

Redman - Sardis

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SARDIS
Buford, Ga.

SARDIS METHODIST CHURCH - THOMPSON MILL ROAD - RT # 2, BUFORD, GEORGIA.

Approximately one hundred (100) years ago a camp ground was located on this site where the people went and held revival services for two weeks during the summer. They had several log tents around the large log tabernacle where they tented and cooked out in the open air. They came in ox-carts from far and near.

This spot has been used for worship purposes ever since the section was settled, and the cemetery has graves of several of the old slaves in the vicinity, one being Andy Glaspy, who gave forty days labor to help build the church. He helped cut and haul logs to Flowery Branch to the saw mill by ox-cart to build the church now standing.

In 1888 Mr. William Washington Duncan deeded 6 acres of land on which to erect a church. The deeds are on record in the Court House in Lawrenceville, Georgia, Gwinnett County. The building is 40 x 80 feet and was built from lumber sawed from Mr. Duncan's land. It was built by free labor, all time and material was donated.

The church rolls consist of about 75 or 100 members scattered all over the United States, but some of them get back once a year, on 3rd Sunday

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in May, the Home Coming Day of the year.

The Pastor holds services on each First Sunday and Sunday night of every month, and Sunday School is held every Sunday Morning.

The church has produced several preachers, one being Mr. Benjamin Frank Fraser. He united with this church at the age of 13 years and wanted to preach, but was unable because of ~~lack of~~ education lack of education and money. His desire was made known, so the seven sons of William Washington Duncan and other members of the church donated money to educate Frank Fraser, who later became a very fine Evangelist. He was a member of the North Georgia Conference for 52 years, and now rests in the Cemetery just outside the church.

The church now standing is a very modern building, it is lighted with electricity, painted inside and outside, with large bell in the steeple and has nice and comfortable seats and nice piano inside. The cemetery, lawn and park are well kept by people in the vicinity, and is a very reverend spot by people far and near.