The first Methodist meeting house in the eastern part of Wilkes County was established in the early 1800's on the plantation of Mr. Joe Gartrell. He owned a large number of slaves. Mr. Gartrell would have Rev. Morgan Bella, a Methodist minister, to come and preach at this meeting house to both white and colored people. The meeting house was named Zoar.

When the white people moved their worshiping place from Zoar to the new church named Pierce Chapel the colored people were given full possession of Zoar. This church is alive today and is a flourishing colored Methodist church.

In 1846 David Campbell gave a small tract of land and Mr. & Mrs. Wilkes Welborn and Mr. & Mrs. Jamison Malery organized a white church. They and David Campbell were charter members. The first pastor was Rev. Thomas Pierce in whose honor the church was named. Rev. Pierce was the Junior preacher of the Wilkes Circuit at that time.

The first church was just a frame house with no glass, no stove, or ceiling. In 1867 while C. J. Ellis was pastor the church was remodeled and glass windows and a stove put in. In 1869 Rev. Ellis started the first Sunday at Pierce Chapel. In 1869 while Rev. J. H. Baxter was pastor the church was painted.

In 1899 Rev. John E. Rosser, pastor at that time, started a subscription to raise money for building a new church but not enough. More subscription was added along. In 1901 Rev. J. T. Robins was sent as pastor.