

## HISTORY

May 1960

- I. Name  
Mountain View Methodist; selected by the people because of subdivision in immediate area by same name.
- II. Organization date  
October 11, 1959
- III. Location  
(City) Rossville, (County) Walker, (State) Georgia
- IV. Charter Members
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| 1. Miss Jennie L. Johnson | 12. Mr. W. E. Thompson   |
| 2. Mr. J. E. Lewis        | 13. Mrs. W. C. Thompson  |
| 3. Mrs. J. E. Lewis       | 14. Mr. Odie Thompson    |
| 4. Miss Carol Lewis       | 15. Mrs. Odie Thompson   |
| 5. Mr. Gene Lewis         | 16. Mrs. Lee O. Williams |
| 6. Mr. V. K. Heifner      | 17. Mrs. W. D. Perkinson |
| 7. Mrs. V. K. Heifner     | 18. Rev. C. C. Burdette  |
| 8. Mr. James W. Lane      | 19. Mrs. C. C. Burdette  |
| 9. Mrs. James W. Lane     | 20. Mr. C. G. Burk       |
| 10. Mr. Hawley A. Cline   | 21. Mrs. C. G. Burk      |
| 11. Mrs. Hawley A. Cline  | 22. Miss Glenda Burk     |
- V. Charter Officials
- Rev. Charles C. Burdette, Pastor  
Hawley A. Cline, Treasurer Current Expense  
C. G. Burk, Chairman, Commission on Stewardship-Finance  
W. C. Thompson, Church School Superintendent  
J. E. Lewis, Chairman, Commission on Education  
Mrs. Hawley A. Cline, Recording Steward  
Mrs. J. E. Lewis, President, W. S. C. S.  
Hawley A. Cline, C. G. Burk, and J. E. Lewis; J. W. Lane & V. K. Heifner, stewards  
Hawley A. Cline, C. G. Burk, W. C. Thompson; J. W. Lane & V. K. Heifner, trustees
- VI. Man who originated idea  
Rev. William H. Gardner
- VII. Places of worship to present date  
~~Wallaceville Community Center~~ from October 11, 1959, to October 18, 1959  
C. G. Burk's house from October 25, 1959, until November 29, 1959  
Moved into present building on November 29, 1959, before construction was completed.
- VIII. Church property  
Purchased lot from Miss Jennie L. Johnson  
Size of lot (approximately) 2.6 acres  
Cost \$5,000  
Cost of present building and furnishings (approximately) \$4,250  
No parsonage is available  
Present building will be completed and ready for dedication sometime this summer. Our deed contains a trust clause.

IX. Revival

Conducted by Rev. Peter Manning week of September 6, 1959, at Wallaceville Community Center. (See statement below by Rev. Manning.)

X. Sunday School

Organized October 11, 1959

Members enrolled in adult class	16
Young people's class	3
Small children's class	4

XI. Membership

Present - 22

XII. Historian

Mrs. Hawley A. Cline

XIII. Sources of Information

Records, officials, and statements obtained from various individuals.

XIV. Women's Society of Christian Service

WSCS organized February 23, 1960  
11 members at present

XV. Surrounding Community

Mountain View Subdivision in the immediate vicinity is a fast-growing community of approximately 90 homes with plans for about 700 homes in the next few years.

XVI. Statements from various individuals

Rev. Peter Manning, First Methodist Church, Newman, Georgia

"It was my pleasure to preach in a series of services during the week of September 6, 1959, designed to culminate in the organization of the Mountain View Methodist Church. We encountered many handicaps, but the Holy Spirit led and encouraged us day by day. We were handicapped primarily in that it was necessary to hold the services at the Wallaceville Recreation Center outside of the community for the proposed church, together with the fact that we had no nucleus of members and unfavorable weather. Our largest congregation numbered 32. However, the spirit of the Pastor, Rev. Charles C. Burdette, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit continued to inspire. We sincerely felt at the time that God would lead and help in the success of organizing the Mountain View Methodist Church. Surely 'All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.'"

XVI. (Continued)

Rev. William H. Gardner, College Park, Georgia

"In the spring of 1958, Rev. Paul H. Jordan called to my attention the urgent need for some new churches in the growing edge of Chattanooga in the area of the Dalton District of the North Georgia Conference. About that time the Board of Evangelism of the Conference offered a seminary student for summer work with the Conference Board to pay his salary and his travel and other expenses to be met through the District Promotion Fund. In June 1958, Rev. Thomas E. Fowler, Rev. Clayton Gilmer, and I drove over some of this area and during July and August the seminary student made a sketchy survey of certain areas. The results of this survey indicated that the Mountain View Subdivision and Mission Ridge Road area was the place where a Methodist Church was most needed.

"As District Superintendent, I made numerous trips to this vicinity taking with me pastors in neighboring churches at various times-- Thomas E. Fowler, Clayton Gilmer, Hoyt Henderson, Eugene Dunn, and laymen including L. E. Dietz and Marvin Sisson, Chairman of the District Board of Missions. On one occasion, Rev. M. L. Crowder and I spent an entire day looking at lots and conferring with people. On another occasion, Rev. C. C. Burdette and I did the same. I was convinced that a church could be organized if a suitable site could be procured and a preacher with courage and foresight could be placed in the field. I was able to secure a seminary student from the Board of Evangelism again for 1959. Since sufficient funds were not in sight for a full-time pastor, I considered the Conference fortunate in securing the consent of the Rev. C. C. Burdette to leave a pleasant pastorate after just one year and give himself to this undertaking. We had been able to accumulate a few thousand dollars in Expansion Day funds toward the purchase of a lot. At this juncture, I left the situation in the capable hands of Brother Burdette and my successor as District Superintendent, Rev. E. D. Rudisill."

Mrs. Hawley A. Cline, Mountain View Methodist Church

"Rev. C. C. Burdette and Dan Weaver, a seminary student, worked closely during the summer of 1959 and together they started the first actual work toward organizing a church. They made a church membership survey of the subdivision and told the people of the plans for the new church, stirring up as much interest as possible. They visited the interested homes to get an idea of the number of charter members there would be and tried to form a nucleus.

"Later, discussion groups on the doctrine of the Methodist Church and christian principles were held in various homes. These groups were very small and informal, usually consisting of no more than a half dozen people. The discussion groups proved beneficial and during the week of September 6 an evangelical appeal was held in the Wallaceville Community Center with Rev. Peter Manning holding services.

XVI. (Continued)

Mrs. Hawley A. Cline (Continued)

"On October 11, the Mountain View Methodist Church was organized. Services were held in the Community Center the following Sunday. We then moved our meetings to the home of one of the members, Mr. C. G. Burk, where we met until Sunday, November 29. On this date the first service was held in the new dwelling-type building on Mission Ridge Road."

Mr. J. E. Lewis, Mountain View Methodist Church

"I was led by the Holy Spirit to join the Mountain View Church and to help build the membership by working and helping all that I can."

XVII. Picture of present building

*To be found in Dalton District album near back*



A GROUP OF "FIRSTS" IN THE CHURCH

1. First place of worship, Wallaceville Community Center.
2. First revival was held week of September 6, 1959.
3. First Sunday school teacher, J. E. Lewis
4. First contribution to Building Program, Tina Lane's penny bank \$15.00 while we were meeting in C. G. Burk's house on October 25, 1959.
5. First worship service in new dwelling-type building, November 29, 1959.
6. First to be baptized in church, James W. Lane and daughter, Tina on December 20, 1959.
7. First WSCS meeting, February 23, 1960.
8. First Youth Sunday school, March 13, 1960
9. First MYF meeting, May 15, 1960.