New Hope Methodist Church is located Ivey Log district of Union County. In the year 1951 this church will celebrate its 100th anniversary. As in most cases in this section, services were held for some time in the community before a Methodist church was organized. The first Methodist Church of this section was known as Ivey Log Methodist Church, and was located about one and one-half miles north of New Hope church. This church was in existence in the early 1830's, and was a part of a circuit of North Carolina. As the division, leading to the civil war, developed, division developed in the church. Finally a group of Southern sympathizers began to hold services in homes etc. In 1851, land was secured, deeds were drawn up, and a building was erected to be used for church and school. Later the Disciplinary requirement of the Methodist Discipline was included.

This original building, with its old fashioned pulpit, still stands. This church grew rapidly and at one time it had a large membership. After the war the old Ivey Log Methodist church grew weaker and was finally abandoned. The majority of the few remaining members joined New Hope church. In the year 1948 the last living member of Ivey Log, that had never joined any other church, joined New Hope.

The people began to move out, with the war, the one preacher was overlooked, and New Hope church grew weak. It declined until about 1935, when the church had only five members left. It was decided to close the church. The Quarterly Conference granted permission to sell the property. However, the property was never sold. It was used by an interdenominational group and some
Baptist for services. Two of the five members joined the Baptist, two moved away, and one remained faithful. In 1947 the Methodist sought to re-establish Methodism in the community. At first the most opposition, but the fact that they still owned the building was in their favor. They refused to move out of their own church when ordered out by the Interdenominationalist and Baptist preachers.

In 1947 a Vacation Bible School and revival was held and twelve people joined the Methodist Church. It was re-organized. The building was in a pitiful condition. It was 96 years old and it looked like it had not been repaired in that long. The people met together, and with the help of three employed carpenters completely remodeled the church, covering it with white asbestos shingles. The yards are now being beautified. Is is now a very nice little church, with a small membership but a wonderful and willing spirit.