What is now known as McKee's Chapel Methodist Church was organized shortly after the Civil War between 1865 and 1869.

The charter members of this church were Washington McDaniel and family, Solomon Milsap and family, Jackson Purdy and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Elber Smith, Mr. and Mrs. La Fayett McDaniel, and James Bearden.

Among the early membership were Milton Bearden and his wife, Martha; and Hugh Tatum and his wife, Mary Rebekah.

The McKee's Chapel Methodist Church owns fifty (50) acres of land. This land is not conference property. The church parsonage and cemetery are also on this land.

The original church, the Methodist Protestant Church, had a campground and arbor on the property now owned by McKee's Chapel.

McKee's Chapel is of historical significance having been organized by people who were in sympathy with Union forces during the Civil War.

The second church building was erected during the pastorate of W.T. Westbrook and was built during the years 1885-1887. At the time of its construction, it was the nicest building in Dawson County, North of Dawsonville.

Mr. Joseph McKee Sr., who came to America from Ireland several years before the Civil War, left one hundred dollars ($100) in his will to go toward building a new church at the campground.

Since the one hundred dollars ($100) that Mr. McKee willed to church was the most money that anyone put into the building fund, the church was named McKee's Chapel.

The second church building stood on a ridge or hill to the east of the campground arbor. At this time, the property had been transferred to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the fall of 1915 the church was rolled up to the public road then known as the Dawsonville-Elijay road and now known as 183 Highway.

In the spring of 1948, the church was in need of quiet a number of repairs as well as repainting. The members decided to invite a contractor to inspect the church and state a price for the job. He asked such a huge amount that the official board voted to build a new church, thinking it better to construct a new building than to put so much into the old.

This new church was begun during the pastorate of Rev. Burch Fannin and while Rev. McLowery Elrod was District Superintendent. This beautiful red brick sanctuary, built against the stately green forest and the majestic mountains of its pastoral setting, is a memorial to the love and devotion of its present members and those gone before.