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.
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 day-light 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 members. In six months time the membership has grown to twenty nine. Mr. Hugo Sewell is the president.

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

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

1. Mrs. I.P. Allen  
2. Mrs. R.L. Anderson  
3. J.A. Argo  
4. Frances Inez Argo  
5. Jo Ann Argo  
6. Olive W. Barth  
7. W.M. Berry  
8. Mrs. W.M. Berry  
9. W.J.B. Cherry  
10. Mrs. W.J.B. Cherry  
11. Guinevere Cruse  
12. G.P. Culverhouse  

13. Mrs. G.P. Culverhouse  
14. Mrs. C.L. Estes  
15. R.C. Gibson  
16. Mrs. R.C. Gibson  
17. Charles N. Gibson  
18. Robert C. Gibson  
19. Sara Ellen Gibson  
20. Dorothy Elizabeth Gibson  
21. Elsie Kathrine Gibson  
22. Barbara Jones Grimes  
23. C.L. Hayes  
24. Mrs. C.L. Hayes
25. Doris Jeanine Hayes
26. Carl Groover Hayes
27. Mrs. E.J. Herman
28. Joyce Herman
29. Mrs. Annie Lassiter
30. Mrs. J. Frank Lee
31. Mrs. J.C. Mann
32. Mrs. J.T. McConnell
33. Kathryn McConnell
34. H.F. Nash
35. Mrs. H.F. Nash
36. George Nash
37. J.W. Perry
38. Mrs. J.W. Perry
39. J.P. Quigley
40. Mrs. J.P. Quigley
41. Mrs. T.G. Roberts
42. Mrs. A.D. Rogers
43. Janet Rogers
44. Mrs. J.P. Simpson
45. Mrs. A.F. Skinner
46. Mrs. J.E. Spence
47. Betty Story
48. W.A. Thurman
49. S.W. Tolar
50. Mrs. S.W. Tolar
51. Mrs. Melvin Ward
52. Mrs. E.J. Whitley
53. Mrs. Allene Williams
54. Mrs. E.O. Williams
55. Mrs. J.T. Wingo

ORIGINAL BOARD OF STEWARDS

J.W. Perry, Chairman
C.L. Hayes
S.W. Tolar
W.A. Thurman
J.A. Argo
H.F. Nash

Mrs. J. Frank Lee
Mrs. J.P. Simpson
Mrs. C.L. Estes
Mrs. J.E. Spence
R.C. Gibson
Mrs. A.F. Skinner

PRESENT BOARD OF STEWARDS

J.W. Perry, Chairman
C.L. Hayes
J.A. Argo
Mrs. J. Frank Lee
Mrs. J.P. Simpson
Mrs. J.E. Spence
Brad Timms
C.L. Stacks

R.W. Emerson
Mrs. A.F. Skinner
Mrs. R.C. Gibson
H.F. Nash
B.D. Couch
Hugo Sewell
J.D. McMeekin
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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