The history of events leading up to the organization of this church furnishes some of the most interesting history in Northwest Georgia. Near this location stands the stately house of the wealthy Indian trader, James Vann, who had been invited there to establish a school on his land. Here Chief John Ross and John Howard Payne, the composer of "Home Sweet Home", were imprisoned. As early as 1799 the Moravians had tried unsuccessfully to establish a mission among the Cherokees. With the help of Chief Vann the school was opened in 1802.

The dispersal of the Indians closed this school in 1832. The date of the establishment of the Methodist Church in Spring Place is not known, but the Holston Conference Minutes of 1835 reported a mission at Spring Place. But after the removal in 1838 and the subsequent disorganization Spring Place was one of the three remaining appointments left. After 1839 this was no longer an Indian mission but a Methodist Church of the white people of Georgia.

A "Quit Claim Deed" dated April 1850, deeded this property to the trustees of the Methodist Church at Spring Place. For five dollars all that parcel of land whereon the Methodist Brick Church now stands.

Today a sturdy white frame building offers itself as a worthy link to the past. Just how long it has stood no one knows.

Spring Place was among the oldest of missions, among the oldest of Methodist Churches.