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Oconee Street Methodist Church is 78 years old. According to our records the Church was officially organized in 1871 on July 2. Rev. W. A. Simmons had been Pastor of the Church in 1870 and was replaced on January 14, 1871 by Rev. Charles J. Oliver. The original Board of Trustees was organized in January, 1870, with the following members: John W. Nickerson, Reuben Nickerson, James Reeves, Robert Chappel, William King, Jr., R. T. Comer, G. L. McClesky, Ellison D. Stone, and E. R. Hodgson. The original Board of Stewards included: Robert Chappel, Reuben Nickerson, Jas. W. Parker, R. T. Comer, and E. D. Stone.

As near as can be ascertained from the roll book there were only about 16 members at this time. Some of the Trustees and Stewards did not move their memberships until some years later.

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Sunday School was in the afternoon in the first Church built. The Church was located on Oconee Street near Broad Street.

On February 16, 1887, a Parsonage was purchased. There is no data concerning the location, but it is assumed it was adjoining the Church. The cost of the Parsonage was \$1650. Rev. C. S. Owens was

In 1882 J. Wesley Brown organized a Sunday School on the east side of the river. It was soon associated with Oconee Street Church. At one time there were three Sunday Schools on the charge: Oconee Street, East Athens, and Baldwin Street.

In a special meeting of the Quarterly Conference on December 8, 1902, the Oconee Street and East Athens Churches were consolidated. In 1903 the old Church building was moved to the present location, and the present parsonage purchased. Rev. M. H. Eakes was pastor.

In the late summer of 1920 the Stone-Nickerson Sunday School rooms were completed. This was a great addition to the Church. Rev. A. F. Nunn was pastor at this time.

Among the pastors of the Church have been:

Rev. M. W. Arnold, 1873-74
Rev. A. W. Williams, 1875-76
Rev. A. C. Thomas, 1877
Rev. J. D. Hammond, 1878
Rev. U. R. Branham, 1879-80
Rev. B. F. Farris, 1881
Rev. D. J. Myrick, 1882
Rev. A. W. Williams, 1883
Rev. J. W. Quillian, 1884-85
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Rev. J. W. G. Watkins, 1886
Rev. C. S. Owens, 1887-88
Rev. H. M. Quillian, 1889-90
Rev. I. S. Bryan, 1891
Rev. T. O. Rowe, 1892
Rev. S. R. England, 1893-96
Rev. M. H. Dillard, 1897-98
Rev. G. D. Stone, 1899
Rev. H. L. Embry, 1900-01 Rev. M. H. Eakes, 1902-04
Rev. W. G. Crawley, 1905-06
Rev. J. R. McCleskey, 1907
Rev. A. J. Sears, 1908-11
Rev. A. A. Sullivan, 1912-14
Rev. E. W. Jones, 1915-17
Rev. A. S. Hutchinson, 1918-19
Rev. A. F. Nunn, 1920-21
Rev. W. A. Wells, 1922
Rev. J. A. Quillian, 1923-25
Rev. Walter Millican, 1926-29
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Rev. J. A. Langford, 1933-36
Rev. B. L. Betts, 1937-39
Rev. Paul H. Gunnels, 1940-43
Rev. Chas. D. Read, 1944-45
Rev. E. D. Carlock, 1946-48

Rev. Chas. L. Middlebrooks, Jr., Present Pastor

Rev. George E. Stone served as pastor at two different times when the pastor had died. He was one of God's faithful servants rendering invaluable service to His Church.

This history was compiled by Chas. L. Middlebrocks, Jr.

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