CHURCH HISTORY

MARIETTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1869, Mr. Richard Golden, Mrs. Maybally Golden, Mr. Jordan Pollard, Mrs. Alcie Pollard, Mrs. Betsy Lowery, Mrs. Mollie Lowery, Mr. Charles Zimmerman, and Mr. Jackson assembled together and held the first Black Methodist Episcopal worship service in Polk County. These people worshiped under a bush arbor atop Dugdown Mountain near Felton, Georgia. Later, they erected a church "up on the mountain" on land belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Golden.

Due to the difficulties encountered by the members in getting their wagons up the steep mountain during inclement weather, worship services were moved a few years later to Fullwood Springs. The worship site consisted of ½ acre and was donated to the Members by Senator John I. Fullwood. The land was deeded to the Charter Members for as long as religious services were conducted.

Around 1900, due to the sparse location of the members, some erected a new church at Lime Branch, Georgia (New Hope Methodist Church), and others, who lived near the city of Cedartown, Georgia, organized a church on Liberty Street in that City. The Reverend Dickerson was the building pastor. The Liberty Street site is presently occupying Berrys Grove Baptist Church.

In 1905 the Church was reorganized and building began in its present location on Marietta Street in Cedartown, Georgia. It was completed in 1911 under the leadership of Rev. B.A. Johnson. In 1945 rocks were carefully selected from various parts of Polk County and were placed around the Church thus establishing the beautiful and scenic structure that exists today.

In the next few years, New Hope at Lime Branch discontinued services at that site and all members began worshiping together again at the commonly called "Rock Street" Church.

Since 1945, the interior of the Church has been renovated and in 1976 a youth center was established across the street from the Church. The Youth Center was purchased and opened during the ministry of Reverend John King.

The final addition to the church facility was completed with the building of a parsonage which was dedicated in November, 1982.
Pastors From 1870 - 1900

1. Rev. B.M. Walker
2. Rev. B. Brown
3. Rev. Prince Roberson
4. Rev. S. Williams
5. Rev. McHenry
6. Rev. Demos Hope
7. Rev. Frank Gray
8. Rev. F. Grecy
9. Rev. Hunt
10. Rev. J. H. Davis
11. Rev. J.W. Amey
12. Rev. J. Usher
13. Rev. None
14. Rev. Talley
15. Rev. Johnson
16. Rev. B.B. Boston
17. Rev. N. J. Ross
18. Rev. W. M. Bailey
19. Rev. Veal
20. Rev. Kimble
21. Rev. Story
22. Rev. John Holiday
23. Rev. Harvey
24. Rev. Stalling
25. Rev. Joel Flemister
Pastors From 1900

27. Rev Dickerson ----------------- 1900 - 1902
29. Rev. Phamous H. Kelly ---------- December, 1909 - December, 1910
30. Rev. H. A. Haily ------------- December, 1910 - April, 1911
31. Rev. B. A. Johnson ----------- May, 1911 - December 1911
32. Rev. W. A. Neeley ----------- December, 1911 - December, 1912
33. Rev. Weenes ------------ December, 1912 - June, 1914
38. Rev. J. M. Spencer --------- December, 1917 - September, 1919
39. Rev. E. W. Barnes --------- September, 1919 - December, 1921
40. Rev. Y. T. Fredrick ------- January, 1922 - December, 1928
41. Rev. Y. W. Hatcher ------- December, 1928 - December, 1929
42. Rev. J. L. Watley ------ December, 1929 - September, 1931
43. Rev. S. J. Saxon ------- September, 1931
44. Rev. Vaughn
45. Rev. C. K. Hayes
46. Rev. George Walker
47. Rev. Barnes
48. Rev. Williams
49. Rev. J. F. Demery
50. Rev. O. P. Bronson
51. Rev. Joseph Spears
Pastors From 1900 (Cont'd)

52. Rev. A. C. Cobb

53. Rev. Amy

54. Rev. Gissentanner

55. Rev. J. C. Neal

56. Rev. Charles W. Ponder

57. Rev. Henry Gladney


63. Rev. Jonathan Holston ------------------ June, 1983 - Present
CHURCH DEED

Recorded October 27, 1893. W. Knight, Clerk

J. B. Stephens - vs - Methodist Episcopal Church Colored

GEORGIA )
POLK COUNTY ) J. B. Stephens, a material ware chairus of lien

on the church house in that part of Cedartown known as Pepper Town known as
the Methodist Episcopal Church Colored and the realty on which it is built

to-wit: lot no. 18 in block 7 in the Evans Survey of Cedartown Land
Improvement Co. said lot being 50 by 100 feet to the amount of $123.00 for
materila lumber finished the trustees of said Church to build the same
which went into the same in the year 1983 - said Stephens has completed
his contract for furnishing said material and his lien is recorded
within the time required by law. October 21st, 1983 J.B. Stephens

Recorded October 27th, 1983 ( J.B. Stephens
( W. Knight, Clerk
This indenture made and entered into the 20 day of May in the year of 1920 between B. F. Cleveland and


for the sum of $45.00

Sold to Trustees and their successor

One acre of land lot no 219 in the First District and 4th Section, said acre being West of acre previously deed to Trustees of New Hope Church by B. F. Cleveland.

Recorded. 17 day of February. 1936
CHURCH DEED

Witness by:

Mrs. R. O. Gathings
S. J. Saxon

S. R. Brown, Sec.
D. M. Pounds
B. F. Cosby
J. E. Jixar
B. H. Sherfield
R. O. Gathings
S. Hays

RECORDED FEBRUARY 27, 1940

City lot no 85, eighty five, surveyed by S. S. Evans in 1902, said lot lies South and fronts North (50) fifty feet on Marietta Street and extends South therefore on east side 98-1/10 feet and on West side 8 - 7 and 6/100 feet, more or less and located in the City of Cedartown, Ga.

Trust Agreement and Mortgage