ROCK SPRINGS

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Rock Springs was constituted in the fall of 1866. Prior to that time, a Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was located at this place.

J. R. Naftett, Mrs. Mary Naftett, John Teague, Mary Teague, Ruth Pharr, W. B. Pharr, Caroline Pharr, R. G. Davis, J. E. Gunter, Malina Gunter, Mary Britt, James Gunter, Rebecca Gunter, Henry Brooks, Mrs. Henry Brooks were the members of the newly constituted church.

Since its organization, the names of pastors and their tenure of service follow: Alfred Darman, three years; L. D. Ellington, two years; John Thomas, two years; J. L. Fowler, one year; A. F. Ellington, Three years; W. E. Tarsley, three years; L. D. Ellington, three years; W. E. Ellington, two years; R. O. Brandt, one year; Richard Waters, one year; J. L. Fowler, one year; W. I. Westbrook, five years; W. A. Martin, five years; L. D. Ellington, one year; J. H. Dunn, two years; L. D. Hard, Two years; A. F. Ellington, one year; D. W. Cook, one year; T. R. Balk, two years; H. E. Sumner, two years; D. W. Cook, five years; D. B. Cooper, one year; D. W. Cook, one year; W. A. Cook, two years; T. F. Cook, two years; J. D. Posey, five years; D. B. White, one year; C. L. Goodson, one year; E. S. Aycock, two years; T. T. Cochran, three years; F. E. Linder, one year; B. A. Chastain, two years; T. W. Taylor, one year; F. G. Hicks, five years; Lamar Ray, two years; J. Sanford McDonald,
two years; W. P. Berlmer is the present pastor.

A. G. Beatty was elected superintendent of the Sunday School in April, 1882, and served continuously through the year 1911 except the years 1883, 1889, and 1909.

The present church house was erected in 1882 and is valued at $1,500. Prior to that time services were held in the old building, then the property of the Southern Methodist Church.

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