HISTORY

of

WALLACEVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
In the year 1890 the Rev. D.W. Cook came to the Wallaceville community to preach to the people.

He was known as a circuit riding Methodist minister. At that time there was no church building, so the first services were held in a brush arbor and later in the Wallaceville school house.

It was in this school house that the church was organized, and services were held there until the year 1894. During the early part of this year Reverend Cook and his few members decided they should have a church to worship in.

They began to plan a church building to be known as the Wallaceville M.E. Church. In the early part of that summer they had their plans worked out, and the church was under construction. The church was completed by Thanksgiving of that year, and, consequently, on Thanksgiving Day 1894 this building was dedicated to the Lord's Service.

Wallaceville is in Walker County, near Chickamauga, Ga.

The building committee consisted of the following members: Rev. D.W. Cook; Peter Wallace, and Phillip Schmitt, Sr.

With these three as leaders, and with the help of other families in the community, the first Methodist church was erected. Among the well-known families who aided in the work were: The Hixon's;
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Blaylocks; Roark's; Campbell's; Ellis'; Bradley's; Harp's; Schmitt's; Milwee's; Boss'; Wallace's; and others of the community.

We feel that the faith they had in God and the influence these good people commanded was largely responsible for the growth of the church in the community.

Most of these older people have gone on to receive their reward for their services and labor. We as Christian children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren feel that their Christian influence has led us on to greater experiences in Christian living.

It is regretted that no record exists of the names of these charter members with which to supply this history. However I have compiled a list from those called to memory by Bro. J.R. Wallace, the sole surviving member of that memorable body, which I believe includes the majority, if not all, of the names of the founders of our church.

These I include here: Peter Wallace and wife; J.W. Wallace and wife; J.R. Wallace and wife; Phillip Schmitt, Sr., and wife; Phillip Schmitt, Jr., and wife; George Schmitt; Foldine Schmitt and wife; John Schmitt and wife; H.A. Blaylock and wife; Mrs. Susan Hixon; Mrs. Emeline Sparger; William Hixon; Mrs. Kizzie Hixon, and Mrs. Katie Slater.

The first stewards (Names given from older people) were J.W. Wallace; Phillip Schmitt; Jr., and H.A. Blaylock. First District Superintendent is unknown,
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but the first Sunday School superintendent was J.W. Wallace.

The first Bible was presented to the church by Phillip and Christina Schmitt.

This church was on circuit. Reverend Cook served Simpson Memorial Church at Rossville. Also Garrett's Chapel and Wallaceville.

This church was started on its own initiative. This church has not sponsored any other church.

As I have related elsewhere, the pastor associated was Rev. D.W. Cook, who was consecrated, Christian minister. I was a small child during the early part of the ministry of the church, but I remember having heard my family tell of a drought in the community, and the church met under Brother Cook's leadership to pray for rain. Rain came before the service was over. And Reverend Cook held a pitcher to catch water at a window, and gave praises to God while doing so. Every one was happy!

There is a period of time during the early part of the church's history of which there is no available record of the pastors and district superintendent.

The pastors serving since 1918, as I remember, are: Rev. E.B. Aycock; Reverend Baily; Rev. Mack Perry; Rev. F.A. Wade; Rev. Frank Veazy; Rev. Wiley Perry; Reverend Freeman; Rev. W.W. Ash; and Rev. G.C. Mulkey.
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These pastors served between the dates of 1918 and 1930, and I deplore the fact that I cannot give exact dates of each one’s service.


Reverend Stone served part time during 1947. Since there was a new church under construction at Wood Station, the church he had formerly served, he was permitted to serve part time at each church. Rev. T. Frank Cook and Rev. H.M. Burk were also part time pastors in 1947.


The church is not worshiping in the original building. The present building does not stand on the original lot. For the sum of thirty-five dollars, the original lot was bought, March 14, 1894, from Joseph and Susan Hixon. It contains one acre. Subsequently, the church has acquired two additional lots of one acre each.
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The one on which the church now stands was purchased April 13, 1936, from R.H. Bell for ninety dollars. The other from Frank C. Loveless, September 17, 1940, at a cost of $100. The present building was erected in 1936 at a cost of between $6,000 and $7,000. The church owns a parsonage, which occupies the site on which the original church was built. A purchased lot, and was erected in 1936.

In prior times, Wallaceville and Garrett's Chapel jointly owned the parsonage.

There have been many great revivals which have blessed the church. Many of these under the leadership of the pastors serving the church. Among the visiting evangelists or pastors that have been a blessing in our revivals are: Rev. Nath Thompson; Rev. T. Frank Cook; Rev. G.A. Lively; Rev. Clyde Blackstock; Rev. T. Perry Brannon; Rev. Bill Barber, and others.

The first Sunday School was organized in the early part of the ministry of the church. J.W. Wallace was the first superintendent. I do not have a record of the first enrollment.

The present enrollment is 116. W.L. McClusky is the present superintendent. I do not have a record of amount paid for all causes first year. The amount paid for all causes last year was $379.

The first missionary society was organized in 1924. Mrs. Lawson Pirkle was first president.
Charter members enrolled were ten. About seventy-five dollars was paid for all causes the first year.

The first W.S.C.S. was organized in 1939. This organization replaced the Home Missionary Society. The first W.S.C.S. president was Mrs. Ethel Harris. The present W.S.C.S. enrollment is eighteen. Paid for all causes last year $162.

The church has a M.Y.F. organization, which is very active. Members enrolled are thirty-five. Amount this organization paid for all causes last year totaled $250.

Among the great leaders who have visited our church are: Bishop Charles Flint; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sneed, who are foreign missionaries; Rev. and Mrs. Nath Thompson; Rev. T. Perry Brannon, and Dr. and Mrs. W.W. Ash. Doctor Ash was medical missionary to India. After his retirement from the missionary field, he served Wallaceville church one year as pastor.

A notable occasion was the laying of the cornerstone of the present Wallaceville church, November 1, 1936. As a faithful pastor and his equally faithful members had felt the need for a place of worship in 1894, our pastor and his members had felt the need for improving and enlarging the church early in 1936. The laying of this stone when the church was nearing completion marked the success of the suggestions of our Bishop, Reverend Keeny, and of
the efforts of our pastor, Rev. B.L. Chastain, who had planned and led the faithful ones in the supplying of this urgent need for our worshipping community.

Just as our forefathers, too, had realized they could not build the first one without the help of God, we of today know we could not do anything without the help of Almighty God. After Rev. B.L. Chastain had petitioned this aid, work began on June 1, 1936. We who had a part in the new church building wish to thank our Heavenly Father for His help and Guidance, and to give Him all the Glory.

Those responsible for the work as officers and members of the church are as follows:

Bishop Keeny; District Superintendent Dixie Carlock; Rev. B.L. Chastain, pastor; Dr. E.J. Hammond, Rep. of Board of Church Extension.

The present bishop is Charles Wesley Flint.

Present trustees: Paul Schmitt, Charles Slater, and C.R. Lewis.


Sunday School superintendents: W.L. McClusky and James Chastain.

This church was dedicated on the first Sunday in June 1937.

I do not have any record of salaries paid the first year.
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The amount contributed for all purposes last year was $3,220.

All deeds to church property contain the Trust Clause.

The present membership of the church is 115.

Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Loran Parker, the church is progressing.

Sources from which this history is derived are partly from original records and partly from the memory of the writer.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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