HISTORY OF NEW HOPE CHURCH ON THE
WHITESBURG CIRCUIT

New Hope church is located about two miles West of
Whitesburg on highway number 5.

The first New Hope church was about three hundred
yards from the present site. Henry Merk gave the land
in 1852 to build the church where the present building
now stands. There has been two buildings on this site.

The first trustees were Joel A. Culpepper, William
A. Story, William A. Henry, Joseph T. Moore, and James D.
Moore.

New Hope church was established about the time Carroll
County was founded, being one of the oldest churches in the
County.

At one time the church had a large membership and
was very prosperous. People came a long distance to worship
at New Hope. Some of the early members were Merks, Houstons
Moores, Springers, Culpeppers, Thorntons, Bradleys, Leggs,
Richards, Thurmans, and Browns.

The first record that can be found of preachers was
in 1874. Those Names were Reverends Dunlap, Simmons, Nolan,
Parks, Davenport, Snow, Conway, Barton, Sorrell, Crews,
McDermant, Coleman, McLaughlan, Speer, Legg, England, Brown,
Brigman and Allen. The Reverend Charles Allen of Grace
Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, preached his first sermon
at New Hope church.

The present pastor is Reverend Vernon Wynn of Carrollton,
Georgia.

In 1926 J. S. Merk, W. H. Moore and J. S. Moore were
trustees. W. F. Moore was chorister for many years.

The oldest living members are Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs.
W. F. Moore and Miss Maggie Grey.

The present trustees are Ray Moore, Bill Moore and
J. W. Legg.

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