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HISTORY

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Mount Zion Methodist Church is located on Mount Zion Camp Ground in Spalding County near Griffin, Georgia, near the site of the old mother church.

By act of legislature of Georgia in 1822 Pike County was created out of Monroe County and Mount Zion church was located in the First District or northern part of Pike County. On May 18th, 1830 John Farley, Joseph Deason, and Henry Williamson bought from Asa Sessions land for a church. Witnesses to this deed were James R. Callaway, Miles Parker, and John Bivins, J. P. James R. Callaway, who married Nancy Farley and was witness to deed of Mount Zion church, moved in 1834 to Ponotoc County, Miss. gave land and founded the Mount Zion church and Camp Ground of Ponotoc County of which he was pastor. This makes one wonder if Mount Zion Church got its name from one in Jasper County for we find that John Farley, James Callaway, Joseph Deason and Asa Sessions came to Pike County from Jasper.

Four years after this first church was established we find that John B. Reid sold 202½ acres of land for the purpose of establishing and keeping up a camp ground, known as lot number 29, joining lot number 4, or which the first church was established. Also, by act of legislature, trustees were appointed for Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal church and certain churches and camp grounds incorporated. Soon after this the second house of worship was erected on the camp ground and the old church was abandoned. The first register of church membership available begins in 1849 with twenty nine members.

Through the untiring efforts of the pastors and laymen the church grew to be one of the strongest churches in the country.

areas of this section. Its membership grew until there were over 200 members by 1885. At this period plans were begun to build a new church for its growing membership. The third church was erected about 1892 and furnished until about 1916, at which time there began a great movement toward the cities from this area. Although through the efforts of a few faithful ones the work continued and prospered and they managed to keep the church going with preaching one Sunday a month as usual.

At the present time there is an active WSCS and a great move has been made to raise money to remodel and beautify the present church. A heating system has already been installed and it is hoped by the end of 1952 that Mount Zion will have a beautiful modern building and be on the road to a greater work than ever before.

Mrs. Lewis Williams

Miss Martha Blanton,
Assistant

Deed of Asa Sessions to John Farley, Joseph Deason and Henry Williamson, recorded in Book C, June 7, 1831, Clerk's Office Pike County.

Deed of John B. Reid to Trustees of M. E. Church recorded in Book C, Page 534, January 23, 1834, Clerk's Office, Pike County.