MEADOW METHODIST CHURCH

Meadow Methodist Church, on the Duluth-Lawrenceville Highway, three miles from Duluth, was organized the third Sunday in August, 1899, by Rev. S.H. Braswell, in the school house which was then Farmer's Academy, later changed to Meadow.

The school house at that time was the only community house. J.W. Quillian, John Masburn, S.H. Braswell, S.P. McConnel, Luther Jackson, and others would preach for us after Sunday School, in the afternoon and at night.

Ben Meadow was the community school teacher at that time. A star mail route from Glaster via Craig, then to Meadow and on to Jinks, near Trinity, caused the change of name to Meadow. Hence the Church name was changed to Meadow. There were thirty (30) charter members.

Anna Coggins Bracwell was the first new member to join after the church was organized.

The first and present building was erected in 1901. One fourth acre of land, adjacent to school grounds, was bought from S.T.F. Roberson and his mother, Mrs. Mary Dodson, for eleven dollars and twenty-five cents, ($11.25). Material to build the Church building was donated by community folk and J.T. Singleton sawed the lumber, then all donated work and built the building.

The names of the organized or charter members were:

Rev. C.E. Marks was first pastor of our church, as we were on the Duluth Charge. Later we were on Bethesda- Mt. Carmel Charge, now we are on the Suwanee Charge. Rev. N.L. Underwood, Presiding Elder of the Gainesville District, was our first Presiding Elder. J.J. Harwell was the first Church Secretary.

The deed contains Trust Clause and is on record.
The trustees are as follows:
1900--December 25--Deed made to these:
J.V. Newborn, W.K. Brannon
J.F. Coggins, H.A. Mays and J.J. Harwell
1950--April 1--Present Board:
Harold Seay, W.B. Boggs, W.J. Branon, and H.M. Braswell.

The Pastors have been as follows:
1899----- L.H. Braswell
1900----- E.G. Marks
1901-1902- F.T. Conley
1903----- J.E. Hall
1904-1905- J.H. Hall
1906-1907- W.F. Delph
1908-09--- F.A. Ragadale
1910-13---- Homer Thompson
1914----- G.F. Chandler
1915----- S.D. Cherry
1916----- C.A. Swift
1917-18-- Verner B. Hamrick
1919------ Eugene Rutland
1920--21-- T.L. Rutland
1922--24-- D.S. Patterson
1925--27-- H.O. Green, Sr.
1927------ W.H. Coffman
1928------ A.E. Silvey
1929--30-- C.M. Verdell
1931------ C.T. Haynes
1932--35-- N.O.D. Powell
1936------ J.H. Couch
1937------ B. N. McHan
1938--39-- W.A. Pilgrim
1940------ J.A. Griffies
1941--42-- A.A. Philips
1943------ James Conner
1944------ Jack Cardwell
1945--46-- Odum Clark
1947--48-- Hugh Duling, Jr.
1949--51--Harvey C. Boyd

Rev. E.L. Dodson went from Meadow Church as a local preacher and evangelist. He was the son of Mrs. Mary Dodson, one of the finest and best women the writer ever knew. She was so proud of this preacher-son and of the service he rendered in Christian Service. Perhaps it was out of the Sunday School in the little school house which gave both Mother and son the spiritual awakening. It was out of the school house that many were led to the Lord, because there the Sunday School began and all Church work began before the Church was organized and erected. Meadow Sunday School has continued through these fifty and more years. Young people now do most to carry on as older leaders are gone. In 1948 Maxine Jackson gave things of interest to build up the interest and attendance. In 1949, Alice Bracewell, Geneva Boggs, Maxine Jackson and other faithful leaders really, through the work of the Lord, built up the Sunday School, Church property and other activities. The Church is making great progress and we give much credit to our present Pastor, Harvey C. Boyd.

With the beginning of Meadow Church in the little school house, the erection of the present building and the continued work and growth of our Church, The Lord has richly blessed us with many great revivals, good Pastors and workers. We now have two services a month, one in the morning and one in the evening. We feel proud of this even though we are on a charge with four other churches. We hope our next fifty years will be greater than the past fifty have been.

J.W. Coggins, Historian of Meadow