THE HISTORY OF THE WHITE METHODIST CHURCH, WHITE, GEORGIA.

All records having been destroyed when the parsonage burned in July, 1946, we do not know the exact year the church membership was organized. It is believed, however, to be nearly one hundred years ago.

In 1906, Rev. J.N. Sullivan, a prominent evangelist of the old time methodism, and his son, Rev. Lon Sullivan, conducted a revival under a brush arbor located near the Tennessee Road in White. It was during this revival that the membership decided to build a church.

Rev. Sam Jones was invited to preach and take a collection to start the building fund. The sum of $2600.00 was raised at this service and the church was soon erected. This church housed the membership and friends for more than forty years.

Among the local ministers who assisted and encouraged the people and helped build the kingdom were Rev. A.W. Conway of Cartersville and Rev. Jimmy Barton of Pine Log.

In those early days White was served by pastors from Fairmount, but later became the head of a four point circuit. Some of the men who have served as pastors of the White charge since 1916 have been Rev. N.A. Parsons, J.W. Stephens, O.B. Talley, J.T. Pendley, M.C. Allen, H.G. Garrett, J.L. Varner, A.E. Silvey, E.D. Carlock, M.M. Brackman, P.H. Stokes, E.P. Rowe, C.M. Rogers, Jimmy Holmes and the present pastor is Rev. O.H. Hugdins.

Among the presiding elders and district superintendents who have served the charge were Rev. S.B. Ledbetter, John F. Yarbough, S.A. Harris, Frank Quillian, J.R. Turner, J.S. Thrailkill, C.M. Liphim, N.P. Manning and at present our district superintendent is Rev. H.C. Stratton.

The church has made notable progress in a financial way. In 1918 the White Charge composed of four churches paid the preacher $358.00. In 1920 they increased this amount to $1150.00. In 1948 the preacher's salary was $1800.00. Of these amounts our church at White pays 35 percent. The assessment for next year for the pastor of the charge is $2300.00, of this amount the church at White will pay $785.00. Rev. Lon Sullivan and Rev. Mac Lowery Elrod went from this church as preachers.

In the year 1947, plans were made to build a new church. A lot was donated by J.M. Hamrick. With rock donated by Troy Upshaw, a new rock church was built under the supervision of Mr. & Mrs. Rob Shinall, who financed the building. The new church has a daylight basement, Sunday School rooms, a recreation hall and a sanctuary with hardwood floors, memorial windows with the pews and other furnishings modern in style. Other donation too numerous to mention were given by families long prominent in church life in honor of loved ones. During the pastorates of Rev. Paul Stokes and Rev. E.P. Rowe, a beautiful modern parsonage was built by the churches of Emerson, Pine Log and White. It stands next door to the church building.

These buildings are fitting memorials to the christian people who have labored unfailingly in the service of Christ. The good work done in both spiritual and material things are but stepping stones to a brighter and nobler future for our children and youth.