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HISTORY

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Union Chapel Methodist Protestant Church was founded in the year of 1886. They had preaching in the school house for a while, then they built a brush arbor where it would seat more people. Rev. J.A. McGarity was the Pastor at that time.

On January 25, 1888, W. Powell Blasingame gave a parcel of land containing three-fourths of an acre, to be used as the property of the Methodist Protestant Church. W. A. Rogers, B.F. Malcom, E.A. Adcock, N.N. Malcom were the trustees of the Church. Rev. J.A. McGarity was the pastor about 25 years after the Church was established. Rev. Jim Radford also preached at this Church.

In 1916 Union Chapel Church was added to the Monroe Circuit in the Gainesville District. Rev. Wills M. Jones came to pastor of this Circuit in 1916 and remained through 1917-18 and 1919. During 1918 the charge purchased a parsonage on Church Street in Monroe, Ga. The trustees authorized and empowered to purchase and repair the house were: P. D. Briscoe, H.C. Snow, C.J. Williams, W.R. Davis and T.W. Sorrells. The parsonage was valued at \$2000.00 and is still owned by the Monroe Circuit. During this year Union Chapel was changed from Protestant to Episcopal.

During the years of 1920-21-22 Rev. J.A. Sprayberry was pastor of this church. His salary set for the first year was \$1212.00, with seven churches on the charge. The amount apportioned Union Chapel was \$250.00. Mr. T. J. Whitley was Sunday School Supt. at that time.

In 1923-24 Rev. G.A. Chambers was pastor and Mr. C. J. Williams was Sunday School Supt. Sunday School was closed during winter months on account of so much sickness in the community.

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Rev. H.G. Garrett was pastor of this church only one year, 1925.

1926-27 Rev. J.E. Russell was pastor. No Sunday School.

Rev. N.O.L. Powell was pastor during 1928-29-30-31 with Rev. E.A. Caldwell assisting. Sunday School was re-organized with Mr. J.W. Little Supt.

In 1930 Rev. H.H.C. Jones was sent to the Charge as assistant to Rev. Powell. Nov. 30, 1930 the Jersey Methodist Church was added to the Monroe Circuit, making eight churches on this Circuit. The parsonage was painted in 1931.

In 1932 the circuit was changed from the Gainesville District to the Decatur-Oxford District, and also divided into two circuits, The Monroe and Walton. Those remaining on the Monroe Circuit were: Pleasant Valley, Union Chapel, Mt. Carmel and St. Stephens. Rev. J.E. Holbrook was pastor for the years 1932-33-34-35-36. Union Chapel paid \$150.00 assessed by the "Arbitrators" to be paid on the Walton Circuit Parsonage. In 1934 C.J. Williams was Supt. and 1935 R.L. Sorrow served as Sunday School Supt.

Rev. J.E. Cline came to serve this Church in 1937 and remained for only one year.

1938-39-40 Rev. B.N. McHan served as pastor, Mr. R.L. Sorrow was S.S. Supt., and a League was also organized during these years with Drew Malcom as President and Mrs. Ollie Hester was President of the Missionary Society.

Rev. W. E. Purcell served as pastor for the year 1941 and S.S. Supt. was Drew Malcom.

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Rev. J.J. Mize came to this Church in 1942 and served two years, 1942 and 1943. During this time he revised the rolls of this Church.

In 1944 A.J. Ledford came to serve as pastor but only stayed about two months on account of his health. During the balance of the year 1944 and 1945 Rev. Lamar Cherry, a student at Emory, was sent to serve this Church. Mr. Ralph B. Briscoe was S. S. Supt.

Rev. Jesse Warwick was pastor for the years 1945-46-47-48. In 1948 the Union Chapel Church was redecorated inside and out, and screens were put up.

In 1949 Rev. E.L. Ruark, supply pastor, came to serve this church. In the fall of 1949 a new gas heating system was installed in the Church. In the Spring of 1950 the grounds around the church were landscaped.

Rev. W. W. Yates came to be our pastor in 1950. During this year the Church bought new songbooks and organized a Youth Fellowship. J.B. Ivey is acting as Supt. of Sunday School at present and the Sunday School is increasing slowly, with an enrollment of about 60. Recently a new carpet, costing about \$650.00, has been laid.

The following Presiding Elders served Union Chapel Church:

1916	Rev. S. R. Belk	1932	Rev. Nath Thompson
1917	Rev. J.W. Quillion	1933	Rev. R.Z. Tyler
1921	Rev. W.T. Hamby	1934	Rev. Wallace Rogers
1925	Rev. John G. Logan	1938	Rev. T.N. Sullivan
1929	Rev. H.C. Emory	1942	Rev. H.H. Jones
		1946	Rev. Charlie Middlebrooks
		1950	Rev. E.G. Mackey

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