

HISTORY OF LOVEJOY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
LOVEJOY, GEORGIA

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Lovejoy United Methodist Church, Lovejoy, Georgia, was organized September 20, 1893, as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. An acre of land at the corner of Main Street and Church Street was purchased from Mr. T. M. Hamilton for the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The original Trustees signing the deed were:

T. M. Hamilton  
A. B. Mitcham  
J. S. Dorsey  
J. B. Edwards  
G. W. Fields

The first minister of record was the Reverend J. W. Stipes.

According to Mrs. Lois Wallis, one of the charter members of the church, the Lovejoy church was organized as a result of a tent meeting held on Church Street. The original church building was constructed by Mr. Andrew "Sweet" Conkle. School was held in this church for a time, after the Lutheran Church (the only other church in Lovejoy at the time) burned to the ground.

Originally, there were four (4) other churches on the charge with Lovejoy -- Hampton, Mt. Pleasant (disbanded), Sunnyside, and Mt. Carmel. This was made the Lovejoy-Mt. Carmel Charge as of July 1, 1958, with a student pastor serving both churches. At that time, the two churches paid the pastor an annual salary of \$900.00 each.

In September of 1957, needing more space, the Lovejoy congregation purchased the Lovejoy Elementary School building from the Clayton County Board of Education for the sum of \$3,500.00. Included with the building were two acres of land. Under the leadership of Reverend H. Dan Rice, the school building was remodeled and became the present home of the Lovejoy United Methodist Church. Additional land was later purchased from Mrs. W. H. Dorsey, bringing the total acreage to 4.17 acres.

The Lovejoy-Mt. Carmel parsonage was built on Mt. Carmel Road in 1964, the parsonage family (Reverend and Mrs. Edward A. Hager) moving in on August 17, 1964.

In May of 1971, the congregation undertook an extensive remodeling program under the leadership of the Reverend W. J. Boyer. The cost of the remodeling was approximately \$40,000.00. This debt was paid off in September, 1979.

Lovejoy United Methodist Church has had the honor of sending out one preacher, the Reverend J. Clyde Callaway, who later became District Superintendent of the Griffin District.

*Margaret Dancy*  
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September, 1981

MINISTERS SERVING LOVEJOY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. J. W. Stipes (No dates available)		
Rev. E. K. Aiken	-	1902-1904
Rev. S. M. Dimon	-	1905-1906
Rev. F. J. Mashburn	-	1907-1910
Rev. J. E. England	-	1911-1914
Rev. M. M. Walraven	-	1914-1915
Rev. C. A. Norton	-	1916
Rev. W. O. McMullan	-	1917-1920
Rev. A. E. Scott	-	1921-1923
Rev. S. D. Cherry	-	1924-1925
Rev. J. J. Mize	-	1926
Rev. W. H. Maxwell	-	1927
Rev. J. B. Gresham	-	1928
Rev. F. E. Crutcher	-	1929
Rev. A. B. Sanders	-	1930
Rev. J. S. Hill	-	1931-1932
Rev. J. W. Gardner	-	1933-1935
Rev. A. E. Silvey	-	1936
Rev. J. E. Holbrook	-	1937-1939
Rev. B. L. Barton	-	1939-1940
Rev. M. O. Lindsey	-	1940-1943
Rev. H. L. Gurley	-	1943-1946
Rev. H. G. O'Bryant	-	1946-1948
Rev. J. H. Couch	-	1948-1952
Rev. Allen T. Newby	-	1952-1955
Rev. H. Dan Rice	-	1955-1958
Rev. Padgett Nelson	-	1958-1961
Rev. John F. Price	-	1961-1963
Rev. E. A. Hager	-	1963-1966
Rev. Alfred P. Jodie	p	1966-1969
Rev. Jim Roberts	-	1969-1970
Rev. Wm. A. Boyer	-	1970-1972
Rev. Connie Mack Farmer	-	1972-1975
Rev. Vincent L. Malkinski	-	1975-1977
Rev. Wallace A. Strock	-	1977-1979
Rev. Bernie Harris	-	1979-1980
Rev. Stiles P. Cobb, Jr.	-	1980-