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Deacon Alfred Turner Mann, an eloquent preacher, a saintly man serving 52 years in the Methodist Ministry was the inspiration for the organization of Mann Memorial Methodist Church. It was erected as a memorial to him in 1890 by his widow, Mrs. Fannie Battey Mann, with the help of Mr. William I. Delph, collected the necessary funds for the erection of the building.

The original little white church located at the corner of Millidgeville Road and Kissingbow Road, cost $852.00.

There were forty charter members and the church was dedicated on February 2nd, 1890.

Ministers and their accomplishments as far as can be ascertained were as follows:

( MEBENA CIRCUIT.) 1890-1892. Rev. W. L. Delph.


1893-1903. Unknown.


Ladies Aid organized in 1906.


First Formal Wedding in the church was Miss Marie Newman and Mr. Alfred E. Byrd of Gracewood, Oct. 9, 1910.


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(SOUTH AUGUSTA CIRCUIT.) 1927-1930, Rev. C. W. Davis,
Parsonage purchased.
1934-1936, Rev. R. J. Kerr.
Mortgage on Parsonage burned.
1936-1938, Rev. M. C. Allen.
1939-1939, Rev. R. B. Hawkins.
1939-1941, Rev. W. L. Branchman.
Womens Society of Christian Service Organized Sep. 1940.
William Byington, a member of Mann Memorial was
recommended by Quarterly Conference for a license to
preach which was granted by the Augusta District May
29, 1941.

(STATION.)
1941-1947, Rev. G. M. Spivey.
This appointment marked the beginning of a new era
for Mann Memorial. We were designated as a Station
and Rev. Spivey was out first full time pastor.
We made great strides under his leadership and in
Sept. 1945 organized a class of ladies known as the
Friendly Bible Class. In 1946 a class of young men and women
was organized and known as the Cleaners Class.
The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in 1945 also.
The church membership grew through the years and rooms
were added to the original building. The members then saw
the need of a larger and more adequate church building,
Funds were accumulated over a period of years towards this
project and in December 1945 ground was broken for a new
Church Auditorium which was completed and new organ installed
with first services being held in the new Sanctuary February
23, 1947. At this service, Arthur Hal Riddle, infant son
of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Riddle was the first baby to be baptized
in the new building.
The first Formal Wedding in the new church was Miss
Elene Harrison Steed and Mr. Warren G. Davis, June 1, 1947.

New pulpit furniture was donated by the Young Mens
Club May 16, 1946.
Methodist Men's Club was organized.
1949 Pastor's Study and Choir robe rooms added.
Parsonage redecorated and new porch furniture and
kitchen fixtures supplied.

The second annual Home Coming service was held Feb.
27, 1949 at which time the remainder of a $45,000.00
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debt was raised. The dedication services were held by Bishop Arthur Moore on March 27, 1949.

Methodist Mens Club was organized November 24, 1948.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Feb. 5, 1950 for an Educational Building, to be built onto the rear of the new church building. This Educational Building containing 20 rooms, kitchen, study, robe rooms and rest rooms was completed for first services to be held June 25, 1950. Heating facilities for the entire building was installed in the basement.


Succeeded in raising $5,600.00 in a 30 day period to pay off local indebtedness.

Installed new organ amplifier which greatly improved our music.

Installed ventilator grills in each class room door for more even heating.

Parsonage was rewired, new rugs in kitchen and bath room.

Electric range purchased for the educational building kitchen.

Methodist Mens Club furnished venetian blinds for pastor's study.

New pews were installed this year and on May 25th, four of them were designated as honoring Rev. G. H. Spivey, Rev. John D. Maxwell, Rev. A. A. Phillips and Rev. C. C. Clieett.

Our membership at present is 444 members.