Crossroads: A New Beginning

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Highlights of the History of Moore's Chapel Church

Less than 50 members established Fletcher's Tabernacle Campground, the first church for Black Methodists in this area more than 120 years ago.

Fletcher's Tabernacle was located on Old Newnan Road near the spot where the prison camp stands, known as Chestnut Hill, where David Wood served as the first minister.

Later the congregation moved its location to Newnan Street and was called Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church.

Around 1881 some white citizens succeeded through an injunction in preventing the members from repairing the roof of the church building, forcing these Black Methodists to move. They met for a short time in a house on King Street.

In 1903 a lot on what was then known as Spring Street was purchased for $250 from H.E. Moore, a confederate soldier and member of the klan. The present church building sits on this site and bears the name of Moore.

Under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Ransom, Moore's Chapel, a frame building at that time, was renovated in 1962.

Carver High School held its graduation exercises in the church for a number of years, and at that time, Carroll County Training School held classes in church.

Union Grove Methodist Church of Roopville merged with Moore's Chapel in 1969 when Rev. Elisha Norwood was the pastor.

Moore's Chapel Methodist Church became Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church in 1968 when the Methodist Church merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church. Prior to this time, Moore's Chapel was a part of the North Atlanta District of the Georgia Conference, a part of the all Black Central Jurisdiction of the former Methodist Church which merged with the all-White North Georgia Conference in 1971.

The parking lot was purchased and paved in 1973, and extensive renovations of the church was completed in 1987 under the leadership of Rev. J.D. Grier.

In 1990, Rev. Aubry Thomas led the congregation in initiating service every Sunday.

Later in the same year, 1990, Rev. James E. Reed began conducting services at nine o'clock in the morning on the third and fourth Sundays.

The building which once sat behind the church known as the Hall was erected by a fraternal group known as the Pythians and was deeded on the church in 1908. Servicing the church for many years, the Hall which had become neglected and dilapidated was demolished in December, 1992, to make room for parking space.

Rev. Hoard led the congregation towards a more viable relationship with and a greater sensitivity to the needs of the community in which the church exists.

Rev. Dr. Patricia P. Pace, our first female pastor, came to the charge June 24, 1994. This experience was new and unique. Her style, qualifications and skills were an asset to the charge.
She came with a vision of revitalization using the theme "Crossroads: A New Beginning" as a vehicle to move ministry to higher grounds. She did this by prayerfully and systematically adding new ministries and improving upon old ones. Rev. Pace concentrated considerable time to developing worship that was theologically sound, spiritually motivating, and enriching in its teaching ministries.

The church increased in attendance and doubled in finance. Her dynamic leadership called for improvements in relationships, a greater response to mission (especially apportionment) and a deeper spiritually expressed in Bible Study, meetings with purposes, Praise Worship and Prayer.

One year in her ministry the goals of burning the Mortgage and land acquisition were a reality. Her love for God and Kingdom Ministry have caused for, Wiggletime Children Ministry, Youth, Joyful sounds from the Choirs, Young Adult Ministry, United Methodist Men and Lay Ministry to be viable and alive.

The mortgage is being burned November 12, 1995. The acquisition of land (2 1/2 lots) on Highway 27 was finalized in October 1995. Under Rev. Pace's administration, the church is learning who they are as Methodist. Tithing has increased, and the role of pastor is being viewed as one of a caring servant.