PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

We are not sure when Philadelphia Church was organized. The first building was a small log one. The second one was an oblong one about 30 by 40 feet, it became so delapidated until in 1904 a new building was erected (the present one). The plans for the new building were drawn by the pastor in charge at that time Rev. Olin King. The building was erected under the direction of a Mr. Helton.

The land for the church site was given by David Montgomery and Alexander Pharr. This land was part of what we know as the McCalla land. The deed was made to the North Georgia Methodist Conference November 29, 1850 and is on file in the Conyers Court House.

Philadelphia has been the preaching place of Emory students who have later become noted Methodist ministers, for example Dr. Wallace Rogers preached here when he was a student at Emory. In 1950 the men of the Church began excavation for a basement, which has been finished and furnished.