I am happy to present the history of Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

After the division of the M. E. Church over the slavery issue, the Mt. Zion M. E. Church was organized in 1865 by Rev. John Murphy. However, on May 24, 1867, the first building was erected on the present location, a plot of land donated by Mr. William Entrekin, located eight miles from Bremen, Ga. and eight miles from Carrollton, Ga. It is west and slightly south from Atlanta, about twelve miles from the Alabama line. Mt. Zion is on the Bowdon Railway, a branch of the Central of Georgia, connecting at Bowdon Junction, three miles away. Later a small cabin was constructed. The first charter members of this newly erected church were: Dr. and Mrs. Hicks Martin... Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wood... Mr. and Mrs. Tom Entrekin... Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lumsden... Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leak... Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Entrekin... Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Entrekin... Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker... Mr. and Mrs. John McKissick... and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Trimble—twenty members in all.

The first trustees of this church constructed in 1867 were: Hicks Martin... Samuel Leak... J. L. McKissick... Thomas Entrekin... N. M.
McBurnett... B. F. Moon... and Newton Trimble. Dr. Hicks Martin gave this church the name of Mt. Zion with no particular reason in mind. As the story was related to me, a group of men were pondering over the question, "What shall we name our new Church?" One would suggest one name and someone else would suggest another. Finally Dr. Martin said, "It will be named Mt. Zion." It was agreed that the present church be called Mt. Zion.

Just fifteen years after the establishment of Mt. Zion Church, Dr. James Mitchell founded Mt. Zion School in 1880 which was a church school. Today there stands a very nice church building with four large Sunday School rooms. Many improvements have been made within the past few years with many more being planned by the membership of this church. The present membership is 177. One of the great truths, probably the greatest, about Mt. Zion is that fifteen men have answered the call to the ministry from this church. The present minister is Rev. H. I. Bowden who lives at Mt. Zion in the parsonage. The present officials of the different departments in this church are:

Sunday School Superintendent... J. G. Buckelew; Chairman of Board of Stewards... M. A. Gammon; Treasurer of Sunday School... Sara Martin; President of W.S.C.S.... Mrs. H. I. Bowden; and
President of Methodist Youth Fellowship...Betty Ashmore.
Mt. Zion has a very active youth fellowship and Women's Society of Christian Service. The Sunday School meets every Sunday and is doing an excellent job in instructing our people about our great leader—God.
Regular church services are held every first, second, and fourth Sunday's.
Mt. Zion Methodist Church is going forward with only one purpose in mind—spreading word about our master.

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I was able to compose the history of Mt. Zion Church by the help of Mr. C. Q. Martin, a local minister who had material dating back to almost the beginning of the church, and from a quilt made by the ladies of the W. S. C. S.