Midway Methodist Church

Midway Church is located near Carl, on highway 29, between Lawrenceville and Winder. The name of the church arose because years ago it was located midway between Harmony Grove Methodist Church and Ebenezer Baptist Church. There is no definite date known for the founding of the church but it can be reasoned from the original deed which is dated 1846. It is reasoned that the church was erected about 10 years prior to the date of the deed and thereby would date back to 1836.

The church as it now stands is the third building to have been erected and the present structure was built in 1924-25. The first building rested some 20 or 30 yards from the present location. The benches in the first building were made of split logs with wooden pegs to support them, while the building was made of hued logs and had a dirt floor. The second building was erected in 1875.

Family names in the early membership included: Boyds, Betts, Robinsons, and Camps. A rather large family today which has had a long history with this church, and who still greatly support the church is the Etheridge family. The trustees of the church in 1846, as recorded in the deed of that date: Adam Robinson, Hosea Camp, Jape Thornton, James Wilson, and Jonathan Betts. The property was deeded by Alexander Alexander. The trustees in 1856 were Thornton, Shepherd Etheridge, Charles Bradford, Carlton Willard, and Ebenezer Boyd.

The church today has made many improvements in the past few years. It has been painted inside and out and the grounds have been cleared, graded and seeded. With venetian blinds, aisle runners, refinished pews, electric lights, and a pulpit rail and curtain recently added, this has become one of the finest rural churches in this area. A renewed interest is increasing attendance tremendously.
Midway Church is presently attached to the Dacula Circuit which includes Prospect, Dacula, Harmony Grove, Auburn, and Midway Churches. At one time, however, Midway belonged to the Houschton Circuit. Some former ministers of Midway include: M.L. Underwood; W.E. Shackelford; B.T. Thomas; S.J. Bellah; Robert Rogers; J.H. Mashburn; B. Sanders; H.M. Newton; L.W. Rivers; S.D. Evans; J.M. Venable; B.F. Trammell; H.M. Newton; W.R. Stillwell; G.W. Morgan; A.C. Cantrell; T.J. Edwards; J.M. Fowler; W.L. Singleton; Lucian Roper; E.C. Marks; S.H. Braswell; H.W. Morris; R.D. Smith; H.W. Norris; J.S. Askew; T.M. Luke; R.P. Jackson; L.L. Lundrum; B.L. Betts; A. Warrick; R.W. Allison; S.A. Dailey; R.C. Shea; Bill and Ray Firth; T. E. Sherwood; S.A. Donaldson; A.M. Wade; J.L. Ray; and the present pastor is A.N. Honaker.