

History of Midway Methodist Church
Gillsville, Georgia
Maysville Charge

Sometime previous to the year 1857, two churches, Deaver's Chapel in Banks County and "a" church in the Diamond Hill community, Jackson County, united and built a church midway between them, hence the name Midway.

There is no record as to the date of the establishing of the church; but on November 15, 1857, Allen T. Garrison gave a deed for the property where the cemetery now is, and outlines the plot of ground where the church was built. After many years of growth and progress in the community, the building became in a state of repairs.

In 1907 the members decided to move the church to the little town of Gillsville, about one and one-half miles away. All the usable material of the old building was moved to the new site. Two of the present day members. Mr. J. W. Casey and Mr. Hollis Henderson assisted in the project. Mr. Henderson, having at the time two new two horse wagons, hauled a greater part of the old lumber.

On May 22, 1910, the new Midway was dedicated; Rev. J. W. Cotter delivered the sermon. This occasion was described in a book written by Mr. Cotter.

The following are names of families that have been prominent in the history of the church: Meaders, Suddaths, Hendersons, Chandlers, Caseys, Ellisons, Davis, Segars, Lemasters, Curtis, Winters, Whelchels, Shewberts, Gilmers, Turners, Jarretts, Cravens, Woods, Bryans, Fergusons.

Many pastors have served the church through the years. The following are some of them: W. F. Quillian, B. H. Williams, J. T. Curtis, J. T. Edwards, W. T. Hamby, George L. King, T. O. Rorie, J. H. Little, Ford McReca, H. R. Branham, J. D. Turner, A. D. Echols, J. T. Brinsfield, I. J. Lovern, H. S. Smith, Tilly, Woodruff, M. M. Brackman, C. B. Drake, John Hall, Landrum, Charles Gray, William Holt, Ben Blackburn, G. T. Shell, Hugh McKee.

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