

1972 - Lebrange Dist. Roopville

This is a partial history of the Roopville Methodist Church. For a number of years Roopville was in the Bowdon Charge. The congregation worshipped at Mt. Gillead near the Bonner Gold Mine, the church then was moved to Mt. Zion some three miles west of Roopville on the McIntosh Road. In July, 1883, John K. Roop of Roopville, donated one acre of land in the village of Roopville, on the west side of the highway. Said lot was to be site for the building of a church. The following were members of the Board of Trustees: Dr. Frank M. Thomasson, David Nolan, W.L. Craven, G.W. Storey, W.S. Alexander, George R. Jacobs, and E.W. Worley. The Second Quarterly Conference of the Bowdon Charge, being informed of the donation, authorized the building committee to build a church on said lot. W.H. Laprade was presiding elder of the District and M.W. Arnold was preacher in charge. A second lot, consisting of a strip of land 30 feet wide, along the south side of the first lot was donated in April, 1894. Roopville had a great revival in 1908, under the leadership of W.W. Benson, about 100 members were added to the church.

In 1920, under the leadership of W.A. Woodruff, 2 more churches, Lowell and Welcome were built, with Roopville sponsoring both of them. At the close of this revival the membership of Roopville reached 325.

The approximate cost of the church building in 1883 was \$2000.00. The cost of the parsonage in 1908 was \$2,500.00. At present the approximate value of the church with additions and improvements is \$7,000.00, the parsonage about \$6000.00.

The Sunday School is as old as the church. The Women's Missionary Society dates from the beginning of the church. At present they only have about 12 members who pay about \$4.00 per person as dues.

The pastor's salary has not been uniform. In 1919, Roopville paid W.A. Woodruff \$1800.00, we have exceeded that a few times.

At the Second quarterly Conference held June 16, 1883, at Mt. Zion, the Rev. W.H. Laprade was presiding elder, M. W. Arnold was preacher, and the churches at large were Bowdon, Midway, Shiloh, Mt. Zion, Stripling and Old Camp Ground, also Smyrna.

1951--- Present members of the Board of Trustees: P.P. Staples, L.A. Ware, J.A. Veal, W.Y. Thommasson, and Z.P. Almon.

The following are the Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishop from 1889-1951

YEAR	PASTOR	PRESIDING ELDER	BISHOP
1889	A. LESTER	L. F. PIERCE	J. K. KEENAN
1890	J. W. BAILEY	W. F. COOK	K. R. HARGROVE
1892	J. P. BURGESS	" "	J. S. KEY
1893	W. MURDOCK	W. F. COOK	J. P. BURGESS
1894	A. B. WEEDOR	A. WILLIAMS	A. G. HAYGOOD
1895	N. E. MELLOR	" "	A. G. HAYGOOD
1896	" "	" "	A. W. WILSON
1897	W. H. MORRIS	M. J. COFER	C. B. GALLAWAY
1898	" "	" "	W. W. DEAN
1899	C. W. JONES	L. W. CHASTINE	E. R. HENDRIX
1901	" "	M. J. COFER	C. B. GALLAWAY
1902	L. A. GRAHAM	" "	W. A. CHANDLER
1903	" "	B. P. OLSEM	JOSEPH KEY
1904	W. R. KENNEDY	W. R. FOOT	M. W. DUNCAN
1905	" "	B. P. ALLEN	" "
1906	" "	" "	SETH WORD
1907	W. M. BENSON	J. P. ROLLINS	" "
1908	" "	J. W. QUILLIAN	Hendrix
1909	W. M. BENSON	" "	E. E. HOSEY
1910	" "	J. W. QUILLIAN	A. W. WILSON
1911	B. H. GREEN	W. L. PIERCE	J. E. MCCLERY
1913	R. L. LATUM	" "	ELLIS DENNEY
1916	B. A. WELLS	B. P. ALLEN	W. BORDERS
1917	" "	J. L. KINGS	" "
1918	LUCIAN ROPER	" "	" "
1919	W. A. WOODRUFF	W. L. BROWN	MERRICKS
1922	W. P. CARMICHEL	" "	" "

1923	O. F. WITHROW	W.L. HARRISS	DARLINGTON
1924	Z. P. HAWKS	" "	"
1925	B. W. KILPATRICK	J.P. ERVIN	"
1926	" "	" "	BEACHMON
1928	W.L. BLACKBURN	" "	"
1929	" "	G.L. KING	"
1930	W.A. LOVVORN	" "	J.M. MORRIS
1932	J.W. COFFMAN	J.W. MCKITCHEN	W. N. ANSWORTH
1934	DAN MAXEY	" "	" "
1936	B.R. OWENS	" "	" "
1937	E.H. BLACKBURN	H.C. HOLLAND	W. M. ANSWORTH
1941	J.K. BROWN	W. H. LAPRADE	A. MOORE
1944	J.W. CARLTON	W.M. TWIGGS	" "
1945	GLENN MILLER	" "	" "
1947	GEORGE CHAMBERS	" "	" "
1948	RAY CLARK	" "	" "
1950	GILBERT STEADHAM	JOE THRAIKILL	" "
1951	G.T. SHELL	" "	" "
1952	BILL LIKINS	J.W. SEGARS	AUTHUR MOORE

## Additional information

AFTER the revival of 1920 & 1921, when Welcome and Lowell were created, the membership of Roopville was reduced as Welcome and Lowell drew many of its members therefore the membership was reduced to about 100.

Roopville gave one fine boy to the ministry, E.H. Thomasson, two to the medical profession and several to the teaching profession.