HISTORY

Of

YORKVILLE CHARGE

Braswell Church
Mt. Nebo Church
Mt. Tabor Church
Mt. Zion Church
Pleasant Grove Church
Smyrna Church
Wesley Chapel Church
Yorkville Church
THE YORKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Organized 28th day of July, 1874. One (1) acre of land, Lot number 268, in the 19th District and 3rd Section of Paulding County, Georgia; Donated by the late A.H. and E.L. York of whom the village of Yorkville was named. The following were agents and Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church: J.B. Dean, E. Williams, William Jones, B.W. Partain and L.B. York. The church was started on its own initiative. This being an one room building, 32 x 40, built as most all rural churches were then, had the boxed up pulpit, and an old time alter bench, the pews were built with a partition in the center of the church.

Kerosene lamps were used, later years the Aladdin Lamp was added. This served with needed repairs along until 1926, after services in March the roof caught fire and with the March wind, it was with quick work and untiring effort by a young man, Edward Jones, now Deputy Sheriff of Bibb County (and a descendent of Wm. Jones, one of the founders,) daring to walk the comb of the building and dash water on the fire, The church was saved, but had to have a new roof; also a new floor and a choir were added. In 1936, Mrs. B.C. Jones had the church remodeled. It was bricked under, new windows and doors, a new roof, and painted, and changes made in the arrangement of the doors and windows. In 1940 new pews and electricity were put in.

In 1945, using the framing of the original church, as it was built of hand hewn lumber, this was made into one of the loveliest modern rural churches found anywhere. It is built of Stone Mountain granite, hardwood floors, memorial windows of stained glass, one in memory of the late A.H. and E.L. York, donors of the land. Carpet covers aisles and choir loft. A lovely pulpit set honoring our young people donated by the grand children of the Jones and Dean family.
A rest room, Sunday School rooms complete with venetian blinds, table and chairs for all ages. A modern Butane gas system and the present building, with all installations, costing $18,000.00. Mrs. S.S. McCarity Secretary and Treasurer.

The debt on the church has been paid and we are looking forward to the dedication sometime in 1951. The deed has the trust clause.

There has gone out from this church several teachers into the literary field. And the late Dixie D. Jones was a song writer and was known throughout this section of Georgia, by his sweet singing. It has been known that his singing was as effective in revivals as the preaching. Also, Prof. Pledger B. Jones is well known over Georgia by his ability for writing music and singing. Pledger B. Jones was elected Representative in Paulding County and served 1930-1931. The former Senator B.M. Jones of the 38th Senatorial District is a member of this church. Mr. Jones is a very successful business man and has contributed a lot to help make this church a success. The late D.D. Jones was a son of Wm. Jones, one of the founders, P.B. and B.M. Jones were grandsons.

Would like to mention some of the families who have helped to make this church a success. The Williams family, Descendants of E. Williams, one of the founders, some of which are interested in churches in other communities. The York's, descendants of the A.H. York, donator of the land. One is Mr. Glenn York, a very successful business man of Cedartown, Georgia. The Yorks were faithful to the church while living in this community. The Barnett White families; it has been said of Mr. White, he was a farmer, but when Saturday morning service time came he'd stop his work, hitch his team up and the whole family would attend church. One of his daughters, Mrs. Campie Ferguson is a member of this church now. The W.R. and W.H. Ferguson's families were descendants of the Barnett White family. The B.C. White family. There was never a more faithful member than Uncle B.C. White. The E.O. Hunt family, the Locklear families, the Tom Jacobs family, the Mike Gore family, the J.F.G. Hutcheson's, the Barrett family, the Partains, W.A. and Aunt Martha Thomas, the Furr Penn family, the Coll Lyle family. There are numbers of others we'd like to mention, one being the late Mrs. Lee Clark of Rockmart, Georgia, who was a member of our church for several years. Her family graciously presented a lovely communion set, two collection plates, and some song books to the church, after her death. Another being the late Mrs. Anna Kiser Moody who was born in North Dakota of German descent, but moved to Georgia and made this church her home church and was a faithful member till her death. There is a lovely crochet runner on the communion table made and presented by Mrs. Moody.
There are Mrs. Cora Hutcheson, Mrs. P.H. Harrison and Mrs. J.W. Hannah of Rockmart, Georgia, who are faithful members and love the church.

The greatest revival that I (the writer) can remember was in 1906, during the pastorate of Rev. George D. Frazier, just after a tent meeting held here by the Free Methodist of Atlanta. Numbers and numbers of people were saved and united with the church, some of which are the leaders of the church and community, now.

The noted Sam P. Jones was pastor in 1880-1883 while serving the old Vanwert church. A humorous remark of Mr. Jones while serving these churches, some one said, "Mr. Jones, don't you know you'll starve to death serving those churches." He said, "Well if I do, I won't own it, I'll say I died with Typhoid fever."

We have no record of a Sunday School in the early years, but am sure there has been one for 60 years. The present one has 52 members enrolled. Jesse S. Morgan, Supt.

The first wedding held in the church was November 25th, 1943, that of Miss Jacquelyn Jones Allgood to Wm. Orville Hart. The ceremony performed by Rev. L.F. Huckebe. The little chapel was simple but lovely for a fall wedding.

Then September 28, 1947, Miss Louise Ellison to Jean P. Poole. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gilbert Steadham. The next on August 24th, 1948, Miss Betty McGarity was married to John A Lindsay. These rites performed by Rev. Wallace Wiggins. The last two weddings were held in the new church.

Miss Allgood, Miss McGarity, and Jean Poole are great-grand children of the Jones and Dean Family.

Most of the grand, great grand, and great great grand children have been baptized in this church.

The present membership is 60. For the last 20 years, the church has met every obligation. The pastors salary and all obligations has more than doubled for the last few years, but this small membership is 100% for its duties and responsibilities. There is no record of what the church contributed the first years.

First and third Sunday A.M. and evening are the regular meeting days. Pastor, Rev. Bobby H. Berrier, Trustees, B.M. Jones, W.L. Allgood, P.B. Jones, J.G. Poole and W.R. Matthews.


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PREACHER OF YORKVILLE CHURCH
From 1874 to 1950

Rev. Reynolds .................................. 1874
Rev. Chambers .................................. 1875-1877
J.D. Weans ...................................... 1878-1879
Britton Sanders .................................. 1880
Samuel P. Jones .................................. 1881-1883
J.F. Bals .......................................... 1884
W.F. Quillian ...................................... 1885
R.A. Cowan ........................................ 1886-1888
M.F. Burtz ........................................ 1889-1890
J.F. Davis .......................................... 1891
Rev. Dowdall ...................................... 1892
W.F. Lasseter ...................................... 1893
J.M. Crow .......................................... 1894-1895
W.L. Sleton ........................................ 1896-1897
J.W. Taylor ......................................... 1898
G. Preston Braswell ................................ 1899-1900
W.L. Davenport .................................... 1901
S.D. Evans ......................................... 1902
George D. Frazier ................................ 1902-1907
J.T. Pearson ....................................... 1908
T.J. Owens ......................................... 1909-1913
E.L. Dodson ........................................ 1914-1915
T.J. Owens ......................................... 1916
Starlin Roberts .................................... 1917
J.B. Legg .......................................... 1918
Odam Clark ......................................... 1919
W.B. Taylor ........................................ 1920-1921
G.B. McKenny ...................................... 1922
Robert Stewart .................................... 1923-1924
W.L. Brackman ...................................... 1925
G.S. Davis ......................................... 1926
A.E. King .......................................... 1927-1928
E.F. Driskell ....................................... 1929-1930
W.B. Kilpatrick .................................... 1931-1935
Adrian Warwick .................................... 1936
M.M. Brackman ..................................... 1937-1938
S.H. Milsap ......................................... 1939
T.J. Noble .......................................... 1940-1941
W.A. Lamar ......................................... 1940-1941
Loy Cleveland ...................................... 1942
Rev. Seifert ....................................... 1943
P.H. Stokes ........................................ 1944
Oscar Dyer ......................................... 1945
Gilbert Steadham .................................. 1946
Alton Smith ........................................ 1947
W.B. Perry ......................................... 1948
Gilbert Ramsey ..................................... 1949
Bobby H. Berrier .................................. 1950

The Rev. T.J. Noble was sent here in Nov. 39 and died Feb. 40. The Rev. W.A. Lamar has sent to fill his place.