

1978 Griffin Dist

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HISTORY OF PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

LOCUST GROVE CHARGE GRIFFIN DISTRICT

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

Philadelphia church is located in Henry County about four miles east of McDonough Georgia.

The oldest deed on record was made in 1879. The land was given by William P. Hopkins. The deed was signed in the presence of R. H. Fargason and C. T. Zachry. The deed was recorded in book two of deed page 361, Sept. 21, 1896, J. B. Brown, clerk. This land is in lot No. 202 and consists of two and one-half acres. Another two acres was given by A. C. Sowell Feb. 28th, 1910 and recorded in clerk's office, Superior Court, Henry County, Ga., in deed book ten, page 137. It was first a log church building before the land was deeded.

At one time this church was on the McDonough charge. About 1892 Locust Grove, Philadelphia and Mt. Bethel was made a charge and in 1900 New Hope was added to the Locust Grove Charge.

The present building was built in 1915 at a cost of about \$3000.00 Value \$8000.00.

The charge has owned three parsonages. The first one, a three room house, in 1900. The second was built in 1902 and was a six room house. The present one was built in 1948 at a cost of \$8000.00. It is a six room brick, valued at \$15000.00.

The lot for the present parsonage was donated by C. D. Lindsey. All deeds contain the trust clause.

Rev. C. M. Dunnaway held a great revival on the charge in 1903 under a tent.

The present Church School has thirty-five members. The amount paid for all causes in 1950 was \$142.93, by Church School.

The first Womans Missionary Society was organized in 1939. Mrs. A. O. Sowell president with eight members.

The Womans Society of Christian Service was organized in 1939, Mrs. Charlie Coan president with ten members. Present enrollment fifteen members. The amount paid to all causes last year (1949-1950) was \$36.00.

Mr. P. Y. Luther and Mr. avon Gaston, Lay Leaders visited our church and gave inspiring messages.

This church has contributed four ministers- Rev. Jim Rawls, Rev. Claborn Prickett, Rev. Wilson Culpepper, and Rev. Robert Allums.

This church contributed \$600.00 last year and has 125 members on roll.

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1931- Rev. H. M. Strozier

1932-34- Rev. H. A. McNiel

1935-38- Rev. Jesse Warrick

1938-39-(4 mos.) Rev. R. C. Shea-
Chaplin in U.S. Army

1939- Rev. J. H. Hager

1939-40- Rev. J. W. king

1940-42- Rev. E. F. Martin

1942-43- Rev. A. E. Purviance

1943- Rev. Nath Thompson

1944-47- Rev. Eugene Drinkard

1947-50- J. B. Ward

1950(3 mos.) Rev. Warren C. Hamby

1950- Rev. Clyde Blackstock

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Presiding Elders & District Superintendents.
1907- 1950

1907	Rev. Joel T. Davis
1907-20	No record.
1920-22	Rev. Luke Johnson
	Rev. J. H. Eakes
	Rev. Fletcher Walton
1927-30	Rev. L. M. Twiggs
1930-32	Rev. W. L. Durien
1933-36	Rev. W. T. Hunnicutt
1936-39	Rev. W. M. Twiggs
1939-43	Rev. R. D. Russell
1943-45	Rev. M. M. Maxwell (deceased in 1945)
1945	Rev. A. M. Pierce (unexpired term)
1945-49	Rev. Paul A. Turner
1949-51	Rev. H. H. Jones