BISHOP’S SURVEY 1974-75

Name of Church: Jones Memorial First United Methodist

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Any Former Name: Jones Chapel

Date of Report: December 10, 1973

Address: 260 Forest Park Way

By: Mrs. G. L. Chatham

Town: Forest Park

Position: Church Librarian

County: Clayton

Zip: 30050

District: Atlanta South-West

Pastor on Date: Rev. P. V. Hall

Dist. Supt.: Rev. W. A. Bowen

First Recorded Reference (when, where, by whom)

A handwritten report of the founding, organizing and building of the first house, along with an account of the first services held in same. These accounts were among the papers of one of the founders, Mr. Wm. P. Jones, and were donated to the people of Jones Memorial by his daughter.

Affiliation with Any Earlier Group or Church

Jones Chapel was organized by members of Mt. Zion Methodist Church on Stewart Avenue, who saw the need for a new Methodist Church in this area. This was 1895 ... this dream became a reality in July, 1896, when the first services were held.

Date Entrance into Conference, Pastor Then

July 5, 1896 – Rev. J. C. Reynolds

Former Pastors with Dates


Members Who Became Ministers

Albert Folds, Douglas Harmon, Jack Newsome, Jack Taylor (became a Presbyterian Minister)

Tommy Seay, Kenneth Stephens.

Please return within month, even if incomplete. Additions can be made.

North Georgia Archives, United Methodist Center, 159 Forrest Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Location of Earlier Houses and Present Sanctuary. Give details of ownership, fires, new structures, sites, parsonages, etc.

Earlier houses and present structure are in same location - earlier building was remodeled many times, but was completely torn down and the present, larger building replaced it in 1954.

The first parsonage was across the street from the church for many years. The present parsonage is on Tanglewood Lane, Forest Park.

Any Marker or Inscription on Building None

Availability of Records, Any Gaps

Old records, with the exception of the first Church Roll of Members Book and a few personal papers of one of the founders, are unavailable. Records were not well preserved until after 1950, from that time forward to the present all records are available.

Description of Any Formal History, Newspaper Sketches

The first complete pictorial history, "Church History 1896-1972" was published in August, 1973.

Material Enclosed to be Placed in Folder at Archives

Location of Graveyard(s). Earliest dates and some prominent names. Approximate number of graves.

Graveyard is located beside the church building. This graveyard was here long before the church. It was originally the Jones family cemetery, but when Rev. John Jones donated the land for the church, he also included land for a church graveyard which includes that of the Jones family already buried there.