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New Prospect

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NEW PROSPECT METHODIST CHURCH

In the county of Gwinnette three miles west of Buford, Georgia is the present site of New Prospect Methodist Church.

J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. James Calaway, James Calaway, Mrs. Elizebeth Duran and Mrs. Nancy Pass were the members of New Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church that was organized in 1880 or the years following. L. D. Ellington, a minister of that denomination was the leading spirit in the establishing of this church.

The first services were held in the Smith Grove Academy. Work on a building was begun in 1884, but for some cause the church was never finished. Two or three years later a house of worship was put up, but this building was too small and the present building was put up in 1905 and was valued at \$2,000.

L. D. Ellington, who organized this church, was its first pastor, his pastorate including the years 1881-1882. He was succeeded by W. H. Sullivan in 1883-84. Then follow:

R. C. Bramblett	-	1885
Dick Waters	-	1886
J. L. Fowler	-	1887
W. H. Westbrook	-	1887-1892
W. A. Martin	-	1893
W. A. Martin and		
A. G. Beaty	-	1894-1897
L. D. Ellington	-	1898-1899
J. H. Dunn	-	1900-1901
L. D. Hamil	-	1902-1903

A. F. Ellington	-	1904
D. W. Cook	-	1905
T. R. Baker	-	1906-1907
D. W. Cook	-	1910-1914
D. B. Cooper	-	1915
D. W. Cook	-	1916
W. A. Cook	-	1917-1919
T. F. Cook	-	1920-1922
J. D. Posey	-	1923-1928
D. B. White	-	1929
G. L. Goodson	-	1930
E. B. Aycock	-	1931-1933
H. L. Cochran	-	1934-1936
F. E. Linder	-	1937-
B. A. Chastain	-	1938-1940
T. W. Taylor	-	1941
F. C. Hicks	-	1942-1946
Lamar Ray	-	1947-1948
J. Sanford McDonald	-	1949-1950
W. P. Berlner	-	1950-

There were 65 students enrolled in the Sunday School. D. S. Morgan was the first Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Eva Benson Secretary. M. H. Benson, Miss Eva Benson, Mrs. G. G. Bowman, H. N. Bowman, G.W. Westbrook, Mrs. M.H. Benson, Mrs. H. N. Bowman Teachers.

Prior to the organization of this church the Protestant Methodist had a church here for years. This denomination, or this particular church, ran a camp meeting there, and the Prospect Camp Ground was a noted place in its day. The Protestant Methodist Church passed away with its Camp Meeting and New Prospect took its place.

Sunday School Superintendents were as follows:

D. S. Morgan, Sr.	-	1905-1924
A. E. Bowman	-	1924-1926
D. S. Morgan, Sr.	-	1926-1927
A. E. Bowman	-	1927-1929
J. W. Hughes	-	1929-1935
G. W. Morgan	-	1935-1940
J. W. Hughes	-	1940-

The church paid its share in the building of a \$2,000 parsonage, which was erected this year in the city of Lawrenceville.

The members are now making plans to build a \$10,000 church at the present building site.

Historian - G. S. Bowman

(Part of this history was taken from Gwinnette Churches History up to 1911.)