

Dr. Sobole -

## SHILOH

Shiloh Church was organized in 1856 in Carroll County, at Burwell, with the following charter members: Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Thurman, Mr. & Mrs. William Jeter and daughter, Nancy, Mr. & Mrs. Borroughs and daughter, Mrs. Botsie Stamps, and Mrs. Eddie McCray. This group worshipped in a little cabin some distance from the present site, and started what is now known as Shiloh Church, on it's own initiative, with either Rev. Timmons or Strickland, as it's first officary.

R. L. Thurman donated two acres of land, and in 1868 John W. Stewart of Carrollton gave  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, and later the Church bought  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres from Dr. V. B. Bishop, making a total of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

The Church is now worshipping in it's third building, the first one being a little log cabin which was used for several years, later being replaced with a more adequate building. This was in 1867, when New Salem Church, near Mt. Zion, was dissolved and the members moved their membership and material to Shiloh, and together they erected a larger Church on the same lot on which the present Church now stands. The first Camp Meeting was held in this building in 1867 or 1868.

In 1881 the members donated their Church to the community for a school building and the present Church was erected on the same site.

Down through the years great improvements have been made, including a very adequate Sunday School Annex during the ministry of Rev. Z. C. Hayes, Jr., in 1934.

Then a water system was installed, and a bubling fountain was placed on the Church Campus, in memory of Rev. J. J. Copelan, who passed away in 1941 while serving this charge.

Shiloh Church now has nice pews, hardwood floors, memorial windows, a heating system, and also a set of chimes. These improvements were made while Rev. J. E. Holbrook and Rev. L. L. Burch were serving this Church. The Church property is now valued at \$50,000 and all deeds contain the Trust Clause.

The Church budget for last year was \$2100.00 and was paid in full.

Over a period of years Shiloh has sent out eight ministers and one missionary.

The present membership is 285.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1926, with Mrs. J. E. Wright as first President and eight charter members. The present enrollment is twenty and \$150.00 was paid last year.

Shiloh Camp Meeting, in connection with the Church, has held many great revivals with a number of the most out-standing ministers from the North Georgia Conference conducting the services.

The district conference has been entertained here at different times with Bishop Warren A. Chandler as speaker on one occasion, also, Gypsy Smith was speaker on another occasion, but not at district conference.

Shiloh Sunday School was organized some time before 1872 (do not have exact date) with Mr. Wylie Roberson as first Superintendent, with only a few members. The present enrollment is two hundred.

Mrs. Rob Alexander, as historian, compiled this history, obtaining some dates and facts from Dr. J. G. Griffies record; Mr. George W. Barrett, Mr. A. L. Moses, and Mrs. P. S. Prickett, and from her own memory.

Ministers serving Shiloh Church since 1867 are Reverends: D. Stripling 1867, J. C. Bridges 1868, M. F. Malsby 1869, J. Chambers 1870-71, W. C. Dunlap 1872, A. A. Mitchell 1873, A. C. Reese 1874, E. A. Aikin 1875, J. J. Perryman 1876, W. W. Simpson 1877, W. E. Shackelford 1878, G. C. Adreus - W. H. Speer 1879-80, A. J. Hughes & F. D. Cantrell 1881, M. W. Arnold 1882, J. N. Myers 1883-84-85, W. T. Irvine 1886, H. M. Morris 1887, H. L. Edmondson 1888-89-90, W. E. Tarpley 1891, J. S. L. Sappington 1892-93, C. C. O'Neal 1894, W. G. Crawley 1895, B. P. Searcy 1896-97, W. H. Morris 1898-99, J. A. Thurman 1900-01, Walter Millican 1902, J. R. Speer 1903-04-05, J. M. Fowler 1906-07, V. E. Lanford 1908-09, W. A. Maxwell 1910-11-12-13, with Hosea Crawford as supply, J. A. Sewell 1914, with Hosea Crawford as supply, Rev. W. A. Maxwell in 1918-19-20-21, C. V. Weathers 1922-23, A. F. Nunn 1924, R. F. Elrod 1925-26, O. J. Withrow 1927, J. R. Allen 1928-29, Z. C. Hayes, Jr. 1931-32-33, E. G. Thomasson 1934-35-36, with G. T. Sherrill supply, J. B. Gresham 1937-38, J. J. Copelan 1939-40 (up to his death 41,) W. Z. Wiggins 1941-42, J. L. Black 1943-44, J. E. Holbrook 1945-46-47, L. L. Burch 1948-1949-50 (up to his death in July), W. Henry Norris 1950-51. 52. Followed by Rev. John Merrill Minter. The first to leave Shiloh Church after Bowdon and Shiloh dissolved their relationship as Bowdon-Shiloh charge, and each went on full time.