Shiloh Methodist Church in Forsyth County is located in the south eastern corner of Forsyth County in Bell's District 12 miles on Atlanta Highway 1 off, mast from Cumming, Ga.

Shiloh Church was established in 1842 or 1843 with eight charter members. One acre of land was given by Guilford Jones, one of the early settlers, and a hewn log house was built southwest of where the present building stands.

Among those who were the first members are:

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<td>Joseph S. Bell</td>
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<td>Beverly Allen</td>
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<td>Samuel Brown</td>
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<td>Ezekiel Harris</td>
<td>Betsy</td>
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<td>Guilford W. Jones</td>
<td>Lavinia</td>
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<td>Alfred Jones</td>
<td>Irene</td>
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<td>Seaborn Jones</td>
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<td>Thomas Huggens</td>
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The cemetery was given by L. Hudelson and is about one half mile from the church.

Seats in the back of the church were reserved for the slaves. Many of them were regular attendants. Their skins were black, but their souls were white.

Soon others joined, William Bacon, Sr., and wife; Mahlan James; the Riders, Stones and others, names not known. Most of the children of the first members joined there too.

A Sunday School was established in 1844 and has continued until the present day (1951). Prayer meetings and class meetings were held by the members usually at the close of Sunday School. Guilford W. Jones was class leader and kept class book for a number of years. A record of attendance of the members was placed in the book. In the class meetings the leader would go around to all the members and inquire as to their religious feeling and would speak comforting and encouraging words to them.

Marietta circuit was a large one and there were two pastors on the work for a long time. Services were held on a week day frequently during part of the year; on Sunday and sometimes on Wednesday or Thursday.

Members would quit their work and attend church services in the week punctually.

Shiloh was put on Alpharetta charge a number of years ago. (Date unknown.)

In 1848 Shiloh was a leading church on the circuit. W. J. Cotter was pastor. A revival was held by him, and many united with the church.

The present church was built in 1866-1867 and dedicated in the year of 1868 by George Yarbrough, presiding elder, and J. R. Gaines, pastor; J. Cresham supply pastor.

In the summer of 1865 a great revival was held by J. R. Gaines, pastor, that lasted two weeks. Many were converted and joined the church.
In 1871, Samuel Bellah, a man who walked with God, held a revival, and many united with the church, and as some preferred immersion, 92 were baptized in and sprinkled on the banks of Big Creek near the Joseph S. Bell place. A year old baby was sprinkled, named Laura Elleen Clement, held in the arms of Ezekiel Roberts, a young negro, who had been the property of Colonel and Mrs. Roberts and was their faithful servant.

Several glorious revivals have been held since that time. In 1895, many were united with the church in a revival held by Christopher Davis, pastor, who was called Uncle Chris by both young and old. His hair and beard were white and he looked as if he might be one of the old prophets.

In 1908 E. M. Stanton held a two weeks revival, in a tent meeting just below the church building. Many were converted and joined. Some of those who joined were great, great grandchildren of the charter members.

From this church have gone 17 ministers of the Gospel; 11 Methodist, 2 Baptist and 1 Episcopalian; a number of Sunday School teachers and religious leaders. Many Christian men and women have gone out in the world to do His will on earth as in Heaven.

At the present time (1951) there are two outstanding preachers in the North Georgia Conference; Claud Singleton and Paul Stokes.

Shiloh Church was transferred from Alpharetta to the Cumming Charge in the year 1936.

At the conclusion of the writing of this history (1954), we are associated with the newly organized Cumming Circuit, and Rev. W. H. Bowman is serving as pastor.

Committee:
Mrs. Clarence Martin
Mr. Jasper A. Stone
Mr. Carl Martin
A complete list of pastors who have served Shiloh Church since 1865 are listed here. The list before that time is incomplete.

J. R. Gaines---1867
J. Greesham, Sup.---1868-70
S. J. Bellan---1871-72
W. D. Heath---1873
J. W. Baker---1874
J. S. Embry---1875
J. J. Harris---1876-77
W. P. Smith---1878
M. W. Arnold---1879
W. H. D. Bond---1880-81
S. Leake---1882
W. T. Bell---1883-85
C. S. Owens---1886
W. H. Speer---1887-88
C. V. Weathers and
C. M. Verdell---1889
T. J. Edwards---1890-91
J. L. Ware---1892-93
J. E. Rorie---1894
Christopher Davis---1895
G. W. Morgan---1896
E. C. Marks---1897
John A. Burts---1898-99
Geo. W. Barrett---July-1899-1902
Z. Speer---1903
P. Z. Fretwell---1904
J. R. Jones---1905
J. W. King---1906
E. M. Stanton---1907
M. D. Cunningham---1908
W. D. Parrish---1909
Jack Penn---1910
W. A. Wells---1911
W. C. Fox---1912-15
F. R. Smith and J. H. Couch---1916
G. F. Hughes---1917-18
J. A. Chandler---1919-20
Jesse Warwick---1921-24
G. C. Burt---1925-26
L. G. Marlin---1927-28
L. Blake Craft---1929-32
J. K. Kelley---1933-36
A. W. Williams---1937
L. G. Cowart
G. C. Knowles
Rev. Coffman
Rev. Lee
T. M. Luke
Claud Patterson
V. O. Gentry
James Styles
Glenn Frank
O. B. Tally

INCOMPLETE LIST, pastors before 1865
Rev. Pitchford
Claiborne Trussell
Felo Florence
Robert J. Cowart
W. D. Shea & Alfred Dorman
Milton C. Smith
Isaac N. Craven
W. F. Conley & Fowler
Reese
W. T. Ainsworth
Holmes
John Fright
Jesse Oslin
Joseph Chambers
Jesse Harris
Morgan
Willes W. Arnold
Several local preachers have had monthly appointments at Shiloh. Among those were E. C. Mitchener, John Mc Afée, R. A. Eakes, John Wesley Hughes, Henry Kelly, James Mc Brayer, and B. D. Brown.

At present, 1951, there are three members of the church who are ninety years old, Mrs. Walter W. Jones, Mrs. George Stone, and Mrs. Hassie Vaughan.

Shiloh church has weathered the storms of three wars, good times, and bad; but it is still standing for God and righteousness.