Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Methodist Church is one of the younger Methodist churches of Union County. It is only about three miles from Blairsville, but for some reason it has remained an entirely separate community from Blairsville. For several years irregular services were held in this community in the school or in homes. Approximately between 1880 and 1885, Joseph K. Duncan deeded a building and lot of land to a group of trustees for a community, interdenominational church and school. The donor became dissatisfied with activities in the church, tore up the deeds and made new deeds. These deeds were drawn up in 1892 and deeded the church and property to the North Georgia Methodist Conference, with all disciplinary rules included. Since this day it has been a strictly Methodist church. In fact this is "the most Methodist Church" in the county. They are proud to be known as Methodist.

This is the only church that does not have its own cemetery. Because of its closeness to Blairsville, the people of this church use the cemetery there. Because of this short distance, in 1928 or 29, an attempt was made to combine the Pleasant Hill and Blairsville churches. This union was never successful. About all that it ever amounted to was the transferring of the roll of Pleasant Hill to the Blairsville church roll, but the people never came. The old building was sold to the county for a school.

In 1931-32 with renewed interest, the church was reorganized and a new church was built on the original lot of land. This church, though in much need of repairs, still stands.

The size of the membership has been surprisingly large, and the people have been faithful. Plans are now in progress for a
new church, but several final decisions are to be reached yet before construction can begin.

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