HISTORY

of

JEFFERSON METHODIST CHURCH
The first building in which the Jefferson Methodist congregation worshipped was located on Athens street on the lot that is now Woodbine Cemetery. On July 24th, 1848 a new location for a church building was provided. For and in consideration of the sum of five dollars, Middleton Witt executed a deed to one acre of land near Jefferson Academy to William Lovett, R.W.T. George, P. Samuel James and William Alexander. The deed is witnessed by B.E. Overby and I. B. Nabors and was recorded by P. F. Hinton the clerk of the Superior Court Jackson County. Located in the center of this lot a new and modern church building was erected by the Methodist of Jefferson.

The architecture was very similar to that of the present Presbyterian church of this city. Among those who worshipped in this hallowed temple was William Duncan Martin who in his last will and testament bequeathed a liberal amount to the Jefferson Methodist church. His body rests today in the north west corner of this church lot.

Realizing the time had come when more room must be provided for Sunday School purposes, the trustees of the church decided a new church structure was necessary. The old building was removed and a new house of worship erected in 1910. Late in the year 1924 when the congregation had gathered for worship on the sabbath the building was consumed by fire. Immediately a campaign was begun by the Methodist people to build another house of worship. Plans were made to construct the new church building of local surface stone, money, lumber, stone and labor were contributed, but not enough was provided to accomplish the undertaking. So a twenty thousand dollar loan was negotiated which has been repaid in full, and an additional amount of about fifteen thousand provided by the Methodist congregation to complete the structure which is one of the most unique, attractive and beautiful buildings in the North Georgia Conference.

The original building committee consists of T.T. Benton, J. Z. Carter, H. T. Mobley, J. E. Randolph and J. C. Smith. Upon the death of Mr. Carter and Mr. Randolph, W. T. Bryan and John N. Holder were chosen to fill the vacancies. The church is entirely free of debt and has about half enough funds with which to complete the church floors.

Rev. Lamar H. Watkins is rendering effective, faithful and satisfactory service as pastor of this congregation.

District Superintendent A. B. Elizer was pastor of this church when all its debts were paid in full.
The Jefferson
Mickelstof Church
Established Prior to 1848
Rebuilt 1926
Dedicated by
Bishop Archibald Moore
April 11, 1926

Building Committee
J. E. Roush
J. J. Daniels
H. H. Mohley
J. C. Carter

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