History of the Liberty Hill United Methodist Church

Few people live to see the realization of a dream or the fruition of an idea, but Liberty Hill United Methodist Church was a dream come true for the late Alfred A. Rector. One night he had a dream or a vision of a church at this place (near where the present building is) and set about making his dream come true.

In the beginning, a small group of Christian people and a log building, with a fireplace, was Liberty Hill Church. The benches were logs split in half and the floor was probably earthen.

The second building was made of logs also. Then a wooden frame building was used until the present building was started about 1948. Various businesses donated building materials, and several projects were begun to raise money. Members donated labor and the building was near enough to completion to dedicated to God July 29, 1956.

Nothing more was added to the church building and grounds until 1975. The additional three acres were purchased to enlarge the cemetery in the spring of 1975. During the summer of 1945, a building committee was elected and work was begun on the church basement, whose walls were rough masonry.

Three years later, in 1978, two restrooms had been installed, three classrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall had been panelled, carpeted, and furnished. In the spring of 1978, these additions were dedicated to God. Recently, a pastor's study has been added.

The charter members we know about are Alford A and Harriet Rector, James Cook, Thomas and Katherine Rhodes, David Newell and Mattie Brackett, Conrad and Julia Nichols, and Johnathan and Isabella Nichols. Possibly this list is incomplete, since early records have been lost.
Church History Continued:

Descendents of charter members now attending Liberty Hill are the Grady Brackett family, the Willard Dills family, Arvie Clement, the Luther Rhodes family, the Grace Wheeler family, the Obed Ballew family, the Kermit Totherow family, Annie Lee Elder, the Herbert Wise Family, Effie Brackett and Edna Gray.

Some of Liberty Hill's earlier pastors were:
- Rev. Jerry Chastain
- Rev. Sam Milsap
- Rev. Millard H. Smith
- Rev. Ferdinand Cochran
- Rev. Grady Lively
- Rev. Richard Harris
- Rev. Loren Parker
- Rev. Bob Cagle
- Rev. Billy Cobb
- Rev. Kenneth Brown
- Rev. Kenneth Lash
- Rev. Roy Brown
- Rev. Clayton Gilmer

and Mildred Speer, who was one of the first women pastors in the North Georgia Conference.