New Hope was organized before the Civil War. Services were held in a school building located on the Roswell Road about a quarter of a mile from where the Drive-In Theater now stands. Later, it was moved to Power's Ferry Road, about one-half mile from Roswell Road. This first Church was known as Hopewell and was a Union Sunday School with all denominations attending. Hopewell was burned during the Civil War.

We do not have a record of the year the Church was moved to its present location, but sometime after the War Issac Sewell donated the property on which to build the Church. The timber was given by Mr. Sewell, Hemp Wylie, and W.M. Frey. These men were leaders of the erection of this Church located south of the present building. The name was changed to New Hope and the Church became a Methodist Church. Mr. Frey later added to the Church property, giving the lot adjoining the road.

The present building was erected about 55 years ago. The oldest record is Quarterly Meeting minutes dated 1883. Mr. H. N. Whitfield, a New Hope member, attended the meeting which was held at Wesley Chapel.

Two missionaries have gone from New Hope. About 35 years ago New Hope helped two girls at school in Nashville. Eunice Segars became a missionary and Mittie Hamby a Deaconess. Dr. Bond Fleming, who is making quite a record in the Mississippi Conference, is a former member of New Hope, having attended 15 years ago.

At the beginning of the charge, there were eight Churches on the Marietta Circuit. New Hope is one of the remaining four.
Some of the pioneering families were: Isaac Sewells, Dr. Charles Sewells, Parks Sewells, Hemp Wylies, Lewis Thomas, W. M. Freys, and Zack Rogers. The oldest active members are Mr. Luther Wylie, who has been a member for 60 years, and Mrs. B. T. Frey, who has been a member for 55 years.

The present building is the original building of some 50 years ago. It has been remodeled recently. In 1947 the building was completely redecorated on the inside. In 1950 amber colored glass was placed in all the windows, a new stoop placed over the side entrance, and new steps built at the front and side. Other additions included a new front vestibule, a steeple and a bell. The Church was given a new coat of paint, and extensive improvements were made to the grounds to beautify the property.

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