The first nucleus of the village now called Moreland was a Methodist Church founded in 1843, called Mt. Zion. Six names are recorded on the roll for that year, names that are still reflected in the list of the town's citizens. Four of these were women: Mrs. Peninah Camp, (nee Reynolds), grandmother and great grandmother of the present Camp family, who came to this settlement in 1830 with her husband, Hiram Camp; Mrs Nancy Hindsman and Mrs. Susan Martin both of whom leave descendants in the community, also Mrs. Mary Couch, another pioneer mother. The men were Henry Martin and Alexander Bingham whose surnames were repeated many times on the church roll during the next forty years.

The preacher in charge at the founding was J. C. Neese from the Mt. Gilead church but the first pastor assigned was J. W. Yarbrough who served two years. Squire Hiram Camp was a local preacher and a principal mover in establishing and sustaining Mt. Zion Methodist Church. "In the Sunday School he loved to labor" (quotation from Dr. W. J. Cotter). Preachers from Newman charge served this church until 1865 when it was added to the Grantville circuit.

The first church house faced the road now known as Martin Mill Road and was set back of the present site of the Baptist Church. The early members of the church are buried in the Old Moreland Cemetery across the road from the original church. Subsequent members were drawn mostly from families of the original families of Camp, Martin, Bingham and Couch but in the course of time new ones were added among them; Evans, Burk, Matthews. By 1870 thirty names were recorded. A noted preacher B. F. Jones who served from 1865 - 69 and then again two more years from 1871 - 73 accounted for most of these additions. Another pastor, W. J. Cotter, served two terms in this charge. Many lay people who in later years proved to be mainstays of the church joined in these early years, among them, Elisha C. Cureton, Sr., the Braswell family, the O'Breins, the Hendrix family, Mrs. Georgia Haynie and Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy. Three members of the David Moore family were enrolled in 1880 and under the pastorate of Rev. M. H. White twenty were added in this year. A high light of the year 1881 was the purchase of a new organ. Young Thompson and John Hendrix, a blind musician, gave a concert to celebrate this event.

The settlement was first named simply Mt. Zion Church indicating that the church was first on the ground. In the 50s when the Atlanta and West Point Railroad was in the building and the crossing served as a terminus it was known as Wright's Crossing, named for a Railroad official.
When the railroad was finished and a watertank and wood to fire the engines was placed here it became Puckett's Station. The church was known as Puckett's Station Church until 1888 when the name of the village was changed to Moreland.

The phenomenal growth of the church during the 80s reflected the prosperous condition of the country side. Contributing factors were the founding of new industries attracted by new transportation facilities and the establishment of the fruit growing industry. Many new faces were seen in the community and the church roll grew. While Rev. A. G. Worley was pastor in 1884-85-86 forty names were added among them the Will Brannons, and those of the Rollins, Bentons and Youngs. It was during the two decades of the 70s and 80s that removal by certificate became more and more common showing that society here was in a state of flux, whole families moving in and out.

It was at the close of this period that the first enrolled member, Mrs. Peninah Camp, by this time, long a widow, decided Moreland Church needed a new building. She gave the property where the Church and the parsonage now stand, willing it to the trustees of the church, the same to revert to the estate should it ever be used for any other purpose. She also prompted her four sons, Hiram Warner, Walker Glenn, George Edward and Arthur P. Camp to build a church building on the property. They awarded the contract to the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company which completed it in 1888. The first service held in the new church was a social meeting conducted by the pastor, Rev. John R. Parker, Saturday Sept. 1, 1888. The first hymn sung was "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The first sermon was preached the following day. The church was dedicated March 31st, 1889. The dedication sermon was preached by Dr. J. S. Moore of Oxford, Georgia. In the report of the church conference March 9, 1889 the motion was made that the brethren meet before the dedication to clean off the grounds and put up horse racks and hitching posts. When the dedication took place Peninah Camp shared the seat of honor with her sons whose generosity made the church possible. For 40 years this worthy woman had prepared the table for the Lord's Supper and having brought about this final demonstration of faith she passed away on June 2, 1889.

During the period when the temperance problem was acute the church records reveal the deep concern of the preacher and church officials for the conduct of the members. Church trials were common and several were dismissed for drunkenness and immorality. The needy were never overlooked and many special collections were taken. Many outstanding churchmen labored for long years; E. C. Cureton, known affectionately as "Uncle Quat," signed his name as secretary of the church conference minutes for 20 years. Robert F. Brannon's fine penmanship is seen on the pages of the permanent records for an equal period. Worthy of mention are the pastorates of H. M. Quillian who brought in 65 members and that of J. E. England who accounted for 80. By the efforts of these
and other pastors the primitive settlement became a Christian Community.

The main church building has been little altered since it was first built though it has been redecorated several times. The parsonage was built during the pastorate of Frank Quillian in 1905, at this time the Moreland circuit was set up.

The church school or Sunday School was an integral part of the church from the first. Under the leadership of many devoted superintendents it grew from a modest beginning to a membership that in 1900 was comparable to that of the present time. One hundred is mentioned as a maximum number with an average attendance of 70.

Like all voluntary organizations it had tides of growth and recession but its history shows it has ever been a vital force in the life of the church.

It was during the term of Rev. G. W. Davis - August 4, 1933 - that excavation for a basement to house the Sunday School classes was begun. This has been a continuing project until the present year of 1951. It is being dedicated on May 27, 1951. Much praise is due Mr. Hugh M. Camp who has been the moving force in this undertaking, as well as many others who have contributed time, labor and funds.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Moreland church was organized in 1888 as a Ladies Auxiliary. In 1896 it was organized as the Woman Foreign Missionary Society during the pastorate of H. M. Quillian. Through the years the efforts of a long line of devoted women have kept the society active. Home and Foreign Missionary Societies were united in 1910. In 1940 the name of this organization was changed to "Woman's Society of Christian Service." Another organization call the Parsonage Auxiliary was of service in the work of the women in maintaining the parsonage. This included the women in the other churches of the charge and met quarterly at the parsonage. This functioned during the years from 1932 to 1945.

No history of this church would be complete without mention of the many able pastors who have served it during the later years. Among these were Rev. T. R. Kendall, Rev. Henry H. Jones, Rev. H. E. Stipe, Rev. C. M. Verderell, Rev. C. C. Chiett, Rev. R. W. Green, Rev. G. W. Davis, Rev. Jim Couch, Rev. O. J. Withrow. The last three named served five years each. Since that time the church circuit has been a part of the educational program of the conference and has been served by supplies from Emory University. All of these student pastors have done good work and have received the commendation of the church.

Their names are Rev. Tom Summary, Rev. Wm. R. Murphy, Rev. Charles Hamilton, Rev. Osborne Befou. Associate Pastor.