HISTORIES

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VARNELL CHARGE

Mt. Zion Church
Mt. Zion Methodist Church was organized near Meredith Camp Ground in the Meredith home about 1860. The members worshiped in an old log building about one and one-half miles northeast of Dawnville for several years until the site of the present church building was purchased.

The original deed states that on February 9, 1871, E. F. Dawn deeded three-fourths acre of land to Wm. McNabb, George P. Fraker, A. S. Dean, H. D. Keith and J. W. Poag, said land to be used for Mt. Zion M.E. Church South. The consideration was thirty dollars. The deed is signed by E. F. Dawn and Mary Dawn.

A second deed was made on November 27, 1886 by Thomas Caldwell and Margaret Caldwell grants an additional acre to the trustees named, Wm. McNabb, George P. Fraker, A. S. Dean, H. D. Keith and T. L. Lane.

A third deed was made in 1936 consisting of 100 X 240 feet. Bought from Wm. Bowen Sr.

The church building erected in 1874 served the congregation until 1925, when it was replaced by the larger building now in use. An addition was built to the church for Sunday School rooms in 1946.


Soon after the church was organized came next the Sunday School, and in 1930 the W. S. C. S. was organized. Also there is a live M. Y. F. being carried on now.

J. R. Baxter, our present pastor, is doing a great work.

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