Second Avenue Methodist had its beginnings 69 years ago, when, in 1887, 
(at which time East Rome was a separate town, not being annexed to the city of Rome 
some residents of East Rome organized a union Sunday School which met in 
a house belonging to Mr. G. C. Wyatt. The Sunday School outgrew its 
quarters and a new building was erected on a lot at 406 East Eighth St., 
donated by Mr. Wyatt - and known as Wyatt's Chapel. Ministers of the 
various churches of Rome were invited to hold worship services in the 
Chapel in the afternoons on Sunday afternoons. 

With members of the Sunday School as a nucleus, a Methodist Church was or-
ganized in 1890 and the Rev. J. E. Rorie was appointed as its first pastor. 
The new church continued meeting in Wyatt's Chapel for two years, using the 
building jointly with the Baptists; then in 1892 the Methodist congregation 
moved its meeting place to the Arlington Hotel, near the Southern R. R. Depot. 
Shortly afterwards, the property where the Church is now located was acquired 
and plans were made for erecting a building. It was in 1895, when the 
Rev. A. A. Tilly was pastor, that the building was done, and the church took 
the name of Howard Ave. Methodist Church - the name being changed in 1909 to 
Second Avenue Methodist Church, when the name of Howard Ave. was changed to 
Second Ave. The first trustees of the new church were H. B. Parks, Charles 
Hamilton, J. W. Hale, John Braude, S. J. Hagin, J. D. Chapman, and Asbury 
Allen.

In 1941 the church building was greatly damaged by fire and 
extensive remodeling was done along with the repair work. As the size of 
the congregation grew more space was needed, and in 1947 an educational 
building was erected to provide a number of new Sunday School rooms, a large 
assembly room, a modern kitchen, etc. In 1951 the church building was again 
remodeled; the sanctuary was enlarged, stained glass windows were put in, and
most notable change, the exterior was brick veneered and a new steeple built. A further increase in Sunday School space was effected in 1954, when a new parsonage was built, the old parsonage was turned over to the Sunday School for the use of the Nursery and Kindergarten departments. This building at 204 E. 8th St., also houses the Church office.

Second Avenue Methodist Church has a number of active organizations within it; the Woman's Society of Christian Service, The Wesleyan Service Guild, the Methodist Men's Club, the Young Adult Fellowship, the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a Children's Fellowship.

The Church, which had 88 charter members, now has 417 members. In its 66 years the Church has been served by 33 pastors, the present pastor being the Rev. E. P. Kendall.