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HISTORY OF RED OAK METHODIST CHURCH
NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE
ATLANTA EAST DISTRICT
JAMES L. WELDEN, PASTOR

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The Red Oak Methodist Church is located on the Roosevelt Highway four miles south of College Park, Georgia Fulton County. It was organized in the home of Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Argo on September 29, 1946 under the leadership of the Reverend C.F. Hughes. There were seventeen (17) present at this meeting and all but two or three voted to organize themselves into a church. The second meeting was held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Hayes, at which time a collection was taken to buy song books for the newly organized church. Meetings were held regularly in the homes of the members and new members were added each time. Soon the homes could no longer hold them. Permission was then given for the use of the Sewell Hat Factory until plans could be made and a building erected.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized on October 16, 1946 at a prayer meeting held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. H.F. Nash. Mrs. R.P. Segars, who was president of the La Grange District W.S.C.S. was invited to talk at this meeting. She gave an outline of the work of the society and acted as chairman for the election of officers. Mrs. C.L. Hayes was elected president of the society. By the end of the first year, the membership was 31 and funds raised in addition to the pledges amounted to \$784.00.

The Reverend Mr. Hughes' official work with the church ended with the meeting of Conference in November. The Red Oak Methodist Church was then put on a charge with Union City and The Reverend Woodrow W. Jackson was the first pastor.

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The Church School was organized in December of 1946 with Mr. C.L. Hayes as superintendent. There were twenty-six (26) present at the first meeting and four classes were organized; adults, young people, intermediates and juniors. In January, the beginners class was started and in February, the primary class was added. At the end of the first year the membership had grown to one hundred and twenty (120).

The MYF was organized in the home of Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Gibson in December of 1946. George Nash was the first president and Mrs. R.C. Gibson was the first counselor.

When Conference met in July, The Reverend Mr. Jackson was sent to another charge and the Reverend H.M. Hunton took his place. After three months time, the Reverend Mr. Hunton moved and the Reverend Walter Cross was sent to finish out the year.

Almost as soon as the board of stewards was organized, they began to make plans for the erection of a church building, and after much hard work and many generous gifts, the first services were held in the new church on Palm Sunday, March 21, 1948. The church, which is a beautiful brick structure, is valued at \$50,000. The sanctuary seats 250 people, has hardwood floors, a Wurlitzer organ and lovely memorial windows. There are seven Sunday School rooms, a full daylight basement with a well equipped kitchen and a thermostatically controlled oil furnace.

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The following July, when conference met, the Red Oak Church was taken off the charge with Union City and given a full time pastor, the Reverend James L. Welden, who is still its pastor.

The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in May of 1949 with nine ladies at the first meeting. Mrs. H.E. Welchel, vice-president of the Atlanta East District WSG, assisted in Organizing the Guild. Mrs. C.L. Stacks was elected as president.

The Men's Club was organized in November 1950 with eighteen (18) members. In six months time the membership has grown to (29) twenty nine. Mr. Hugo Sewell is the president.

At present (May 21, 1951) the church is doing an excellant work with 166 members on roll in the church.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

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| 1. Mrs. I.P. Allen | 13. Mrs. G.P. Culverhouse |
| 2. Mrs. R.L. Anderson | 14. Mrs. C.L. Estes |
| 3. J.A. Argo | 15. R.C. Gibson |
| 4. Frances Inez Argo | 16. Mrs. R.C. Gibson |
| 5. Jo Ann Argo | 17. Charles N. Gibson |
| 6. Olive W. Barth | 18. Robert C. Gibson |
| 7. W.M. Berry | 19. Sara Ellen Gibson |
| 8. Mrs. W.M. Berry | 20. Dorothy Elizabeth Gibson |
| 9. W.J.B. Cherry | 21. Elsie Kathrine Gibson |
| 10. Mrs. W.J.B. Cherry | 22. Barbara Jones Grimes |
| 11. Guinevere Cruse | 23. C.L. Hayes |
| 12. G.P. Culverhouse | 24. Mrs. C.L. Hayes |

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| 25. Doris Jeanine Hayes | 41. Mrs. T.G. Roberts |
| 26. Carl Groover Hayes | 42. Mrs. A.D. Rogers |
| 27. Mrs. E.J. Herman | 43. Janet Rogers |
| 28. Joyce Herman | 44. Mrs. J.P. Simpson |
| 29. Mrs. Annie Lassiter | 45. Mrs. A.F. Skinner |
| 30. Mrs. J. Frank Lee | 46. Mrs. J.E. Spence |
| 31. Mrs. J.C. Mann | 47. Betty Story |
| 32. Mrs. J.T. McConnell | 48. W.A. Thurman |
| 33. Kathryn McConnell | 49. S.W. Tolar |
| 34. H.F. Nash | 50. Mrs. S.W. Tolar |
| 35. Mrs. H.F. Nash | 51. Mrs. Melvin Ward |
| 36. George Nash | 52. Mrs. E.J. Whitley |
| 37. J.W. Perry | 53. Mrs. Allene Williams |
| 38. Mrs. J.W. Perry | 54. Mrs. E.O. Williams |
| 39. J.P. Quigley | 55. Mrs. J.T. Wingo |
| 40. Mrs. J.P. Quigley | ***** |

ORIGININAL BOARD OF STEWARDS

J.W. Perry, Chairman	Mrs. J. Frank Lee
C.L. Hayes	Mrs. J.P. Simpson
S.W. Tolar	Mrs. C.L. Estes
W.A. Thurman	Mrs. J.E. Spence
J.A. Argo	R.C. Gibson
H.F. Nash	Mrs. A.F. Skinner

PRESENT BOARD OF STEWARDS

J.W. Perry, Chairman	R.W. Emerson
C.L. Hayes	Mrs. A.F. Skinner
J.A. Argo	Mrs. R.C. Gibson
Mrs. J. Frank Lee	H.F. Nash
Mrs. J.P. Simpson	B.D. Couch
Mrs. J.E. Spence	Hugo Sewell
Brad Timms	J.D. McMeekin
C.L. Stacks	Miss Kathryn McConnell

MEMBERS THAT HAVE DIED

Mrs. C.L. Estes on January 23, 1949

Mrs. G.P. Culverhouse on April 28, 1949

Mr. R.C. Gibson on June 27, 1949

Mrs. J.T. Wingo on September 26, 1950

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