liquidate a loan, and it loves its meeting place for worship. The birth of Hyatt Memorial was different. God used a lady to lead a people to worship Him.