Trinity Methodist Church was organized in 1945 by the Rev. Odum Clark, the beloved Pastor of the Suanee Charge. He was greatly assisted by the Rev. A.A. Phillips.

The present church is located five miles east of Duluth, Georgia, on Peachtree Road.

The church property, which consists of two acres of land with a cemetery, was once owned by the Methodists, but later was owned by the Congregational Church Society, from whom it was bought for this particular Church. The former church was also named Trinity, even though we have no records to prove this.

The deeds show that the two acres of land were purchased from William D. Jinks in July, 1860. It is supposed that the first church was organized the same year.

The Charter Members are:


The trustees were Mrs. C.T. Davis, G.A. Brown, and R.J. Branan.

The trustees of the former church were, according to the deeds, Burton E. Crawford, John R. Hargrow, Robert Lockridge, A.M. Newborn, and Cyrus T. Shellnut. That was an active church at that time and for many years.

Some of the Pastors serving in latter years of the church were:

Rev. Johnny Armstrong, who was then living at Level Creek. He later moved to Texas. Another pastor was Rev. William Wynn from Lawrenceville, Georgia. Rev. Sam Braswell, Rev. Taylor and Rev. GeorgeRoberts were also great pastors of the church. According to all reports, there have been many God sent revivals held at Trinity.

In the year 1899 a Methodist Church was organized at Meadow which is two and one half miles from Trinity. Many of Trinity's members were living in and around Meadow therefore they moved their membership over to Meadow. This made Trinity become a weak church and in the year 1904 it was sold to the Congregational Church Society. They erected a new church known as New Trinity. It was an active Church for many years, but it later weakened and was discontinued. Then the Methodist again purchased it in the year 1945 when Trinity Methodist Church was again organized.

Construction began on the present church in the fall of 1947. As yet the church is hardly completed. When completed, it will be valued, approximately, at about five thousand dollars ($5,000). The auditorium is twenty-eight by forty feet with Sunday School rooms extending across the rear, twelve by forty feet. There is no debt on the church at this time. We are paying as we build. Some gave money, some timber, and some gave labor. With the help of the Lord, we hope to have it completed and dedicated in the very near future.

Rev. Odum Clark served as pastor in 1946. Following him was Rev. Hugh Duling, Jr. who served in 1947 until July in 1948. Then came Rev. Harley C. Boyd, who is still our pastor. In Rev. Boyd's pastorate he has received sixteen members at Trinity. Both Rev. Boyd and his wife have been and still are a great blessing to this church.

Sunday School, which formerly began in the home of Will and Lillie Branan, is progressing nicely with G.A. Brown as Superintendent, Mrs. Gladys Brown as Secretary, Anne Knox and Avis Dean as pianist, Eugene Gilbert, Mrs. Eugene Gilbert, Lillie Branan and Mrs. Marvin Kilgore as teachers. We have an average of sixty(60).
I would like to tell of a happy occurrence at Trinity on second Sunday in May 1948. It was when Quarterly Conference and Fellowship Meeting took place. The church was only stormsheeted, roofed and sub-floored. There were no doors or windows installed, but God sent a beautiful sunny day, and the crowds came near and far. It was a wonderful day of fellowship with old friends, a day that will long be remembered by all who were present. Dr. McLovely Elrod was District Superintendent of the Gainesville District at the time. He said it was a new experience for him—preaching in a church without windows or doors, but he also said it was a wonderful experience. He and all there enjoyed the day very much.

The present board of stewards are: Mrs. Eugene Gilbert, A.D. Dean, Mrs. Florence Dean, Lillie Branan, and Dan Holden.

At present the total membership for our new church is twenty-six (26), and there have been two deceased since our church began this time. The members are:


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