The Oakwood Methodist Church is located in Hall County, of which Gainesville is the county seat. The community of Oakwood received its name as a result of its being a big oak wood shipping point, since it is located on the railroad. As well as older members can remember the church was organized about 1900.

The donation of one acre of land was made by Mrs. M. W. Puckett. The deeds are recorded and bear the Trust Clause. The church was not sponsored by another church and it has never sponsored any other church.

Among the charter members were: Mr. M. W. Puckett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. John Puckett, Miss Lizzie Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shankle and daughter and son, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tate.

The original church building was built soon after its organization. The labor was donated by the charter members and also by members of other churches in the area. The estimated cash outlay of this original structure is $300.

The first Sunday School was organized at the school house before the church was organized. The first superintendent was Mr. Joe Thomas.

At the time the Sunday School was organized there were only three or four houses in the immediate area. There are now
about sixty-five houses with an estimated population of 300.

The original wooden building was sold at auction in 1948 and was torn down immediately. The present structure was erected on the same location. It was constructed of concrete blocks and brick. The Rev. Joseph Jones was the pastor when the present building was built.

The first service and cornerstone laying were held on Thanksgiving Day, 1948. The Presiding Elder of the Gainesville District, Rev. McLowery Elrod, had charge of these services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Jones.

The dedication services were held April 24, 1949. Bishop Arthur J. Moore preached the dedication sermon.

For several years the church has had an active Woman's Missionary Society. The present enrollment is 20 and the president is Mrs. Mildred Robinson.

The present membership of the church is 100.

This information was given by people living in the community when the church was first organized. They are Mrs. J. A. Bagwell, Mrs. U. S. O'dell, Sr., Mrs. J. J. Reed, Mr. L. J. Westbrook, and Mr. Frank Scroggs.

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