

May 8, 1951

HISTORY OF THE LONG CANE METHODIST CHURCH
LONG CANE DISTRICT, GABBETTville, GEORGIA

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On May 24, 1841 John Hill, resident of Troup County, Ga. 11780, who lived in Long Cane District, deeded to the Board of Trustees the 9 3/4 Acres of land on which now stands the Long Cane Methodist Church.

John Hill and his wife, Sarah Parham Hill, along with many other, came to Georgia in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled in the Long Cane District. He owned a plantation of about 400 acres and being a God fearing and God loving man, took every opportunity in promoting the Kingdom of God.

John Hill's, aunt, Mrs. Mary Tucker was very influential in Starting this church. Although we have no accurate record, it is generally understood that Mrs. Tucker paid for the land and since the land was in John Hill's name, she let him deed it to the Board of Trustees.

Before this church was first started, the people of this settlement attended church at St. John's Methodist Church, which was located on the Mann Place, now known as the Pott's plantation. Although it was a simple church, not beautiful as as our churches of today, it afforded a place to worship for those who had faith in God. The people had no other way of getting to church, other than horse back, wagons and buggies. This church was closed in 1841. When the New church was built it was named Tucker's Chapel in honor of Mrs. Mary Anne Tucker, who gave so much of her time and money in organizing this church.

All of our Church records have been lost up to the year of 1854 and that is the first record we have of the name being changed from Tucker's Chapel to the Long Cane Methodist Church.

In the Year of 1928 the church was remodeled inside, providing three Sunday School rooms in the back of the Church. They were much needed and have been very helpful.

The first Woman's Missionary Society was formed at Long Cane in the year of 1904. This Society was organized by Mrs. Mollie B. Higginbotham of West Point and the Reverend B. C. Fox, Pastor. In September 1939 the Missionary Society finished its business and reorganized as the Woman's Society of Christian Service with 25 Charter members.

The Long Cane Epworth League was first organized in 1925. This League did numerous things to help out in the church program, but was finally dropped. Several years later the League was reorganized. This time it lasted a little over a year and was dropped. In 1933 the League was reorganized. Much interest was shown and at one time there were as many as 60 members on the roll. The Long Cane department began a project as a memorial to the Young People of Long Cane. The project was the erection of a building near the Church in which the Young People's division held their classes and socials. The building was completed in 1937 and was named "The Hut" and is a large help in providing room for the church's activities. It is now being used by the local Boy Scouts, Troop 47, which is sponsored by the church, as a place to hold weekly meetings.

The present number of Members of the Long Cane Methodist Church is 129.

PASTOR LIST OF LONG CANE METHODIST CHURCH. This Data found in Library at Emory University.

Date	Pastor	Distict Superintendent
1854	Willie D. Mathew	J. C. Simmons
1855	" "	Samuel Anthony
1856	W. A. Florence	" "
1857	" " "	" "
1858	Lewis L. Ledbetter	Wm. H. Evans
1859	Joseph J. Singleton	" "
1860	Edmond P. Burch	J. Blakely Smith
1861	" "	" "
1862	Thomas J. Embry	" "
1863	" "	" "
1864	Robert H. Jones	John D. McGehee
1865	" "	" "
1866	P. M. Ryburn	" "
1867	" " "	Lewis J. Davies
1868	A. M. Thigphen	" "
1869	" "	" "
1870	Edmund P. Burch	" "
1871	" "	Habersham J. Adams
1872	T. H. Timmons	" "
1873	Henry J. Ellis	" "
1874	" "	" "
1875	J. R Morgan	J. W. Heidt
1876	J. S. Bryan	" " "
1877	J. W. Lee	" " "
1878	" "	" " "
1879	J. C. Davidson	W. H. Potter
1880	J. M. Lowery	" " "

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>District Superintendent</u>
1881	J. M. Lowery	W. F. Cook
1882	J. M. Lowery	W. H. LaPrade
1883	J. T. Richardson	" "
1884	" "	" "
1885	W. T. Smith	J. F. Mixon
1886	" "	" "
1887	W. J. Carter	T. F. Pierce
1888	F. D. Cantrell	" "
1889	" "	W. E. Cook
1890	E. C. Marks	" "
1891	J. S. Embry	" "
1892	" "	" "
1893	W. H. Spier	J. F. Mixon
1894	" "	J. P. Gibson
1895	" "	" "
1896	T. S. Edwards	T. R. Kendall
1897	" "	W. R. Foot
1898	" S	" "
1899	J. A. Sewell	J. W. Quillian
1900	" "	M. J. Cofer
1901	W. A. Farris	" "
1902	W. O. Butler	Beverly P. Allen
1903	W. C. Fox	" "
1904	" "	" 2
1905	" "	" "
1906	W. W. Gaines	J. B. Robbins
1907	" "	J. W. Quillian
1908	F. R. Smith	" "
1909	" "	" "

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>District Superintendent</u>
1910	L. L. Landrum	W. P. Lovejoy
1911	" "	W. L. Pierce
1912	W. W. Watkins	" "
1913	" "	" "
1914	W. J. Culpepper	" "
1915	D. L. Betts	B.P. Allen
1916	" "	" "
1917	A. M. Sprayberry	" "
1918	G. P. Sorrells	R. C. Checkler
1919	" "	" "
1920	J. E. Stapham	" "
1921	J. P. Wolford	" "
1922	" 9 "	Wallace Rodgers
1923	" "	" "
1924	Wolford Died on Charge and Z. C. Hayes appointed	" "

The following record found on Church Records

1925	Z. C. Hayes, Jr.	W. H. LaPrade
1926	L. G. Cowart	" "
1927	" "	" "
1928	Z. V. Hawkes	W. M. Barnett
1929	Z. V. Hawkes	" " "
1930	W. A. Woodruff	W. M. Barnett
1931	W. A. Woodruff-y	W. M. Barnett
1932	William Greenway	Irby Henderson
1933	" "	" "
1934	" "	" "
1935	" "	" "
1936	O. J. Withrow	Augustus Earnest

DATE

PASTOR

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

1937	O. J. Withrow	Augustus Earnest
1938	Harvey A. King	J. W. Veatch
1939	" "	George L. King
1940	" "	" "
1941	" "	" "
1942	G. A. Lively	" "
1943	G. A. Lively	W. M. Twiggs
1944	" "	" "
1945	" "	" "
1946	" "	" "
1947	B. N. McHan	" "
1948	H. L. Gurley	" "
1949	" "	Joe S. Thrailkill
1950	" "	" "