

*ad. Monroe Charge*

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

1952

Located in Walton County on the Monroe Charge, and is known as the oldest Methodist Episcopal church in the county. ✓

Mt. Carmel church was organized in 1825. ✓ 132

I am told the first meeting house was a crude log cabin about 22x24 feet in size, presenting externally the appearance of a Negro cabin without a chimney.

This little place of worship was superseded in 1830 by a somewhat more commodious building.

The first property transaction recorded was dated 1830, thus it is assumed that the congregation had been formed for some time prior to that time and the early members used it for a school building.

The record shows that in June 1830, the present site, 3 acres, were deeded the church by Wiley Swinney, and the first Trustees were as follows:

John H. Banks  
William Selman  
John W. Frost  
Daniel Jackson  
Samuel G. Snow  
Simon Holt

How long these men held the office, none knows.

The charge changed from Methodist Episcopal South to Methodist Protestant church.

This is to certify that on the 4th. day of November 1888 Brother Joe McGarity organized at Mt. Carmel church in Walton county a membership of Protestant Methodist.

Trustees

J.C. Williams  
 A.D. Snow  
 J.I.J. Bell  
 J.W. Allgood  
 A.J. Pickrell  
 Membership - 70

The present house was built in 1890.

Early in the present century the interior of the building was remodeled and improved and has been kept in good condition.

A long line of able and conscientious men have filled the office of Trustees. It is impracticable to name all of the trustees because of the incomplete state of records.

The following is a list of the trustees so far as they can now be determined:

John H. Banks  
 William Selman  
 John W. Frost  
 Daniel Jackson  
 Samuel G. Snow  
 Simon Holt  
 J.C. Williams  
 A.D. Snow  
 J.I.J. Bell  
 J.W. Allgood  
 A.J. Pickrell  
 J.W. Snow  
 C.T. Snow  
 H.C. Snow  
 R.H. McGaughey  
 N.E. Dial  
 Lamar Snow  
 Joseph Michael  
 J.H. Snow  
 J.L. Snow  
 O.H. Harrison

These persons have served as secretary to church:

Robert Aycock  
 D.W. Snow  
 W.F. Bell  
 C.T. Snow  
 Mrs. H.A. Hardy  
 Mary Snow



In the year 1916 the church entered into the M.E. Church South.

Mt. Carmel has been a circuit since 1830, with a full time appointment for 120 years, with the following pastors given in the order of service.

|           |                      |          |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
|           | Rev. Connerway       |          |
|           | Rev. Malsby          |          |
|           | Rev. Bond            |          |
|           | Rev. Edwards         |          |
|           | Rev. Eakes           |          |
|           | Rev. Timmons         |          |
| 1872 -    | Rev. A.W. Rowland    |          |
| 1875 -    | Rev. M.W. Arnold     |          |
| 1877 -    | Rev. James S. Bell   |          |
| 1880 -    | Rev. Spegle          |          |
| 1888 -    | Rev. J.A. McGarity   | M.P.     |
| 1896-98 - | Rev. J.O.A. Radford  |          |
| 1898-99   | Rev. R.S. McGarity   |          |
| 1900 -    | Rev. J. McD. Radford |          |
| 1901-09   | Rev. J.A. McGarity   |          |
| 1910-11   | Rev. J.C. Patrick    |          |
| 1911-15   | Rev. J. McD. Radford |          |
| 1916 -    | Rev. Homer Thompson  | M.E.     |
| 1917-19   | Rev. W.M. Jones      |          |
| 1920-22   | Rev. J.A. Sprayberry |          |
| 1923-24   | Rev. G.A. Chambers   |          |
| 1925 -    | Rev. H.G. Garrett    |          |
| 1926-27   | Rev. J.E. Russell    |          |
| 1928-31   | Rev. N.O.L. Powell   |          |
|           | assistant            |          |
|           | Rev. H.C. Jones      |          |
|           | Rev. G.H.C. Stones   |          |
| 1931-36   | Rev. J.E. Holbrook   |          |
| 1937 -    | Rev. J.E. Cline      |          |
| 1938-40   | Rev. B.N. McHan      |          |
| 1941      | Rev. W.E. Purcell    |          |
| 1942-43   | Rev. J.J.M. Mize     |          |
| 1943 -    | Rev. E.A. Caldwell   |          |
|           | Rev. A.J. Ledbetter  | 2 months |
| 1944-45   | Rev. Lamar Cherry    |          |
| 1946-48   | Rev. Jesse Warwick   |          |
| 1949 -    | Rev. E.L. Rourke     |          |
| 1950-52   | Rev. W.W. Yates      |          |

The church holds an enviable record as to financial reports, cooperation of members, loyalty to pastors, and will continue with its work of building a Christian community and advancing the Kingdom of God.

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Mary Snow