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New Hope - Union Charge

New Hope Methodist Church
Woodbury Charge
La Grange District
The first New Hope Methodist Church, located in upper 9th district in Meriwether County, was a log building. It was erected about three miles west of where the present church now stands. The church was moved to the present place and a frame church was built in the year of 1850. The members began to grow and it became too small to accommodate the large number of people who were attending the church. About the year of 1886 the present church was erected and the other one was moved and used as a schoolhouse for many years.

The land was given by George Wyche. Some of the men on the building committee were Issac Bell, Robert Cole, George Wyche, Jim Roberts, Bennett Malone and Willy Sibley. Fifty-three wagons from the community went to Haralson, Georgia and hauled the lumber. All materials and money were donated and the approximate cost of the church was $450.

Some of the first members were Robert Cole, Nancy Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sibley, Allen Argroves, Mary Jane Malcom, George Wyche, Mary Adline Wyche Rowe, William Malone and James Barfield. Our oldest living member is Mary Adline Wyche Rowe, who has been a member 62 years.

Some of the first ministers of the church were Rev. A. S. Adams, Rev. J. S. Sappengton, Rev. T. J. Warlick and R. H. Bullock.

The church has been kept in good condition for a country church. During its' 100 or over years, it has never been without a preacher. Among its members, were some of the real
pioneers of our country. They were men and women who could always be relied upon under all conditions.

Rev. Forrest King is our present pastor. Since he has been the pastor the church has been remodeled. Approximately $2000 was spent on reconditioning of the church. The church is insured and in good standing financially.