HISTORY

OF

YORKVILLE CHARGE

Braswell Church
Mt. Nebo Church
Mt. Tabor Church
Mt. Zion Church
Pleasant Grove Church
Smyrna Church
Wesley Chapel Church
Yorkville Church
The Mount Zion Methodist Church in Paulding County, Georgia, had two buildings. Mr. Steele, a carpenter, with the help of interested laymen, built the first church in the period 1885–1890. Some of the lumber was donated and sawed by Mr. George Owens. Mr. W.H. McMichin hauled some of the logs, which others donated, to the sawmill and the lumber back to the site of the church. Interested persons who did not donate lumber gave money. Some of the builders were: J.H. Jarmon, W.H. McMichin, John Pearson, Mr. George Owens, Jesse Atcheson, Joe Atcheson, Mr. Pearson and the Atchesons were Methodists.

A brush arbor was first built (where Mr. Mat Camp's house stands 1952). The arbor was used about a year before the church was finished. The first church was built in the fork of the road nearest to the present church.

The church was going down hill at the turn of the century and was sold to Lewis Pearson, who sold it to Arthur Robins. Mr. Robins tore it down and built a house with the materials. Just before the church was sold it was used for a school building for about five years.

All the members of this first Methodist Episcopal Church, North, then disbanded until the present building was erected.

Rev. J.A. Jones, a circuit preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, started the present church in the summer of 1920 with a brush arbor. Ten members joined by letter. (See list on page 2) In the summer of 1921 a group of laymen built the present building. Regular meetings were started and have continued to the present.

Charter members of the Mount Zion Methodist Church who came by letter from the Providence Methodist Church in Union County:
1. J.H. Wallace
2. M.J. Wallace
3. Martha McBee
4. William McBee
5. M.K. Wallace
6. Mrs. Mollie Jones
7. Mr. Will Wallace
8. Mrs. Pauline Wallace (Wife of # 9)
9. Rev. J.A. Jones (Pastor and organizer)
10. Mrs. J.A. Jones

Members joining when the church was organized:

11. Mr. Oscar Jarmon
12. Mrs. Oscar Jarmon
13. Mr. J.A. Fry
14. Mrs. J.A. Fry
15. Mr. Jesse Jarmon (Second pastor, later, for 3 years)
16. Bertha Crow
17. Dolly Fry
18. Esther Fry
19. Obedell McBee
20. Ludavee Graham
21. Rebbebell Gamblen

Pastors:
1. J.A. Jones
2. Mr. Jesse Jarmon
3. G. Edgar Butler
4. Frank Earnest
5. Barfield
6. Mulky
7. Jasper Johnson
8. Oscar Tally
9. George Davis
10. Pennington
11. Jones
12. Shellnut
13. Lamb
14. Layer
15. Strickland
16. Smith
17. William Webb
18. W.P. Perry
19. Gilbert Ramsey
21. Hugh Nichols

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