St. Andrew Methodist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, sponsored by the Rome District Board of Missions and Church Extension, Inc., was organized May 16, 1954. This Board was made up of fifty laymen from the thirty-eight pastoral charges of the Rome District. Mr. Ed L. Yeargan, of Rome, was president of the Board; Judge S. J. Boykin of Carrollton was First Vice President; Mr. Howard McCamy of Lindale was Secretary; and Mr. Ralph McGhee of Rome was Treasurer. Rev. Delma L. Hagood, District Superintendent of the Rome District, was Executive Secretary, and Dr. I. S. Ingram of Carrollton, was one of the seven men of the district serving as trustees.

On March 13, 1953, an eleven and one-half acre tract of land, with a frontage of 350 feet on Maple Street, in Carrollton, near West Georgia College, was purchased from Lester Murrah, for $7,000.00. According to the original plan, Dodson Memorial Church, organized in 1926 by the Protestant Methodist Church and owned and served by that church until the unification of the three main branches of Methodism to form The Methodist Church, on November 9, 1952, voted to sell their church property and join with the mission and extension board in organizing a new church in the western section of Carrollton.

Rev. Delma L. Hagood, District Superintendent of the Rome District (1952-1955), was also Executive Secretary of the Rome District Board of Missions and Church Extensions, Inc., and handled details of the transaction.
Rev. J. Hamby Barton has been District Superintendent since 1955.

Rev. Bob Allen Kerr was pastor of Dodson Memorial Church when that church voted, in 1952, to merge with the new church yet to be organized. Rev. Harold Watkins was pastor of Dodson Memorial Church in 1953, when the last Quarterly Conference was held in that church on May 16, 1954. On that day the new church was organized and the name "St. Andrew Methodist Church" was selected.

During 1953 and 1954 the present building of red brick veneer was built at a cost of $26,800.00. It has a seating capacity of approximately 150 persons. It has, in addition to the sanctuary, a church office, kitchen and social hall, including three class rooms.

The building committee was composed of the following members of Methodist Churches in this area:

W. C. Cantrell, Chairman, Carl Stevens, Treasurer,
Judge Samuel J. Boykin, A. L. Cooper,
Ebb Duncan, Oman Miles,
J. W. J. few, Dr. Tom Reeve,
Jack Ashmore, A. Sid Wynn.

Charter members of the church were as follows:

Miss Jeannette Allen, Mrs. Lola Baker,
Mrs. Kate Cammons, Mrs. Evie Crawford,
Miss Virginia Courtney, A. L. Cooper,
W. C. Cantrell, Mrs. A. L. Cooper,
Mrs. W. C. Cantrell, Gary Cooper,
J. D. Craft, Mrs. Ida Farmer,
Mrs. J. D. Craft, Mrs. Rhoda Green,
J. T. Foster, Mrs. Inez Geurin,
Mrs. J. T. Foster, Troy Geurin,
J. F. Green, H. A. Hardigree
Harry Hardigree, Mrs. H. A. Hardigree,
Mrs. Harry Hardigree, Mrs. Bob Harris,
Shirley Lands, Mrs. J. F. Maxwell,
Joyce McIntosh, Oman Miles,
W. N. Moore, Earnest Phillips,
Mrs. W. N. Moore, Harry Preston,
Anthony Moore,  
Mrs. Lucille Reeves,  
Mrs. Eddie Norton,  
Mrs. Betty Lou Spence,  
Mrs. Lewis Threadgill,  
Alfred Williamson,  
Mrs. Alfred Williamson,  
J. F. Williamson,  
Mrs. J. F. Williamson,  
Carlos Wynn,  
Mrs. Carlos Wynn,  
Frankie B. Wynn,  
Mrs. Frankie B. Wynn,  
John Preston,  
Shirley Preston,  
Mrs. R. M. Smith,  
Mrs. L. H. Warren,  
Miss Glenda West,  
Larry West,  
A. Sid Wynn,  
Mrs. A. Sid Wynn,  
Carl Wynn,  
George Wynn,  
Mrs. George Wynn,  
Harry Wynn.

Charter Officers were as follows:

Sunday School Superintendent: Oman Miles,
Trustees: W. C. Cantrell, A. L. Cooper,
          Oman Miles, A. Sid Wynn,
          W. N. Moore,
Treasurer: Mrs. A. L. Cooper, Stewards: Earnest Phillips
          Alfred Williamson
President, Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. A. Sid Wynn.

The church owns a parsonage on Penn Avenue in Carrollton,
purchased in 1954 from B. F. Boykin at a cost of $5,000.00, with
furniture and equipment costing $500.00. $5,800.00 was spent on
furniture and equipment for the church. The parsonage has been
repainted and had some improvements made since the church has
owned it.

All deeds have the Trust Clause.

The church had a Sunday School from its organization. Oman
Miles was the first Superintendent. Fifty-six members were en-
rolled the first year and raised approximately $350.00. At
present (1959) there are sixty-three members and the amount
raised for all purposes during the year was $646.84.

A Woman's Society of Christian Service, with seven charter
members, was organized March 31, 1955, with the assistance of
Mrs. Collus Johnson, District President of the Woman's Society
of Christian Service. Only one month remained before the final
report of the year had to be sent to the District Treasurer, and
with this report was sent a contribution of $26.00. Last year $151.10 was sent to the District Treasurer, and $270.18 was raised for all other purposes. The charter members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were as follows:

Mrs. A. L. Cooper, Mrs. A. Sid Wynn,
Mrs. L. H. Warren, Mrs. W. C. Cantrell,
Mrs. Thos. L. Parker, Mrs. John Lindsay,
Miss Virginia Courtney.

Miss Virginia Courtney, one of the charter members was a Deaconess, under the direction of the Woman's Division. She was assigned to rural work in the Carrollton area of the Rome District. St. Andrew was most fortunate to have her as a member. Much of the interest and activities of the local society during the first year were due to her inspiration and guidance. In October, 1956 Miss Courtney was transferred to another area, but during the last two years she has spoken to the group on occasions and has been a great help in the work.

The charter officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were, president, Mrs. Sid Wynn; vice president, Mrs. W. C. Cantrell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Thos. L. Parker; Sec. of Promotion, Mrs. John Lindsay; Spiritual Life Leader, Miss Virginia Courtney; Sec. of Children's Work, Mrs. A. L. Cooper; and Sec. of Supplies, Mrs. L. H. Warren; Sec. Miss. Ed.: Mrs. W.C.Cantrell.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized October 7, 1956. Tommie Parker was its first president. The original membership was five. No record was kept of finances the first year. With a membership of seven last year, $45.39 was raised. In spite of the small membership, this group has done fine work and have become a strong department of the church.
The church raised for ministerial support the first year $1,362.00. Last year's contribution to the support of the ministry was $2,751.00. $117.00 was raised for benevolences the first year; $324 last year.

The first revival services in St. Andrew Church began with the opening of the church, October 17, 1954. Rev. Gordon Thompson brought a revival message each evening of that week. Subsequent series of revival services have been held each year since 1954. In 1955 Rev. H. Donald Mizell did the preaching; in 1956, Rev. L.F. Huckaby; in 1957, Rev. T. H. Wheelis; in 1958, Rev. R. L. Ramsey; and in 1959, Rev. Lawrence A. Bauman.

On February 2, 1958 Miss Kate Cooper, a retired missionary, who spent fifty years in Korea and other oriental fields, through the offices of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, spoke to the morning congregation of St. Andrew - one of the great moments of the time covered by this history.

In 1955, under the program of Adult Education of West Georgia College, a unit of the College in the Country was organized in St. Andrew. The group, studying Georgia history, with emphasis on the history of Carroll County, met bi-weekly for ten weeks course. Quite a number of the members of St. Andrew church, as well as other people in the neighborhood, attended these group studies.

In 1957 a Brownie Troup was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Byron Faulkner. In 1958, as many of this group grew to Scouting age, a troupe of Girl Scouts was organized under the leadership of Mrs. W. F. Prentice, Jr.

One activity which has been a helpful and pleasant feature of St. Andrew life has been "Family Night", with a covered dish supper, followed by planned entertainment. These programs have
been varied - sometimes distinctly educational and informative, sometimes inspirational, sometimes recreational. They are always planned to include the entire family and have done much to foster fellowship and community interest.

At the Annual Conference in June, 1954, Rev. John Lindsay was appointed pastor of St. Andrew and served one year. This was his first appointment and he brought to the church a consecration and enthusiasm, which soon won the hearts of the people and did much toward solving many of the problems of a new and inexperienced congregation.

Since the 1955 Annual Conference Rev. Russel Taylor has served as pastor of the church and the work of the church has progressed in all departments. He and his wife have proven themselves particularly valuable in the work with young people of the church and have laid the foundation for subsequent pastors to build a strong church which should be a telling force in the Kingdom.

The name "St. Andrew" seems particularly appropriate for a new church. St. Andrew, one of the first disciples chosen by Christ, was one of the most important leaders in the circle of Christ's disciples and it was through his ministry that other church leaders were selected. The first thing Andrew did as a follower of Christ was to bring his own brother, Simon Peter, to the Master. Andrew was a quiet, unassuming man of God, but he was really a soul-winner. Andrew made it his daily business to introduce people to Christ. It is my prayer and ambition for St. Andrew Methodist Church in Carrollton, that it will be an institution daily seeking to bring people to the knowledge of Christ as Savior and Lord.
This history of St. Andrew Methodist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, has been written and compiled from the church records and local newspapers covering the period reported, by Mrs. Warren C. Cantrell, Carrollton, Georgia, June 19, 1959.

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