History
of
Nellie Dodd Methodist Church
United with
Plain Village - St. John
HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE NELLIE DODD MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

First located on Milton Ave., S.E. near McDonough Boulevard, S.E. Nellie Dodd Memorial Methodist Church was organized sometime in 1892 under the name of the South Atlanta Mission. Some sixty five persons made up the membership when first organized, and Rev. T.R. McCarty was the first pastor. Rev. W.A. Dodge was appointed pastor of the South Atlanta Mission in 1893, and was followed in 1894 by Rev. W.C. Dunlap, under whose pastorate the membership grew to 172 in number.

In 1895, Rev. F.S. Hudson, now residing in Atlanta, was appointed pastor of the South Atlanta Mission. During that year it became necessary to move the church building from its location on Milton Ave. Mr. Green Dodd, a loyal Methodist, made known his wish to assist the church by offering to give to the church the property on which the present building is located. At the same time, Mr. Dodd asked the privilege of making the church a memorial to his daughter, Miss Nellie Dodd, a fine Christian character, who had died. Mr. Dodd's gift was accepted and the church building was moved to the present site, and named Nellie Dodd Memorial Methodist Church.

It is interesting to note the changes in the reading of the appointment of the church since its organization. It reads as follows; 1892-95, South Atlanta Mission; 1896, St. John and Nellie Dodd Memorial; 1897-98, Nellie Dodd Memorial and West Atlanta; 1899-1900, appointment omitted; 1901-02, Nellie Dodd Memorial and Copenghill; 1903, omitted; 1904-05, St. John and Nellie Dodd Memorial; 1906-07, Nellie Dodd Memorial; 1908-14, Nellie Dodd Memorial and South Atlanta; 1915, St Luke and Nellie Dodd Memorial; 1916, Asbury and Nellie Dodd Memorial; 1917, to the present date, Nellie Dodd Memorial.

The present church building was erected in 1925 during the pastorate of R.L. Ramsay, present Secretary of the Georgia Educational Association. The erection of the new church building was made possible, not only through the very heroic efforts of the membership, but also by a generous gift from Mr. Gus T. Dodd brother of Miss Nellie Dodd and a member of the St. Mark Methodist Church of Atlanta. The old church building was incorporated in the new one and forms that part which is occupied by the Junior Department, Wesley Fellowship and Young People's Department.


The congregation began to build the church school building in 1950 and was completed in 1952.