HISTORY OF MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH MAY 1951

Mount Zion Church was organized around 1892 by, Bill Weemes, H. C. Lassiter, J. M. Bishop, J. C. Groover, and Bud Groover, after Mount Pleasant Church was disbanded in the late 80's because of its inaccessibility. Mount Pleasant was located near the Willeo Factory, which was approximately one and one-half miles southeast of the present location of this Church. It was at the time that Willeo Factory went dead that Mount Pleasant was disbanded.

When Mount Zion was first organized, church services were held for approximately two years in the school house, which was located on the present church site. About 1892 the present church was built on the north side of Post Oak road, directly across the road from where the church now stands. Bud Groover donated the land. The Church was not finished, but merely a rough frame building. Eunice, Burke and Albert Hamilton built the benches which are still in use.

Mr. Jim Pitts donated property for the church site on the South Side of Post Oak Road in 1905, and immediately thereafter the Church was moved across the road to its present location. A short time later the Church was sealed and finished on the inside.

Old Timers remember how every one would come to Sunday School in their wagons. At that time the average attendance at Sunday School was around a hundred every Sunday. At Revivals the Church would be full which is something we seldom see now.

In 1940, the Church was almost dead and in very bad shape. At this time the Church was painted inside and out, reroofed and wired for electricity. Rich's, from Atlanta, donated the globes which are now in use. The Piano we have was purchased at that time.

In 1950, the Church was completely remodeled, with asbestos siding put on the outside, new windows and flooring put in, and a new cement stoop added to the front of the Church. The Church was repainted on the inside. The floors sanded and finished and in the fall of 1950 gas heaters were installed.

In 1951, there were five (5) Sunday School rooms added to the Church. These were finished and benches were added.

Our Present Sunday School was organized in Feb. 1950. Before that Sunday School had been organized and went dead several times. Our Sunday School is progressing nicely. We have an average attendance of about 35.

We are proud of Rev. Delmar Hagood, who went from our Church into the Ministry. He is now Dist. Supt. of the Rome Circuit District. And also Narvel L. Lassiter Jr., who left us to study at Young Harris College recently.