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In 1880, Olinville Church was organized. Miss Lizzie Gault gave a lot in the Roswell Street community, on which was erected a building to be used as a combination church and schoolhouse. The Rev. Johnny Sanges was the pastor at the organization of the church and remained as pastor for several years. In 1883 Olinville Church was entered in the North Georgia Conference.

Mrs. Jay Nelson, wife of a former pastor of Olinville Church, bequeathed one thousand dollars to the church, provided the church should be moved and named in memory of her husband. Mrs. Jay and her mother were also members of the church in Mrs. Jay's girlhood. In 1938, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Quarles, a new church was erected on the corner of Roswell and Merritt Streets by the help of its members and friends of Marietta. The one story brick structure was dedicated on Sunday, May 8, 1938 and was known as Jay's Chapel.

In November of 1940, the Rev. D. B. Shelnutt was appointed as pastor and under his leadership additional Sunday School rooms were added.

In May, 1943, the Rev. B. C. Speers, Jr. was appointed as Pastor. Rev. Speers served the church for five years, during which time a building campaign for a larger church was started. Construction began in 1947. Under Mr. Speers' ministry, the membership was increased from 78 to 270.

The Rev. Homer Morgan began his pastorate on August 1, 1948. At the first Quarterly Conference of 1948, the name of St. Stephen Methodist Church, suggested by Mr. W. T. Kimel, was given to the new building being constructed at that time. Rev. Morgan is now pastor of the Thorburn Methodist Church, Calcutta, India, having served St. Stephen's for 11 months.

On July 1, 1949, Rev. Lamar Cherry, present pastor of St. Stephen's, began his pastorate. Under his leadership the membership completed the new plant, the first
service having been held on Palm Sunday of 1950. Mr. C. A. Heas, Chairman of the Building Committee, the members of the Building Committee and Mr. G. T. Bettis, Contractor, are largely responsible for the completion of the building. From July 1949 to date, our membership has increased from 270 to 378.
FORMER PASTORS OF ST. STEPHEN METHODIST CHURCH

The following list is not absolutely accurate in dates of pastorates, and at some points the chronological order is probably wrong; however, this is as near a true record as can be had at this time.

Rev. Johnny Sanges --1880 to ?
Rev. D. C. Brown --1894 to 1895
Rev. Willard Wadsworth --1900
Rev. S. R. Belk --1901 to 1902 ?
Rev. A. E. Scott --1908
Rev. W. S. Mitchell --1909 to ?
Rev. S. G. Brinkley --1910
Rev. Walter Dillard --1911 to 1912
Rev. A. C. Cantrell --1913 to 1915
Rev. B. Frank Pim --1917
Rev. C. B. Drake --1922 to 1923
Rev. N. A. Parsons --1924 to ?
Rev. R. H. Timberlake --1926 to 1927
Rev. L. P. VanLandingham--1928
Rev. Carl McGrady --1930 ?
Rev. J. E. Russell --1935 to 1933
Rev. E. J. B. True --1935 to 1934
Rev. J. E. Quantz --1936 to 1940
Rev. D. B. Shelnut --1940 to 1943
Rev. B. C. Spears --1943 to 1948
Rev. Homer Morgan --1948 to 1949
Rev. Lamar Cherry --1949 to 1951

Other Pastors serving this Church were:

Rev. Oakley Lee
Rev. Borgeous
Rev. John T. Crow
Rev. Ware
Rev. Tyson
Rev. Smith