HISTORY OF MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

Between the years of 1750 and 1800 a colony of people emigrated to this county from Virginia and North Carolina, and settlers settled around what is now Mt. Pleasant Church. Among these early settlers of this community you will find the names of Smith, Andrews, Arnold, Wade, Davis, Oglevie, Jackson, Bradley, Carter, Colquitt, England, and Hargrove. Some of these people were very religious several Local Preachers among them.

About the year 1812-1814 Uncle Robert Smith, who was one of the early settlers, after consulting with some of his neighbors and friends built a brush arbor near the present location, making the seats out of saw mill slabs. Regular preaching was conducted by some of the local preachers of the community, and this grew in favor with the people of this community and in 1820 they built a small log house just behind the present building, and organized the first Methodist Society in Oglethorpe County.

There being no Methodist Conference in Georgia at that time Mt. Pleasant joined the South Carolina Conference. The land on which Mt Pleasant was built consisting of two acres more or less was purchased from Robert Smith for the sum of $15.00, and was deeded to the trustees of Mt. Pleasant Meeting House and their successors in office so long as the house shall be continued thereon for the public worship of God. In this small building in 1826 the first Methodist Sunday School North of Savannah was organized here with William O. Andrews as Supt. In 1828 when the Georgia Conference was formed Mt. Pleasant joined the Georgia Conference, where it remained until 1866. When the Conference was divided Mt. Pleasant went into the North Georgia Conference. Mt. Pleasant has been a member of three Annual Conferences.

1844

In 1844 a small frame building was erected in front of our present building and the old log house was used for a school house, and in 1850 fourteen feet were added to this building. In 1873 the house was sealed and glass windows were put in as the old records says this perhaps had better been
never been done ad that some feeling grew out of it. Some seemed to think that it was sacrilegious to have so much finery in God's House.

In 1896 the present building was erected. The first sermon that was preached in this church March 14, 1896 by Rev. Thomas A. Harris of Winterville, Ga. His text was 15th Psalm 1st and 2nd verse.

The following preachers have gone out from this church:

Rev. Wesley F. Smith
Rev. James E. England
Rev. R. B. C. England
Rev. Sherman R. England
Rev. Ford McRee
Rev. Vivian L. Bray
Rev. Jouitt Phillip Bray
Rev. Aubry Bray
Rev. William A. Kelley (South Ga. Conference)
Rev. Bradley Colquitt

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