A Sketch of
the History of

United Methodist Church
Redan, Georgia
1894 - 1974
REDAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Historical Sketch

On September 13, 1894 the Redan Methodist Church was organized as part of Lithonia Circuit. The first pastor was Rev. C. L. Pattillo, the Presiding Elder, Rev. Walker Lewis and the bishop was Rev. A. C. Haygood. There were sixty-five charter members.

Until the present building was erected, services were held in the Redan Woodville Baptist Church and the Redan school house. Construction of the present building began in 1895 on land donated by Mr. Francis M. Wellborn. Local mills sawed lumber from logs donated by various members and friends.

The building was dedicated the second Sunday in May 1896 led by Rev. Walker Lewis, Presiding Elder. The membership at this time had increased to 103.

During the ministry of Rev. Mr. Patillo a total of 115 members were received. Rev. Marvin Williams received 81. At least 20 members were added during the ministry of each of the following pastors: J. S. L. Sappington, W. P. King, J. D. Milton, J. A. Quillian, W. M. Twiggs and Paul F. Wohlgemuth. The largest membership at any one time appears to be 125.

The Redan church remained a part of the Lithonia Circuit until 1926-27 when it became part of the Redan Circuit. In 1928 the Redan-Rock Chapel Circuit was created including Belmont, Rock Chapel, Redan and Rockland. In 1969 Redan became a charge or station.

The Sunday School rooms were added to the church building in 1926. They were remodeled and enlarged in 1960, making five classrooms in all, a kitchen, storage room and two bathrooms. A vestibule was added to the front of the church.

In 1940 a parsonage was constructed east of the church building. In the fall of 1964 more room was needed for the Sunday School. The parsonage was converted to an educational building and a new parsonage was built on a spacious lot south of the church. The fine, new parsonage was completed in January 1965.

In addition to remodeling the educational building, the church was also repaired and greatly improved. This included painting the exterior and interior, painting and remodeling the pews, installing new light fixtures, repairing the blinds and paneling the wainscot. A new ceiling was installed and new carpeting laid. Most of the work was done by the volunteer labor of members.

Following is a list of the pastors who have served Redan church with the date of their appointments as pastor:

- C. L. Pattillo . 1894
- M. E. Bakes . 1896
- James T. Lowe . 1912
- W. C. Strickland . 1943
- W. P. King . 1908
- Marvin Williams . 1912
- Allen Montgomery . 1944
- W. D. Cunningham . 1915
- W. C. Philippi . 1946
- G. W. Barrett . 1916
- Paul F. Wohlgemuth 1947
- J. H. Allison . 1917
- K. J. Bassett . 1950
- O. M. Blackwell . 1919
- S. A. Dailey . 1953
- W. M. Twiggs . 1920
- Fred Runsey . 1956
- J. A. Quillian . 1904
- Wm. O. Dinkins . 1958
- W. F. Williams . 1912
- Charles W. Barnes . 1960
- G. W. Alford . 1925
- James W. Britt . 1964
- C. V. Weathers . 1926
- Paul Carlson . 1967
- J. D. Milton . 1928
- John Rhodes . 1969
- N. H. Davis . 1930
- Ellis H. Richards 1970
- W. R. Sisson . 1932
- L. N. Davidson . 1933
- Neil McInnon . 1934
- Fred Gwinn . 1935
- J. L. Peck . 1937
- R. E. Elliott . 1938
- N. S. Robertson . 1939
- Z. V. Hawks . 1940
- W. C. Strickland . 1943
- J. A. Quillian . 1904
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