On April 24, 1855, Irby Hudson Scott deeded, to the trustees of a newly organized and consolidated Methodist Episcopal Church group, three and three quarters acres of land in Thompkins District in Putnam County, Georgia. A Church Building was to be erected on the land. There had been a small Church on land owned by the Hearn family. This Church was known as Bethel Church. There was also a small Church on what used to be known as the ridge road, now the Uncle Remus Highway [illegible]. This was Rock Chapel. The membership of each of the two Churches was small. They decided to unite in one larger congregation, and build a house of worship on the land offered for the purpose by Mr. Scott.

These people built well. The Church building is still in very good condition. No one now living knows where the lumber was sawed. It is all the very best pine lumber, no where to be found today. The sills and frame work are hand hewn and pinned. The doors and windows are said to have been made in Augusta and hauled overland to the building site. The lumber used to make the pews, for the door and window facings is hand planed. All the ceiling lumber is also hand planed.

As early as 1867, there was a Sunday School at Union Chapel. Mr. Cullen S. Creddile was Sup't of the male members, and Mrs. Mary Scott was Sup't of the female members. Mrs. Scott was grandmother of Mr. W. E. Scott, now a resident of Decatur, Georgia.
Some sixty years ago the interior of the Church was changed. The pulpit and pews were reversed. Originally, the pulpit was before the high window between the front doors. It was the type of pulpit which had to be mounted by steps. A new pulpit and Communion rail was installed at the other end of the Church building, and a third door in the center of this end of the Church was removed and the opening was closed up. New shutters were made and installed in the windows, and the Church was painted inside and out. Mrs. Emeline Wright paid for many of these alterations and improvements and at her death, she remembered the Church in her Will.

In 1946, a program of improvement was begun. The Church was wired for electricity made possible by the R. E. A. Then the Church was repainted inside and out. New runners for the two aisles and across the front and back of the Church were donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott in honor of Mr. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Scott, and sister, Mrs. Chetia Mae Scott Pryor. The new carpeting on the pulpit was partly donated by Mr. Howard Burke in honor of the other members of his family who were members of the Church. The friends and members of the Church paid for the other part. Mrs. E. E. Gooch had the original Pulpit Bible rebound in 1942. Later Mrs. Gooch gave to the Church two handsome pulpit chairs. Friends and relatives gave to the Church a handsome book case in honor of Mrs. Susan Gooch Cone who labored long and lovingly with the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Many former members and friends have graciously shared the expense of the improvements. To them, we, the present members
are truly grateful. We hope they may return often to the old Church to see and enjoy that which has been accomplished.

We still have living three or four members, who can remember the Church as it was originally and also remember seeing the Church lit with candles.

END.
Union Chapel is built on land deeded to the Church in 1855, by Mr. Irby Hudson Scott. Said land given to the Trustees, in trust, and to their successors, in a warranty deed, dated, April 24, 1855. There was three and three quarters acres in the plot, to be used to erect a Methodist Church. The deed provides that should the church in the process of time be abandoned or cease to be used as a place of worship, then the land shall revert to the heirs and assigns of Irby Hudson Scott.

The deed was witnessed by;

G. R. Thomas.

David R. Adams, J. I. C.

The following men were the Trustees of the Church at this time;

Cullen S. Credille.
Josias Boswell.
Francis S. Hearn.
Elisha Perryman.
Thomas Glaze.
William Watkins.
Nathaniel Denham.
Ebenezer Locke.
Henry Morton.

Deed recorded, April 28, 1855.
Past Pastors of Union Chapel Church.

From the time of its organization, through 1856, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, ClassLeaders, and one Local Preacher, seemed to have had charge of the services and financial affairs of the newly organized Church. There is no record of a regularly assigned Pastor before 1862. From then on, the following Pastors have served the Church. The one Local Preacher was Henry Morton.

1867. John W. Knight. 1867. Ditto.
1868. James J. Singleton.
1869.
1870 W. W. Oslin.
1873. W. W. Oslin. 1871. L. F. Pierce, P. E.
1875. William Johnson. 1873. E. W. Speer, P. E.
1878. 1876. L. F. Pierce.
1880.
1883. W. T. Caldwell.
1885. T. A. Seals.
1891. M. H. Dillard.
1893. S. B. Ledbetter.
1896. W. T. Caldwell.
1900. Crawford Jackson.
1901. S. A. Harris.
1907. A. C. Cantrell.
1910 Thos W. Elliot.
1912. John L. Hall.
1917. F. D. Cantrell.
1919. G. W. Tumlin.
1921. W. B. Whitaker.
1924. J. G. Davis.
1925. V. B. Hamrick.
1926. W. B. Hughes.
1929. R. E. Lyle.
1933. L. P. Huckaby.
1935. H. C. Green, Sr.
1937. H. B. Landrum.
1940. G. C. Knowles.
1943. J. G. Lupo.
1944. Z. V. Hawkes.
1946. S. D. Cherry.
1947. F. C. Hicks.