The origin of Tenth Street Methodist Church is in the uniting of four churches after years of service. Many changes in the business life of the city necessitated such a move. A very brief statement of their histories follows.

Payne Memorial Church on Luckie Street began in the organization of a Sunday School by a Mrs. Landis in 1858. It was an act of faith and pure pluck that the erection of a church followed. The church was dedicated by Rev. H. L. Crumley of Trinity Church. In 1892, under the pastorate of Dr. S. R. Belk, the old building was supplanted by a modern brick building, which was dedicated some years later by Bishop W. A. Candler. Very fruitful years followed until 1927, when its life began to decline under the pressure of business development about it. In 1950 the last service there was held, and on the first Sunday in July the congregation was welcomed into Saint James Church.

The beginning of Saint James Church was in the organization of a Sunday School in 1885. On May 6, 1888 a church was organized on Marietta Street. In 1930 the present building was erected on Hemphill Avenue at State Street, N. W.

Hemphill Avenue M. E. Church was organized in 1892. The new organization secured a lot on the corner of Center and Calhoun Streets and a building was erected there which was dedicated in 1893. In 1905, the building was moved to 1023 Hemphill Avenue. An addition to this building was erected in 1912.

After the union of the three branches of Methodism in 1939, the Hemphill Avenue Church united with Center Street Church and the name was changed to Warren Candler Methodist Church.

June 1952 the membership was 519. Members Church School was 414; Raised for all purposes $23128.