HISTORY OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

New Hope Church was organized about 1839 in the home of Wiley Westbrook Sr. The Westbrook home was located near Gainesville, Ga in Forsyth Co.

The fourteen charter members were from the Cogburn, Tatem, Patterson, Daniel, And Westbrooks families.

Once the decision to build a church was made they immediately started cutting logs. Soon a small log house was erected near a large spring on the Gainesville public road. The land for the church was donated by Wiley Westbrooks Sr. The value of this church is not known in dollars and cents since all labor and timber were donated. The benches were made from large logs which were split open, with peg legs put in. It was called "Deal of the Creek."

The Pastor's salary is not known but we are sure it was small.

The church was started on its own.

BUILDING NO. 2

Soon after the Civil War a new plank building was made. This building was larger than the first and was located on the same plot of ground. The cost of this building was small and we have no record of the Pastor's salary.

BUILDING NO. 3

About 1879 the Third Church building was erected this time it was moved across the road on a new plot of ground donated by John R. Westbrooks. The cost of this building was about $500.00.

Rev. L. P. Winter was one of the first Pastors. The people were so proud and happy of the new church that they wanted to give it a new name. Because of the bright hope it put in their hearts they named it New Hope.

BUILDING NO. 4

In 1924 The people decided to build a larger Church. A new plot of ground was bought from M. H. Westbrooks and the larger church was built near the first church place. This church was valued at $40,000 and was dedicated by Bishop W. B. Beauchamp on the third
Sunday in May, 1927

District Superintendent was Nath Thompson and the Pastor J. W. Segars.

This church was struck by lightning and burned August 17, 1949. As the church burned, the members planned to rebuild. In four months a beautiful brick and cement building stood on the same old ground. The value of this church is $8,000.

Value of the charge Parsonage is $3,000 Dollars. This is the second church Parsonage. All church property contains the trust clause.

Property owned by the church is about one acre for cemetery, one acre for parking lot, and one acre for the church yard. Value of this property is $500.00.

The Sunday school was organized about 1870. Some of the Supt have been Eli Mooney, first. He served 24 years, others were Messers Morgan, Allinson Purcell, Westbrook, Barron, who served several years each, W. C. Tumlin who served 25 years. Present Supt, is Ray Bennett.

The church payed last year and has set out two Preachers D. S. Patterson and James Singleton.

The most outstanding pastor was Rev. Bob Eaks who served the charge 7 years.

The most outstanding local preacher was Rev. Matt Hughes who had regular appointment for about 20 years.

Many great revivals have been held under the leadership of our pastors especially Rev. L. P. Winter, Bob Eaks and Glenn Davis.

The church payed out for all church work last year $560.00.

Present membership of the church about one hundred. Rev. V. O. Gentry is pastor in charge at this date.

The missionary Society was organized in 1924 by Miss Bert Winter, Mrs. Sam Rosser was President and their was 8 members. At present we have 16 members with Mrs Ray Burtz as president. The society paid $25.00 last year.

History
History Submitted by Mrs. Presnell.

Information taken from Handed down memories and church registra.


Some of the District Supt. are Worley, Cofer, Underwood, Pierce, King, Gibson, Jones, Young, Elrod, Elizer, and Nath Thompson.