

MIDDLETON METHODIST CHURCH

Up until 1873, there was no church in what is now known as the Middleton community. Since most of the land was owned by big land owners, the community was thinly settled, mostly by tenants. The leading men of the community, consisting of Rev. J. N. Wall, Rev. J. H. Grogan, W. H. Mattox, J. W. McCalla, Dr. Henry, and L. H. O. Martin, organized and built Eureka Methodist Church. Rev. Grogan gave two acres of land for the building and since his home was named Eureka, they called the church Eureka.

In later years when a railroad was built through, they wanted a station nearby. Naturally a little town was settled which was called Middleton. A few years later during the ministry of the late Rev. A. A. Tilly the name of the church was changed to Middleton. About the same time, the circuit which was called Bethlehem was changed to Middleton Circuit.

The same building is still standing in good condition and we have about forty-five members.

We might add there has never been a funeral held in the church and only one marriage ceremony.

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