About the year 1911 the people of this community feeling the need of a church for its people, began grouping themselves together to hold religious services. For awhile the services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Festus Kinney and also in a school house known as the Bear Creek School. For their revival service in the summer a brush arbor was built and a visiting preacher was invited to hold the revival.

The congregation grew and in the year 1912 the church was organized. The first trustees were: B. S. Sheffield, J. F. Collins, and A. V. Harrison. On the 15th day of March 1913, these trustees bought from Mrs. Caminnie E. Hunter one acre of land on which the church now stands. Mr. Festus Kinney holds the deeds at the present time and the deeds are recorded at the Barrow County Court House in Winder, Ga.

The church was built in 1912. The first pastor was the Rev. J. W Bailey of the Jefferson Circuit. There were 35 Charter members.
Methodist body. It is now one of the churches of the Bethlehem Charge.

The official members are: Stewards, Tom Gazaway, Mrs. Bill Hunter, Hoyt Clack, Mrs. Ollie Pentecost. Trustees: Mrs. Bill Hunter, Hoyt Clack, Tom Gazaway, Mrs. Ollie Pentecost. The Sunday School Superintendent is Tom Gazaway.

These members taken from the Church Register were as follows:

1. B. S. Sheffield 18. Mrs. Joe Patter
2. Mrs. B. S. Sheffield 19. Mittie Dell Patter
3. Frank Sheffield 20. Annie May Patter
5. Mrs. Luna Jacks 22. Flossie Patter
6. Asa V. Harrison 23. Mary Ann Cook
7. Mrs. Asa V. Harrison 24. Susan F. Culer
10. Lay Harrison 27. Monnie Sykes
11. Clyde Harrison 28. Bertie May Sykes
12. J. F. Collins 29. W. C. Magnus
13. Mrs. J. F. Collins 30. Mrs. W. C. Magnus
14. Walter Collins 31. Leila Magnus
15. Florina Collins 32. Cora Cofer
17. Joseph Patter

There are listed the names Camp and Whitehead but the register does not give Mr. or Mrs.

At the first service held in the new church, the Rev. Ed Caldwell was in the congregation. He suggested the name “Providence” for the new church and it was accepted. Many years later he became its pastor and served as such for 10 or 12 years.

We have a complete list of the pastors who have served the church but we cannot be sure that they are listed in the order in which they served:

Rev. J. W. Bailey  Rev. Conway
Rev. G. T. Pittman  Rev. Matteson
Rev. R. P. Jackson  Rev. Reece
Rev. D. B. Cantrell  Rev. E. O. Vickery
Rev. Wiley Venable  Rev. I. J. Lovern
Rev. McBreer  Rev. Clyde Patrick
Rev. H. O. Green  Rev. Ed Caldwell
Rev. Esques  Rev. Mell Simons (present pastor.)
Rev. Sorrells

There is not a cemetery on the church grounds and the church is the only building.

Providence is in the Gainesville District of the Methodist Conference and is on the Bethlehem Circuit. For a good many years it was on the Jefferson Circuit.
There are at the present time 39 members:

Mr. Festus Kinney
Mrs. Eula Kinney
Mrs. Fannie Coffer
Cordellia Coffer
Richard Sikes
Ruby Sikes
J. M. Kinney
Mrs. J. M. Kinney
Nolen Kinney
Marion Kinney
Clifton Kinney
Bird Sikes
Mon Sikes
J. J. Wages
Mrs. J. J. Wages
Susie Nickleson
Mrs. Lela Nickleson
Robert Sanders
Zack Sanders
Paul Sanders
Willie Mae Sanders
Marie Sanders
Mrs. Robert Sanders
E. Z. Dunagan
Mrs. E. Z. Dunagan
Ralph Dunagan
Mary Bell McCannon
Eula Mae Truelow
Sam Sikes
Louie Nixan
Dan Sikes
Herbert Cheatam
Mrs. Herbert Cheatham
Louise Youngblood
Francis Cheatam
Eulyn Hardigree
Jean Hardigree
Charles Hunter

The present Board of Stewards are: J. J. Wages, Robert Sanders, Nolan Kinney, E. Z. Dunagan and J. M. Kinney.

Services are held each third Sunday p.m. and our present pastor is the Rev. Mr. Mell Simons of Social Circle, Ga.