HISTORY

Of

BOWDEN CHARGE

Garrett's Chapel Church
Midway Church
Temperance Church
Victory Church
"History of Victory Methodist Church"

The early history of Victory Methodist Church dates back to Antioch Church built in 1865 in Carroll County, three miles East of Bowdon, on land donated by Mr. Ludie Jones.

Rev. John D. Caldwell was probably the first pastor. One preacher was sent out from this Church, Rev. Samuel Garrett.

In the year of 1897, the members saw the need of a new building. Mr. G. A. McDaniel (a member) donated 10 acres of land, 1 mile farther East, and a new building was erected.

Mr. Hummie, of Atlanta, was employed as Architect, with Mr. Henry McDaniel chosen as builder. The people of the community donated their work to build this beautiful country church. The corner stone was laid July 31st 1897. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. H. Henderson.

This white frame building is in perfect condition. As a rare gem of Architecture, in a rural setting, it pleases every passer-by.

Its modern equipment of venetian blinds, electric lights, and gas heat, allows its members to worship in comfort.

As a Methodist Protestant Church, we had presidents instead of District Superintendents. Among them were: Rev. A. Mauldin, John Ernest, J. R. Anderson, M. L. Spain, and J. W. Hunton. Since the churches united our District Superintendents have been Rev. LaPrade, Rev. B. F. Pimm, Rev. Wills Jones, and Rev. Delmo Haggard.

While Rev. C. E. Brantly was pastor, (1935) the Church won a cash prize, given by "The Progressive Farmer" for the most improvement made by a rural church in the state of Georgia.

The Woman's Missionary Society was also organized, with Mrs. A. M. Hill, as president.

There is a nice 5-room parsonage built on the church ground which is worth several thousand dollars.

Victory Church has always had a live Sunday School. We have no record of the first officers.

The first year (1865) not more than $100.00 was paid for all causes. Last year $550.00 was paid. The present membership is 54.

Victory Church, Bowdon Circuit, Rome District

N. Ga. Conference