Nestled in a beautiful wooded glen in the western part of Coweta County, Georgia, is the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church - a church rich in spiritual history.

In the early part of the 19th Century the early settlers no doubt felt the need of a house of worship - a place to meet and worship the Lord they knew and loved.

Legend is that the Mt. Carmel Church was constructed by two Negro slaves, named Bill and Jeff; owned by Joshua Moore, who was a steward of the Church at that time. The Church was constructed some time during the 19th Century - in the first half of the century. No one knows the exact date as the old Church records were destroyed in a fire at the home of W. A. Lyle, one of the Church Stewards, about 30 years ago.

Many departed saints have worshiped with heart and voice within its confines.

Many noble names have passed through its doors - names that will live through the years - names associated with faith and good works, namely Parks Fleming, the Mize sisters, Georgia and Myrick; their mother, Delphia Mize; Frank Vineyard, Evans Vineyard, Joshua Moore, Welt Carter, Ella Nalls, Doc Haisten, M. L. (Ren) Story, J. T. Story, Sr., C. S. Story, C. H. Latimer, the names of Pearson, Wallace, McGoy, Turner, Houston, Gurley, Payton, etc.

Many strong men of God have graced its pulpit through the years, namely Quillian, Askew, Powell, Davenport, Elliott, Morgan, Reese, Eakes, Davis, Pittman, etc.

In the year of our Lord, 1841, William Nimmons, on the 28th day of December, deeded to Thomas Colbert, John Rowland and Harvey Cooper, Trustees of the Mt. Carmel Church at that time, six and 1/4 acres of land, to be used for a Church and school house. This land was deeded to the named trustees for the sum of five dollars. This deed was recorded in the Court House at Newnan, Ga., on January 7, 1842.

Many soul-stirring Revivals have been held in this historic Church down through the years. Many souls have been drawn closer to the Blessed Redeemer before its altar. Many are the children who have grown into manhood and womanhood and on into old age, who have called it blessed.

We ask our Heavenly Father that it may ever stand as a beacon light and serve as a means to point wayward souls to the Kingdom of Light. Amen.

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