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Nov. 11, 1886.

According to previous arrangements, Rev. M. W. Arnold, preacher in charge of Norwood circuit, met the citizens of Messena and community for purpose of organizing a Methodist church.

Meeting was opened with singing by congregation and prayer by Mr. W. H. Gilcher, followed by singing of congregation and a very interesting and instructive discourse by Bro. Arnold, after which conference was held.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Gilcher brethren of St. Mandeville and Albediah Smith were appointed + elected by vote as class leaders of the church of Messena, So.

Also by motion of Mr. Gilcher J. C. Johnson was elected as church steward + secretary.

J. J. McCarthy was elected Sup't. of Messena Sunday School, with C. A. Reese as assistant sup't. After which Mr. Gilcher also made a motion to appoint a church building committee, composed of the following, viz. B. F. Thompson, W. H. Ivey, J. C. Johnson, Albediah Smith, + C. A. Reese, also C. A. Reese was appointed secretary of said building committee J. C. Johnson,

Mesena Church

| Year            | Pastor           |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1889            | J. F. Davis      |
| 1890            | A. A. Tilley     |
| 1891            | H. M. Strozier   |
| 1892            | J. T. Curtis     |
| 1893,94,95      | F. P. Brown      |
| 1896,97         | J. T. Robins     |
| 1898            | S. Leak          |
| 1899,1900       | J. H. Bailey     |
| 1901            | Z. Speer         |
| 1902,03,04      | J. M. Sewell     |
| 1905            | N. H. Jay        |
| 1906            | W. B. Bessent    |
| 1907,08         | J. C. Adams      |
| 1909            | A. F. Ward       |
| 1910,11,12      | J. M. Talkington |
| 1913, <u>14</u> | W. R. Kennedy    |
| 1915            | V. A. Roark      |
| 1916,17         | G. T. Shell      |
| 1918,1919       | Q. L. Morgan     |
| 1920            | R. A. Coleman    |
| 1921,22         | Odum Clark       |
| 1923,24         | Foster Young     |
| 1925            | J. M. Guest      |
| 1926            | H. D. Pace       |

In 1927 Mesena became part of the Thompson Circuit.

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| 1927,28,29 30    | G. G. Burtz            |
| 1931,32,33,34    | A. P. Watkins          |
| 1935,36          | H. L. Wood             |
| 1938,39          | J. S. Hill             |
| 1940,41          | R. E. Lyle             |
| 1943,44,45,46,47 | H. F. Barfield         |
| 1949,50,51       | W. W. Byington         |
| 1952,53          | O. J. Withrow          |
| 1954,55,56,57    | W. Mac Tribble, Jr.    |
| 1958             | James H. Turner        |
| 1959             | Charles H. Clarke, Jr. |
| 1960,61          | Alfred L. Key          |
| 1962,            | Charles D. Poole       |
| 1963,64          | Herbert Chisenhall     |
| 1965,66,67       | T. F. Ellison          |
| 1968             | Freeman Porter         |
| 1969,70,71       | Howard Odum            |

In 1973 Mesena became part of Warren County Circuit.

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| 1973 | Loy Scott        |
| 1974 | W. L. Buffington |