

HISTORY
Of
DOUGLASVILLE CHARGE

Bright Star Church
Flint Hill Church
Midway Church
Mount Vernon Church
Winston Church

Midway - ~~Bowden~~ Charge Douglasville

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The Name of the church is Midway. This church is located approximately three miles east of the Douglasville town city limits. It is located on a state highway No. 92, which is a dirt road leading from Douglasville, Ga. to Atlanta. It is in the open country.

This church is rather old and its membership rather scattered geographically. The parish boundaries, however, extend about six miles south of the church, three miles northward, and approximately two miles to the east and west respectively; however a great number of the members fall even further outside this boundary.

The community surrounding the church is over-lapped with other communities and also several Baptist churches.

The physical church is situated in approximately the center of the property which is owned by the church. This consists of an acre of ground. It is two acres in length and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre wide. This property is bordered by woods with a steep decline on the eastern boundary.

The building, which is a weather-boarded exterior and a sheet rock interior, is now in very good condition.. This was accomplished by a complete remodeling which was done in 1947-48. A new roof was placed on the church this year. The seating capacity of the church is 160. More space can be made available by using the two adjacent church school rooms. The church is gas heated. We feel that the inside of our sanctuary is one of beauty. A new pulpit, new alter, new pulpit furniture, and new pews make the church most comfortable and most attractive. We have only one piano.

Connected to the church sanctuary is the Sunday-School annex. This annex has three rooms and a kitchen. These rooms are used by the children's and the youth departments. Sliding doors make it possible to convert this area into one large room for recreational purposes. It is also used in this way as an assembly room and as a dining room.

The kitchen is well furnished with electric stove and dishes.

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Before the conclusion of the ~~markd~~ War a group of men and women met in the home of one of their number and formed the nucleus around which the church was established. This group, which met about one mile from the present location of the church, met regularly. They did not erect a building. This group later formed the charter members of the church when officially organized. They were;

- Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Bobo
- Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bobo
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowen
- Mr. and Mrs. Webster Bowen
- Mr. and Mrs. Z.M. James
- Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Winn
- Mr. and Mrs. George Prickett
- Mr. and Mrs. Souther -
- Initials lost.
- Mr. and Mrs. Pressley.-

After the Civil War, Mr. Hickory McGuirk, a Baptist, gave the land which is still the property of the church and the present building still stands on that land. The first building stood until 1905. During the winter the roads were almost impassable and often times very few would attend services.

This church has ever been a pawn in the hands of the cabinet and conference. It has been moved so often from one district to another and from one charge to another that sometimes the people who was supposed to be their minister. Mr. Will James, present chairman of the Board of Stewards, said that for one or two quarters one minister failed to preach in the church. When asked by the presiding elder why he had not been to Midway his reply was that he did not know that it belonged to his circuit. He had seven churches that year.

Sunday Schools have been organized and died. It was about 1942

that the present sunday school was organized and it was destined to last. This school at the present is rather strong and is growing.

During the 1930's this church had one of the largest Epworth Leagues in the district. A local preacher on the work, who during that period was president of the league, told me that it was not the least unusual to have between 100 and 150 boys and girls present. This was during the pastorate of the Rev. Fred Gwin. The constant change in ministers and the curtailing of services caused the collapse of this movement. It has been reorganized under capable counselors this year and our attendance has not dropped under 20 and has reached 44. We won the attendance banner at the Marvin Williams Sub-District meeting the first time it was offered.

It was only a few years ago that a WSCS was organized. This is our most active group. Mrs. R.J. Henley is the President.

We have a Men's Club and Mr. Thad Connally is the President.

The church budget last year was around \$800.00. This year they have raised this by around 50%.

List of pastors and presiding elders attached. (This list may not be exactly correct until 1917.)

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Appointments for the Past 50 Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>P.E.</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
1900	Rome	Winston Mission	J.W.Heidt	G.P.Brsawell A.R.HUCKABY
1901	"	"	W.F.Glenn	"
1902	"	"	W.R.Foote	J.N.Myers
1903	"	"	"	"
1904	"	"	S.B.Ledbetter	L.P.Huckabee
1905	"	"	"	P.E.Rogers
1906	"	"	"	G.P.Braswell
1907	"	"	"	"
1908	"	"	J.S.Jenkins	L.H.Ward
1909	"	"	"	W.J.Radcliffe
1910	"	"	"	"
1911	"	Douglasville C.	W.B.Dillard	A.L.Campbell
1912	Marietta	"	W.H.Cooper	R. Lemaster
1913	"	"	"	C.P.Braswell
1914	"	"	"	"
1915	"	"	"	J.B.Gresham
1916	South Atl.	"	W.H.LaPrade	G.P.Braswell
1917	"	"	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"
1919	"	"	"	"
1920	"	"	J.H.Eakes	C.A.Reese
1921	"	"	"	J.F.Sparkes
1922	"	Douglas Cir.	"	W.L.Capps
1923	"	"	W.T.Hunnicutt	A.C.Cantrell
1924	"	"	"	H.E.McBrayer
1925	"	"	"	"

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<u>Year</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>P.E.</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
1926	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	H.H.Jones	Adrian Warrick
1927	"	"	"	J.W.Segars
1928	"	"	N. Thompson	L.E.Price
1929	"	"	"	R.Sissons
1930	"	"	M. Williams	S.Gardner
1931	"	"	"	F. Gwin
1932	"	"	"	"
1933	"	"	"	"
1934	"	"	W.M.Jones	"
1935	"	"	"	F.E.Charles
1936	"	Lithia Springs	"	R.F.Crawley
1937	"	"	"	"
1938	"	"	A.Earnest	"
1939	"	"	"	L.J.Coe
1940	ATL. West	"	W.Rogers	"
1941	Rome	"	W.H.LaPrade	M.R.Chambers C.H.Smith
1942	"	"	"	M.R.Chambers
1943	"	"	B.F.Pim	D.F.Brewster O.B.Tally
1944	"	"	"	"
1945	"	Doyglasville C.	"	J.R.Melear
1946	"	"	"	"
1947	"	"	W.M.Jones	"
1948	"	"	"	V.S.Coleman
1949	"	"	"	T.N.Brittain
1950	"	"	D.L.Hagood	T.N.Brittain

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PAST 70 YEARS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>P.E.</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>
1900	Rome	Winston Mission	J.W. Heidt	G.P. Braswell A.F. Huckaby
1901	Rome	Winston Mission	W.F. Glenn	A.F. Huckaby
1902	Rome	Winston Mission	W.R. Foote	J.N. Myers
1903	Rome	Winston Mission	W.R. Foote	J.N. Myers
1904	Rome	Winston Mission	S.B. Ledbetter	L.P. Huckabee
1905	Rome	Winston Mission	S.B. Ledbetter	P.E. Rogers
1906	Rome	Winston Mission	S.B. Ledbetter	G.P. Braswell
1907	Rome	Winston Mission	S.B. Ledbetter	G.P. Braswell
1908	Rome	Winston Mission	J.S. Jenkins	L.H. Ward
1909	Rome	Winston Mission	J.S. Jenkins	W.J. Radcliffe
1910	Rome	Winston Mission	J.S. Jenkins	W.J. Radcliffe
1911	Rome	Douglasville C.	W.B. Dillard	A.L. Campbell
1912	Marietta	Douglasville C.	W.H. Cooper	R. Lemaster
1913	Marietta	Douglasville C.	W.H. Cooper	G.P. Braswell
1914	Marietta	Douglasville C.	W.H. Cooper	G.P. Braswell
1915	Marietta	Douglasville C.	W.H. Cooper	J.B. Gresham
1916	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	W.H. Laprade	G.P. Braswell
1917	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	W. H. Laprade	G.P. Braswell
1918	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	W. H. Laprade	G.P. Braswell
1919	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	W. H. Laprade	G.P. Braswell
1920	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	J. H. Eakes	C.A. Reese
1921	South Atl.	Douglasville C.	J. H. Eakes	J.F. Sparkes
1922	South Atl.	Douglas Cir.	J. H. Eakes	W.L. Capps
1923	South Atl.	Douglas Cir.	W. T. Hunnicutt	A.C. Cantrell
1924	South Atl.	Douglas Cir.	W. T. Hunnicutt	H.E. McBaryer
1925	South Atl.	Douglas Cir.	W. T. Hunnicutt	H.E. McBaryer
1926	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	H. H. Jones	Adrian Warrick
1927	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	H. H. Jones	J.W. Segars
1928	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	Nath Thompson	L.E. Price

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1929	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	Nath Thompson	R. Sissons
1930	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	M. Williams	S. Gardner
1931	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	M. Williams	Fred Gwin
1932	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	M. Williams	Fred Gwin
1933	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	M. Williams	Fred Gwin
1934	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	W.M. Jones	Fred Gwin
1935	Marietta	Douglas Cir.	W.M. Jones	F.E. Quarles
1936	Marietta	Lithia Springs	W.M. Jones	R.F. Crawley
1937	Marietta	Lithia Springs	W.M. Jones	R.F. Crawley
1938	Marietta	Lithia Springs	A. Earnest	R.F. Crawley
1939	Marietta	Lithia Springs	A. Earnest	L.J. Coe
1940	Atl. West	Lithia Springs	W. Rogers	L.J. Coe
1941	Rome	Lithia Springs	W.H. LaPrade	M.R. Chambers C.H. Smith
1942	Rome	Lithia Springs	W.H. LaPrade	M.R. Chambers
1943	Rome	Lithia Springs	B.F. Pim	D.F. Brewster O.B. Tally
1944	Rome	Lithia Springs	B.F. Pim	O.B. Tally
1945	Rome	Douglasville C.	B.F. Pim	J.R. Melear
1946	Rome	Douglasville C.	B.F. Pim	J.R. Melear
1947	Rome	Douglasville C.	W.M. Jones	J.R. Melear
1948	Rome	Douglasville C.	W.M. Jones	V.S. Coleman - - Fox
1949	Rome	Douglasville C.	W.M. Jones	T.N. Brittain
1950	Rome	Douglasville C.	D.L. Haygood	T.N. Brittain
1951	Rome	Douglasville C.	D.L. Haygood	Selby Alsworth
1952	Rome	Douglasville C.	D.L. Haygood	Selby Alsworth
1953	Rome	Douglasville C.	D.L. Haygood	Selby Alsworth
1954	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	Joseph Ada.
1955	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	Jack Newsome
1956	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	Jack Newsome

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1957	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	C.C. Cliett
1958	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	C.C. Cliett
1959	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	J. Hamby Barton	Jimmy McNeal
1960	Rome	Midway-Mt. Vernon	Parks Segars	Jimmy McNeal
1961	Rome	Midway	Parks Segars	Otis Harden
1962	Rome	Midway	Parks Segars	Otis Harden
1963	Atl. S.W.	Midway	Joseph Black	Otis Harden
1964	Atl. S.W.	Midway	Joseph Black	O'Neil Shenton
1965	Atl. S.W.	Midway	Joseph Black	O'Neil Shenton
1966	Atl. S.W.	Midway	Joseph Black	O'Neil Shenton
1967	Atl. S.W.	Midway	Joseph Black	McArthur Brantley
1968	Atl. S.W.	Midway	W.C. Bowen	McArthur Brantley Kendall M. Taylor
1969	Atl. S.W.	Midway	W.C. Bowen	Kendall M. Taylor
1971				<i>Daniel A. Avey</i>