Woodlawn Church

Woodlawn Church was organized by J. H. Wall, a local preacher. During the summer services were held under a grape arbor. In calmer weather services were held in an old school house, "Old Woodlawn School."

In 1895 the pastor, Rev. G. H. Stone with the help of the people of the community began work on a new church. Building material was given by the people.

In those days men sat on one side of the church and women on the other; hence a partition went right thru the center. In the last few years this partition has been removed.

The first conference was held in the new church May 12, 1895. At that time we were on the Bethlehem Charge, Elberton District. Years later consolidation became effective. To-day we are on the Middleton Charge, Athens-Elberton District.

Pastors serving us include the Rev. G. H. Stone, Brinfield, Emory, now retired and living at Washington, Va., Wis.
Watkins, a young man serving our Church on his first Charge. I recall a lady being asked, "What kind of a preacher do you have?" I replied, "I think he will be fine when we get him raised."

We must have done a good job. We are happy to say, to-day he is Bishop W.T. Watkins.


In 1924 our first missionary society was organized by Mrs. C.C. Owen, daughter of Dr. Christian & president of the Elberton Charge. Mrs. Owen being remembered in Elberton as Janet Christian, under the leadership of Mrs. Owen, our president, our society did some good work. One thing was to replace the old organ, almost impossible to play with a piano. That piano is serving me to-day.
Thanks to Mrs. Queen.

In 1945 funds were solicited to build a choir and three Sunday School rooms. Solicitations were received from Long Island, N.Y., Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Athens and Elberton, Ga.

Most of the labor was given and some of the building material. One of the rooms is a memorial to the sweetest character I have ever known, Miss Mary Tate, serving Woodlawn Church until her death. Her two grandmothers gave the land our Church is built on. Each giving one and one-half acre. Another room is a memorial to Mrs. Julia Dundee Smith, our oldest member at that time. Mrs. Smith went on to be with God in May 1950.

Twelve of our members served in World War II. We have two members in service at present.

Since the close of the war, we have installed nice electric lights and runners on the floor.

This year, a nice granite marker has been erected. A gift of two of our young people.
We have no preacher to our credit but have sent out lots of fine young people and are still doing so. We have a fine M. Y. P. with an average attendance of around twenty four, holding meetings each Sunday night except fourth Sunday which is our regular preaching night.

We are glad to say we have a fine "Little" Sunday School doing good work.

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