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Beech Creek Church
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Silver Creek Church
HISTORY OF THE
SILVER CREEK METHODIST CHURCH
SILVER CREEK, GEORGIA

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by
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ATTENDING PASTORS

J. A. Sewell 1892
M. L. Troutman
J. M. Crowe
A. A. Tilly
J. Q. Watts
H. O. Weir
R. W. Hall
Rev. Roper
Rev. Reed
C. C. Davis 1900
J. V. Jones 1921-1922
W. D. Spence 1918
G. W. Ridley 1919
Rev. Tyler 1923
P. A. Turner 1924-1929
Claude Hendrix
Rev. Lupo 1929
C. C. Chlett 1930
A. B. Hall 1931-1934
F. H. Ray 1934-1939
J. A. Langford 1939-1941
T. A. Shackelford 1941
C. A. McGrady
L. L. Burch
J. H. Hearn 1948
J. W. Stephens 1949-1951
John Minter 1951
On June 26, 1869, three acres of land was given by Dennis Hills in presence of the trustees of the Church, Noah Cornutt, R. N. Seazer, James Ashby, R. S. Anthony, J. W. Bradberry, J. M. Hunt and J. O. Henderson. This property on which the church now stands was given by Dennis Hills for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Other than the above information the history of the church is very limited. In October, of 1909, the official Church records were destroyed when a cyclone struck the home of Mr. M. J. Roberts, who was at that time, secretary of the Church.

Through the years there has been many interesting things happening to the Silver Creek Methodist Church. In 1949, the church had a new heating system installed in the church rather than use a coal heater. During this time there was much discussion among the members to purchase a church marker. But due to debt of the new heating system it seemed impossible to have this done at that time. This was soon remedied because Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunt presented to the church the sign, which is now hanging in the church yard. All good things must have an ending sometime. On January 21, 1951, the church lost through death, one of its most beloved members, Mr. M. J. Roberts, better known as "Uncle Mac". His presence at the church has been missed very much.

The church in June of this year began a full program. Before it was known as the "ten o'clock Church." Each second and fourth Sunday, the pastor from the Lindale Methodist Church
would come for only one service. At the present time, we have services on the first and third Sunday of each month both day and night.

After a good many years of both, the Silver Creek Church and Lindale Church cooperating with one another, the Lindale Church decided that it might be a good thing if we could break loose from them. The pastor of that church could not give both churches the attention that they should have. So it was decided that Silver Creek would go on the Rome Circuit.

The Silver Creek Church, with the Beech Creek Methodist Church are working together. Each church has two full Sundays a month. Due to this change, the church here has made quite a bit of progress. Under the capable leadership of our pastor, the Rev. John Minter, we have organized the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship is one of the greatest things that has happened to the church in recent years. More interest is shown by the young people because they feel they have part in the church program. Mrs. T. W. Byars is councilor of this group. Miss Marlene Underwood serves as president.

The M. Y. F. has undertaken several projects which has proved very profitable to the church. One of the important projects which has been undertaken, is the part they are playing in the Church Building Program. In the near future they, as well as the entire church body, hope to see Sunday School rooms added to the church.
The first Women's Society of Christian Service was organized in 1909 under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Roper. It was known as the Lindale and Silver Creek Women's Society of Christian Service until recently when the new group was organized. At the present time it is known as the Silver Creek Women's Society of Christian Service. We have nineteen charter members with Mrs. E. L. Kizziah serving as president.

At the present time the church has been presented a gift by a very dear friend, Mrs. F. H. Schlapbach. She is having a steeple built onto the church.

The Brotherhood of the Central of Georgia Railroad presented to Mrs. Schlapbach, a bell in honor of her late husband, Mr. Schlapbach, who worked several years with the Central of Georgia. She in return, is having it hung in the belfry of the church.

In 1950 the church membership was revised. Before the revision there were one hundred seven on roll; after the revision there was a total of sixty left on roll.

The Sunday School has a total of seventy-three on roll at the present time. We now have the largest number attending than we have had in quite a few years.

So as time marches on, so does the progress of the SILVER CREEK METHODIST CHURCH.