Macedonia Methodist Church
Canon Charge, Athens-Elberton District
Macedonia - Resuming

Macedonia Church was organized in the year 1854.

In Deed Book A, page 61, found in the Hart County court house, Hartwell, Georgia, we find the following information: A deed was made August 23, 1954, from Job Bowers to John B. Wade, William H. Stephenson, G. W. Askew, Marion Shiflet, and James M. Gains, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the meeting house named Macedonia. Including the place of the meeting house, and containing four and three twentieth acres of land. This land was bought for three ($3.00) dollars.

Due to lack of information we do not know definitely who the preacher was at that time, but it is believed by some of the oldest survivors that John B. Wade was the preacher. We do have information that he was a preacher and preaching at that time in many of the other churches. This was not the first meeting house, but it is the first one we have the date of when it was organized. We know this to be the second church.

And then we find in Deed Book L, page 187, a deed was made from W. H. Stephenson to the Trustees of Macedonia Church. It was dated May 11, 1878. The Trustees were Sinclair Richardson, James M. Gains, W. J. W. Mass, Robert Ridgway and J. R. Phillips. This deed was made for land containing two (2) acres, more or less. This land joined the first part, making a total of about seven (7) acres and is located about five miles west of Hartwell, Georgia, Hart County, about 1 1/2 miles off the Bowersville Highway.

In Deed Book P., page 95, we find a deed was made from Mrs. E. A. McGee to the Trustees of Macedonia Church, on November 16, 1903, for about 1/4 acre of land. And at the same time a deed was made from John T. Cook to Trustees of Macedonia Church; it was also dated Nov. 16, 1903, and
containing \( \frac{3}{4} \) acre of land, more or less, this making \( 1\frac{1}{4} \) acres of land. This is located about seven (7) miles from Hartwell and about two (2) miles from the old plot, still farther west. This is the location on which our present church now stands. This land was donated to the church by Mrs. E.A. McGee and John T. Cook. In 1904 the old church was torn down and what material that could be used was brought to the present location and together with other donated material the church was built there. Probably some of the material was bought but I do not know the cost, but some have said this building could be valued at $3,000. This church was destroyed by fire on May 14, 1950, caused by lightning.

The members attended another church on the charge until the building could be rebuilt. Plans were made immediately to start the new building and seven (7) months later we were having services in it, although it had not been completed; but it had been completed by May 1951.

This church was built by the members, the work being donated and most of the wood material being donated. The cost of the building that was bought was about $8,000. This church was a brick veneer building with a nice auditorium and 4 Sunday schools rooms. The estimated value was $20,000. This church stands on the same location where the old one was burned; Trustees were L. M. Jordan, J. W. Morehead, P. D. Bray.

This church, along with five others, form the Canon Charge. They do have a parsonage at Canon, Ga. It was destroyed by fire in the year of 1938 but a new one was built, still being at Canon, Ga. I do not know the cost or the value of the parsonage but it is a nice five room house.

Many great revivals have blessed our church and many people have been led to the Christian way of living by the good Christians of Macedonia,
Some of the charter members were John B. Wade, William H. Stephenson, G.W. Askea, Marion Shiflet, James M. Gaines, the Smiths, Robert Higganbotham, McDowalls, Cooks, Cook Winters, Mrs. Elvera McGee, Williams, Sirce Jordan, Richardsonsons.


We have had two preachers go out from this church. They are Rev. Allen A. Phillips and Rev. J.R. Phillips, sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Phillips, Sr.

We have S.S. each Sunday morning. We have 80 enrolled; the average attendance is about 65.

We have the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We have 20 members. This was organized many years ago and I do not have the date on this.

Our present church membership is 138. We are looking forward to many more years of beautiful service in this wonderful new building, which we have been blessed in having.

The cemetery at the old church site is still kept up. Many of us have great grandparents, grandparents and parents of some of us and friends sleeping there.

I would like to mention some of our former S.S. Superintendents; they were J.V. McGee, John A. Jordan, deceased, John Whitaker, living.

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