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HISTORY OF ZOAR METHODIST CHURCH

The Zoar Methodist Church was organized in Centerville in 1825. The first building was constructed of logs. It was located about two miles north of the present building site. Later a brush arbor was used. In 1848 a building was constructed. This was rebuilt in 1877 and was valued at \$1,000 at that time. This building is still in use.

There are no records of pastors serving the Church prior to 1865. The Anthony brothers served from 1865-69. Records do not give pastors from 1870-1884. The following have served since:

The Rev. Mr. Betts	
The Rev. Mr. James Perryman	1884-1885
The Rev. Mr. M. H. Eakes	1885-1887
The Rev. Mr. S. D. xxxxx Evans	1887-1888
The Rev. Mr. T. J. Edwards	1888-1890
The Rev. Mr. G. W. Brand	1890-1891
The Rev. Mr. J. W. Hargrove	1891-1892
The Rev. Mr. F. A. Ragsdale	1892-1895
The Rev. Mr. S. H. Braswell	1895-1900
The Rev. Mr. P. F. Connally	1900-1901
The Rev. Mr. W. E. Arnold	1901-1903
The Rev. Mr. S.H. Braswell & L. Roper	1903-1904
The Rev. Mr. H.W. Morris & R.D. Smith	1904-1905
The Rev. Mr. W.W. Gaines	1905-1907
The Rev. Mr. W. O. Butler	1907-1909
The Rev. Mr. S.H. Dimon	1909-1911
The Rev. Mr. G. W. Tumlin	
The Rev. Mr. J. S. Askew	
The Rev. Mr. R. J. Broyles	1923-1925
The Rev. Mr. C. W. Fruit	1925-1926
The Rev. Mr. S. A. Daily	1926-1927
The Rev. Mr. R. A. Coleman	1927-1928
The Rev. Mr. T. E. Sherwood	1928-1929
The Rev. Mr. W. H. Venable	1929-1931
The Rev. Mr. J. B. Smith	1931-1932
The Rev. Mr. Frank Q. Echols	1932-1935
The Rev. Mr. G. P. Cantrell	1935-1936
The Rev. Mr. J. M. Guest	1936-1940
The Rev. Mr. L. G. Cowart	1940-1942
The Rev. Mr. W. B. Hughes	1942-1945
The Rev. Mr. J. R. Stuart	1945-1946
The Rev. Mr. T. W. Jennings	
The Rev. Mr. M. G. Hatch	1946-1948
The Rev. Mr. R. E. Blanchard	1948-1950
The Rev. Mr. T. A. Warlick	1950-

This Church was one of six Churches on the Loganville Charge until 1946. At this time it became part of the Snellville-Grayson Charge. At the present ime it is one of the four Churches on this Charge.

When organized the second time in 1848 the official members were made up of the following families:

Williams	McGuffy	Puckett
Sexton	Freeman	Bradford
Betts	Gattis	Clower

The Church School at Zoar Methodist Church has been organized and discontinued several times. For several years the community had a union Church School with the Baptist Church. In 1951 a separate Church School was organized. The enrollment is 55, and an average attendance of 45. The Church School is very active at the present time. Mr. Jim Rawlins was elected Superintendent.

The W.S.C.S. is very young. It was organized in Jan. 1951, under the leadership of Mrs. Walker B. Fife, Sr. It began with a membership of 18, and has become one of the most outstanding organizations within the Church.

The present officials of the Church are: Hugh Baker, Walker Fife, Mrs. Walker Fife, T. L. Glaze, J.T. Jordan, J. P. Mason, M. H. Mason, Winston Mason, J. W. Mitchell, Lloyd Mitchell, M. G. Mitchell, R. L. Norton, J. W. Starnes, and Jim Rawlins.

The present active membership is 65, and inactive is 28.