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The Rock Methodist Church was organized in 1875 and was an outgrowth of the Upson Camp Ground. The original Camp Ground, located approximately three miles South of where the Church now stands, was organized in January, 1829, with the following trustees: Peter Holloway, James Hightower, Simeon Rogers, Thomas Flewellen and William Phillip Younge.

By an act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, approved December 23, 1837, the Methodist Society of Upson County was incorporated with the following men serving as trustees: Peter Holloway, James Hightower, Thomas Flewellen, Robert Collier and William G. Andrews.

Camp meetings were held annually during the month of August and continued for ten days. In 1865 Sherman's troops burned the Camp Ground, including all the tents. In 1872 the original tent holders reorganized the Association and rebuilt near the present site of the church. Among those who built tents were: Isaac Collier, James Black, Sr., J. H. Marchman, C. O. Stephens, Charles H. Greene, Levi Middlebrooks, Thomas Andrews, Evan Andrews and Jim Rose.

The Church was organized in 1875 with the Rev. James B. Payne as the first pastor. The next pastor was C. S. Owens, and in 1882 the Reverend Leonard Rush was pastor. The Parsonage was built in 1889. The following pastors have served the church in the order given:

Leonard Rush, 1882 and 1883.
T. J. Christian, 1884.
J. H. Little, 1885 and 1886.
S. D. Evans, 1887 and 1888.
J. B. Holland, 1889.
W. G. Hanson, 1890 to 1892.
A. B. Pope, 1893.
J. A. Reynolds, 1894
Artemus Lester, 1895 and 1896.
B. H. Trammell, 1897 and 1898.
J. C. Burgess, 1899.
J. B. Holland, 1900 and 1901.
M. M. Walraven, 1902 and 1903.
W. E. Tarpley, 1905 and 1905.
J. D. Lewis, 1906 and 1907.
G. W. Yarborough, 1908.
P. A. Kellet, 1909 and 1910.
G. F. Gray, 1911 and 1912.
C. T. Ivey, 1913, 1914 and 1915.
Z. Speer, 1916.
L. E. Wright, 1917 and 1918.
R. P. Tatum, 1920.
J. D. Milton, 1921.
G. C. Knowles, 1922, 1923 and 1924.
~~George Davis~~ 1924 to 1927.
A. E. Barton, 1927 to 1930.
J. W. Coffman, 1930 to 1931.
R. F. Elrod, 1931 to 1934.

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R. H. Timberlake, 1934 to 1938.
H. L. Smith, 1938 to 1940.
M. O. Burkholder, 1940 to 1941.
B. N. McHan, 1941 to 1942.
S. H. Millsaps, 1942 to 1944.
H. B. Landrum, 1944 to 1945.
H. L. Gurley, 1945 to 1948.
W. P. Rowe, 1948 to 1950
J. S. Hill

The Church membership has always been small and the number of churches on the charge have ranged from two to six. At present it is a half station, with Antioch being the other church on the charge. Records down through the years reveal the problems confronting each generation in maintaining the church but never since its organization has its doors been closed as a house of worship.