HISTORY
Of
STILESBORO CHARGE

Bethlehem Church
Harmony Grove Church
Hopewell Church
Stilesboro Church
Taylorsville Church
The Taylorsville Methodist Church was organized in 1906. A handsome red brick building was erected on a shady lot north of the railroad in the center of town. The cost of the Church and furnishings were around Eight Thousand Dollars.

Among the founders and charter members were R. E. Adairs, J. M. Dorseys, L. W. Jolley's, C. J. Porter and J H Stepps.

From the beginning, the Church held its regular preaching services on 1st Sunday and Sunday night, and on the 3rd Sunday, night service only.

Revivals services have been held annually during the summer.

The Church has sponsored an active Sunday School; W. S. C. S. and Epworth League for part of the time.

Rev. L. P. Huckaby was the first pastor. He was followed by W. A. Harris; J. J. M. Mize; B. Frank Pim and others.

Rev. Pim's first work was the Stilesboro Charge. In later years he served charge as District Superintendent and at this time the Charge was transferred to the Rome District from the Dalton District.

The Church was destroyed by fire in November, 1943.

The last service held was a memorial service for First Lieutenant Harry N. Dorsey, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Dorsey, who made the supreme sacrifice, September 4th, 1943 at New Guinea in the Battle of Salamaua. He was flying a P-38. The following December news came that Wesley Jolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jolley, was missing in action. Later, it was determined he, too, had made the supreme sacrifice in Italy. Some months later Van Jolley's name added to the honor roll of World War II. He was the son of L. W. Jolley.
There was no insurance. World War II was being fought, labor and building materials were scarce and high, hence, for a period of six years preaching services were held in the Baptist Church, and the congregation joined with them in the Church School.

Finally, in September 1948 a business session was called, plans were made, funds collected, builders were obtained. The result a lovely red brick building situated on a spacious lot on a hill on Rockmart, Road.

The building is equipped with auditorium, choir loft, three Sunday School rooms, hardwood floors and a heating system.

The cost of the building was $12,500.00. The seats and piano were salvaged from the former building.

It was a happy group that moved into the new Church Home September 1949.

Rev. T. W. Wheelis, a former pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon Sunday and Dr. Wills M. Jones, Dist. Supt., conducted the Dedicatory service October 30th, 1949.

The Pastor, Rev. T. L. Rutland and former pastors, Rev. G. F. Shell and Rev. T. W. Taylor were present and took part in the service. Rev. T. W. Taylor was pastor during 1948-1949, and willingly gave his time and thought to the building of the Church.

May this Church ever "SEND FORTH THE LIGHT INTO THE NIGHT".