MOUNTAIN CITY METHODIST CHURCH
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The Methodist Church in Mountain City, located three miles north of Clayton, Georgia on U.S. Highway # 23, was organized during the early years of Methodism in Rabun county. This church was organized by Mr. Tommy Hunnicutt who was a local preacher in this area. The exact date of organization is unknown.

A plot of land was given by Mrs. Allen Gains upon which a small log cabin was erected by Mr. Hunnicutt and a school teacher, Mr. Bell Fowell. This building was erected for the use of both Methodist and Baptist organizations. The little cabin was called "Blue Ridge Church" and "Blue Ridge School."

Some of the early members and officials of this first Methodist congregation were: Mrs. M.M. Rogers, Mr. H.B. Dotson, Mr. N.A. Hunnicutt, Mr. Samuel Queen and Mr. Claburn Queen.

After some time the little cabin became too small for the community and it was torn down and a larger log house was built on the same spot and for the same purpose. This second house was used for at least fifty years and at present is a part of the residence of Mrs. S.C. Cheathom.

In 1907, both the Methodist and Baptist organizations decided to abandon the old log house and to build separate church buildings for their congregations. Two lots (50'-100') were given to the Methodists by Mr. D.W. Johnson upon which the present building was erected. Rev. Zedekiah Speer was the pastor at that time. He drew up the plans for the church building and local carpenters bid for the building contract. The contract went to Mr. J.F. Cathey who erected the building at an estimated cost of $1200.00. Most of the money for this building was raised by private subscriptions. About $200.00 was donated by
The new church was given the name "Passover Methodist Church" because at this time the community was named "Passover." In the year 1907 the community was incorporated and given the new name "Mountain City." At this time the Methodist Church changed its name to "Mountain City Methodist Church."

The Mountain City Methodist Church was on the Clayton Charge until 1934 when the charge was divided into the Clayton Charge and the Mountain City Charges. For two years Tiger, Antioch, Pine Mt. and the churches of the Tallulah Charge were on the Mountain City Charge. Then, another change was made in 1939 and the charge became the Dillard-Mt.City Charge.

A Sunday School was organized in the first little log church with Mr. Hunnicutt as superintendent. This was a community Sunday School, enrollment of about fifty. Today, the Methodist Sunday School enrollment is around seventy-five.

The first Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Miss Bert Winter in the year 1927, with Mrs. John Cox as the first president. The society has been active since that time and the present enrollment is fifteen. The amount of $90.00 which this society has given through its channels of service this year is one evidence of the good work it is doing.

The first Sunday Evening organization for the young people, the Epworth League, was organized around 1912. Today, the Mountain City Methodist Youth Fellowship is one of the most active phases of the church program, having an enrollment of eighteen young people.

In addition to the church building and the two lots upon which it stands, the church owns a small cemetery which was given to the church by Mrs. Cooper. This little cemetery in which only a few bodies are buried is located approximately one-fourth mile west of the church location.