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# *History of Bethpage*

by the  
Church Historian

*The  
Bethpage  
Methodist Church*

## BETHPAGE

Methodism emerged in Florida with the coming of the American period in 1821. By 1825 the church had grown sturdy enough to take a few steps of its own with a district called Tallahassee, after the Capitol of the territory. This district reached to Albany, Georgia.

Bethpage was organized about 1830—the exact date not on record. The first Florida Conference came into being in 1845 and Bethpage was in this conference until 1867.

The original church building was on a hill near the site of E. J. Dickey's home. This first building was of logs and hand-hewn timbers. When the old building was gone, services were held in the two-story Masonic Lodge building which stood on the site of the present church. After the Masons transferred to nearby towns, they gave the building to the church. About 1875 a contract was given to Thomas E. Dickey to convert the lodge building into the present building. The same hand-hewn timbers and hand-planed wide boards were used.

Three clay roads converge about sixty yards from Bethpage. Here one pauses to catch a breath or shift a gear before making the last sharp turn and the final short climb to the grassy, tree-shaded slope where Bethpage encased itself into the hillside three generations ago, and where it has watched serenely as its membership and friends have come by buggy, wagon, automobile and even afoot to worship beneath its shingled roof and exchange neighborly conversation near its eaves and under its trees.

One of the three roads leads, at the end of the service, southwest toward the Meridian Presbyterian neighborhood and winds between woods and farms to and beyond the Florida line that runs two short miles away. Another road climbs east and then bends south over the red hills

to Florida again, a mile away. The third road is an up-and-down red ribbon that leads to Rocky Hill, a mile away, where it crosses the Beachton-Thomasville road and, after making the crossing, leads to Cairo, the county seat, some fifteen miles to the north. Of lesser width, but equal in significance, are footpaths that lead to and away from Bethpage. Two of these wind away to the south, climbing between corn rows and over stiles by near and more distant neighbors. The third is quite the most used, the one that receives the imprint of shoes both large and small, the one over which every member and every visitor walks at some time. This pathway crawls through a lush grove of hardwoods to a clear, cool spring. "The Spring" it has been for the generations that have known the church, the Masonic lodge and the school. From its small clear pool three generations (who knows how many more?) have drawn cups, gourds, glasses and crumpled magnolia leaves of water to quench a thirst brought on by walks and rides in the June-time sun.

Whoever worships at Bethpage cannot fail to appreciate the charm and simplicity of an early pioneer church.

The sheltering arms of a country church was often a haven to pioneer families moving into a new frontier. A lone unmarked grave in a wooded lot near Bethpage is a mute reminder of sorrow in one family sheltered in this wayside house of God.

The first and second Presiding Elders of the Tallahassee District were Reuben H. Lucky and Peyton Smith who served during the time Bethpage was in this conference. The members listed on the earliest records are Hays, Sapp, Dickey, Doss, Strickland, Jones, Sessions, Atkinson, Harvin, Gwaltney, Brown and Van Brunt. From these pioneer families have gone doctors, lawyers, teachers and manufacturers—all of them church leaders who established Christian homes. History reveals to us that from rural churches come America's best leadership.

Descendents of the Strickland, Sessions and Dickey

families still own ancestral farms in the community and are active in the work of Bethpage.

The first Sunday School of Bethpage was organized just after the war between the States. The first Superintendent was William E. Hays. Following him were Captain Sapp, Captain Doss, W. J. Dickey, Edwin J. Dickey, A. C. Dickey, Henry Blount Strickland and Mrs. Ruth Harrison. These seven persons served consecutively up to 1930, or approximately sixty-four years. Superintendents since then have been W. J. Dickey second, Le Roy Collins, Mrs. David Green, Perry Lee, Mr. Hershall Collins.

The leadership and training of Mrs. Minnie Williams Dickey, who served faithfully as a Sunday School worker for thirty-five years, is evident today.

The need of a Sunday School building has been felt for years, but not until 1949 was this dream realized. A building twenty by forty feet was erected near the church building to serve as classrooms and as a community center. Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Collins efficiently led in this movement.

Bethpage is now a well-organized country church. Church services are conducted each second Sunday by Harold Raines, the Pastor, who also efficiently guides a Youth Fellowship, a well-attended Sunday School which meets each Sunday morning, and a Prayer Service held each Wednesday evening. A Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized in 1947. Charter members include Mrs. Le Roy Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, Mrs. Charlie Harrison, Mrs. Toy Harrison, Mrs. T. P. Strickland, Mrs. Horace Strickland, Mrs. David Green, Mrs. Robert Stringer, Mrs. A. D. Blackburn and Mrs. Joe Wilder. Seventeen members are now enrolled with Mrs. Robert Stringer as President.

This history of Bethpage would not be complete without the story of its unique organization, perhaps the most unique church organization in the South Georgia Conference. In 1885 Mrs. W. J. Dickey nee Lizzie Wilmot, without help from any other person, organized

a Missionary Society, going to the church each month for her programs. (Missions were a minor part of a country church in those days.) Mrs. Dickey was faithful in this work until her death in the early nineties.

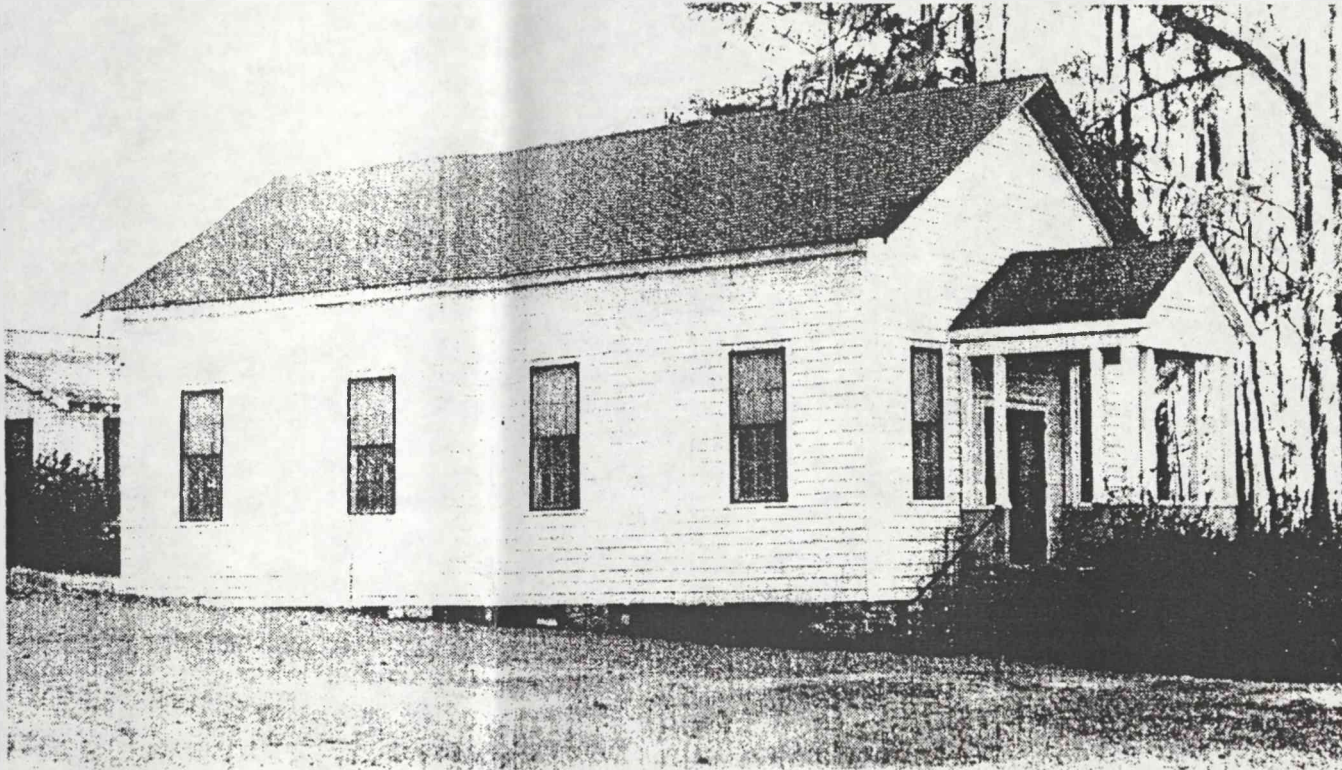
In this brief record of Bethpage are venerable mementos of a pioneer church in the wildwood. We trust our friends will feel grateful for the Christian heritage of faithful saints who through the years have made possible this place of worship.

Following is a list of Pastors who have served Bethpage since 1866: Robert W. Flourney, 1866-67; James Harris and James T. Ainsworth, 1868; John Talley, 1869; W. Lane, 1870; Charles E. Brown, 1871; L. C. Peek, 1872; J. D. Mauldin, 1873; P. H. Crumpler, 1874; W. J. Green, 1875; L. A. Darsey, 1876; L. C. Peek, 1877; S. W. Stubbs, 1878-81; J. J. Ansley, 1881; L. Davenport, 1882; Charles Snow, 1883; E. L. Padrick, 1884; N. B. Ansley, 1885; J. W. Arnold, 1886-88; Ed. F. Cook, 1889; J. Glenn, 1890; I. C. Rider, 1890; W. C. Jones, 1891; J. M. Outler, 1892; N. C. Brewton, 1893-94; E. L. Tucker, 1895; R. Kerr, 1896; J. W. Foy, 1897; Joel Cowart, 1898-99; A. E. Sansburn, part of 1899; E. E. Rose, 1900-04; W. C. Embry, 1905-07; Judson Groves, 1907; B. W. Jordan, 1908; J. E. Channel, 1909-10; E. L. Rogers, 1911-12; J. L. Llewellyn, 1914; C. E. Dell, 1916-18; T. C. Gardner, 1919; E. M. Elder, 1920-21; J. W. Reese, 1922-24; J. N. Sarrette, 1925-27; S. J. Brown, 1928; D. A. Lastinger, 1929-31; Robert Kerr, 1932; J. W. M. Stipe, 1933-34; W. W. Taylor, 1935-38; J. C. Saville, 1939; J. O. Akin, 1940-44; J. A. Wiggins, 1945; G. W. Bates, 1946-48; Harold Raines, present minister since 1949.

Compiled by: Mrs. Joe Wilder







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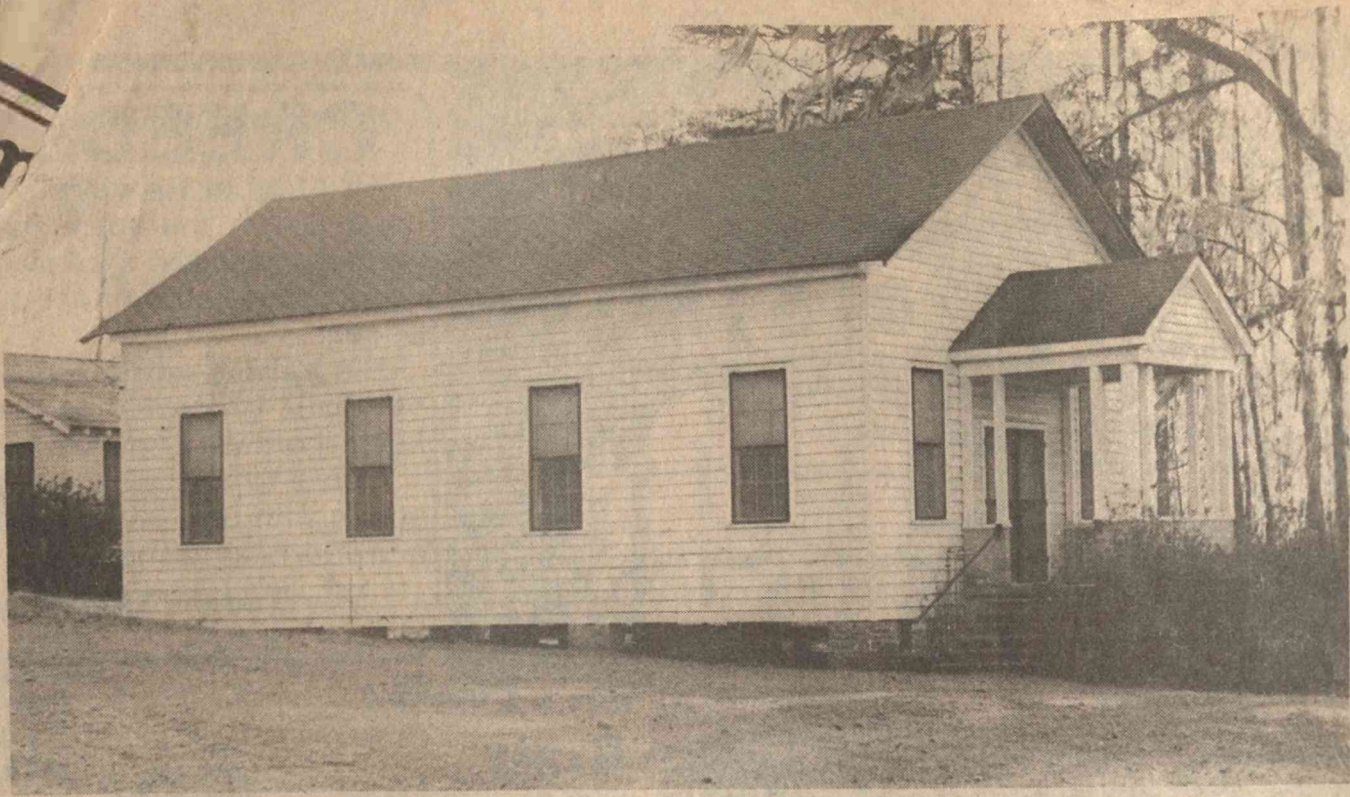
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Dear Editor,  
I am writing this because I think more Cairo and surrounding should know what doctors we do have now. We also have a hospital now and working to make it the patients and families.

I used to go out to doctors because I heard that Cairo did good doctors or a hospital. I know from now, they do. When pregnant I changed of town doctor Tugwell here in the pregnancy, tests run and that there could be problems. But Tugwell, the baby doing nicely healthy baby.

If it had not Tugwell, being really cares about and for the time I had tests in delivery, I could have everything so good.

So, I would like Tugwell, his of nurses, Mrs. No and Mrs. Margie everything they long hours they week. I also want the other nurses at Grady General Hospital took good care of Carrie, while we were the pediatrician, Dr who came to the room and made sure was ok and has care of her ever since.

I hope more people in Cairo first and themselves that good doctors at hospital and the patient care. Try Cairo first. Thanks for ev

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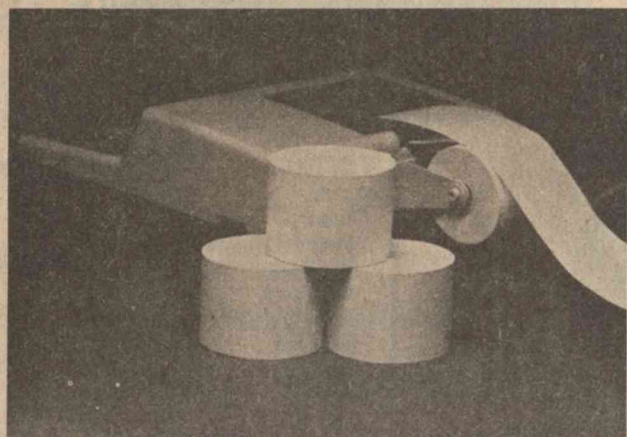
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GEORGIA, THOMAS COUNTY.

This indenture made this the third day of February in the year A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine between W. E. Hayes, W. J. Dickey & R. Williams, trustees of Armonia F.A.M. of the County of Thomas State of Georgia, of the first part, W. E. Hayes, G. Y. Brown & A. F. Berry of Fla & Wm. L. Bibb, W. J. Dickey, G. W. Wood & L. H. Player, trustees Church property Spring Hill Circuit South Ga Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church South of the County of Thomas State of Georgia of the second part, witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars, to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part their successors and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in lot number sixty two (62) in the twenty third (23d) district of said county and state whereon Armonia Lodge is now situated including the buildings thereon containing one acre to have and to hold the said bargained premises together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereto appertaining or belonging to the own proper use, benefit and behoof of the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, forever in fee simple. And the said parties of the first part will and their successors executors and administrators shall the afore granted premises unto the said parties of the second part, their successors, executors, administrators and assigns forever warrant and defend by virtue of these presents. In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in  
presence of

Chas T. Hansell  
William D. Mitchell J.C.C.T.C.

Wm. E. Hayes LS  
Richard William LS  
Wm J Dickey LS

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City Court of Thomasville

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Wm E Hayes  
Richard Williams  
Wm J Dickey,  
Trustees of American  
Lodge F & A M  
to

W E Hayes  
S B Brown  
A F Berry  
Wm L Bibb  
W J Dickey  
S W Wood  
J H Platts,  
Trustees Church Property  
Spring Hill Circuit Southern  
Ga. Conference of Methodist  
Episcopal Church South,  
and successors and assigns

Date Feb 3, 1879  
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all that tract or parcel  
of land situate, lying and  
being in lot No 62 in  
23rd Dist of said county  
and State whereon American  
Lodge is now situated  
including the building thereon  
containing one acre.

Jesse J. Garing  
7-11-17

At a Regular Meeting of Armonia Lodge No 307 held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1861 was made & carried the Committee Appointed consisting of the following members  
Said Lodge (viz) Jas J Hayes John L. Brown A. C. Brown to sell & dispose of the land  
to said Lodge & to give the refusal of the same to the Methodist Church  
said sale is to be made to liquidate the indebtedness of above named Lodge

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Judge A. H. Russell

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned Committee of Armonia Lodge No 307 do make this our Petition to your Honor asking & praying  
you an order to sell the House & land owned by Armonia Lodge, all of which  
accords with the above action, taken by said Lodge on 20<sup>th</sup> day of June

We the undersigned Committee

TRUE COPY

David Hutchings  
Sawyer & H. Cox chief Deputy  
DAVID HUTCHINGS JR.  
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT  
THOMAS COUNTY, GEORGIA  
Sawyer & H. Cox  
Deputy Clerk

John  
W  
R  
W

At Chambers

Upon hearing the foregoing petition of the trustees of Armonia Lodge  
Said County & hearing the facts in the matter it is ordered that  
majority of them be and they are authorized to sell and convey  
sland and hereafter accepted by said Lodge and to execute titles  
reimburse the proceeds of said sale, after paying expenses and indebtedness  
other property to be held on the same tract.

Georgia Thomas This indenture, made this the third day of February  
County One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy and County Armonia  
W. J. Dickey & P. Williams trustees of Armonia Lodge F. A. M. of the County of  
of the first part, W. C. Hayes C. J. Brown & A. F. Perry of the F. W. M. S. Bible Society  
of the second part, Church property Spring Hill Circuit South Georgia Conference  
of the County of Thomas State of Georgia of the second part  
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# Register of Pastors

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# INTRODUCTION.

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THE Discipline of our Church provides that every Society shall have a permanent Register, in which the Secretary of the Church Conference "shall enter in chronological order the full names of all who shall join the Church, with the time and manner of the reception of each; and also shall make a permanent record of all baptisms and marriages within the congregation." These Registers are intended to be permanent, and to contain not only the list of living members, but of all who have joined the Church, with the date of their admission and of their disposal or death. A Register, therefore, should be large enough to last a generation, and should never be revised or rewritten until the book is exhausted. In this respect many of our Registers have not been properly kept. The custom in most places has been to rewrite the list of living members every year or two, and omit entirely the names of all who have died, removed, or in any manner ceased to be members; the old Registers have been thrown away, and as a consequence there is no proof by record of the fact, or date of the admission of thousands of our members.

The Register here presented may not contain every feature which some excellent pastors would prefer, but in practical use will be found to embrace every thing absolutely necessary. In this simple form it has the advantage of being easily understood; and it can be furnished about as cheap as a common blank-book of the same size and binding. The first form in the book is a Register of Pastors, and needs no explanation. The second form is a Register of Members, so ruled as to allow space opposite each name for recording the date of admission, the manner of admission, as by certificate or profession, the name of the pastor by whom the member was received, and the date of the death or disposal of the member. This form should be numbered on the left-hand margin, beginning with one and continuing consecutively, so that the last number will show the number of persons who have ever been connected with the charge. The next form is a Death or Disposal Register, which will be easily understood. It should also be numbered from one consecutively, so that the last number, subtracted from the last number of the Register of Members, will always show the number of living members in the Charge, or Society. The blanks for registering Baptisms and Marriages are intended to be used only when our ministers officiate, or the parties are members of our Church or congregation. In case of the baptism of children, the names of parents or sponsors should be inserted. In case of the marriage of a female member, causing a change of name, the marriage and the date should be noted in the column of disposals, and the new name should be reentered like a new member, and the column "When Received" should be filled out by reference to the number of the name when first entered. The new number should also be noted in the disposal column opposite the first entry of the name.

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**D. M. SMITH.**

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# Register of Pastors.

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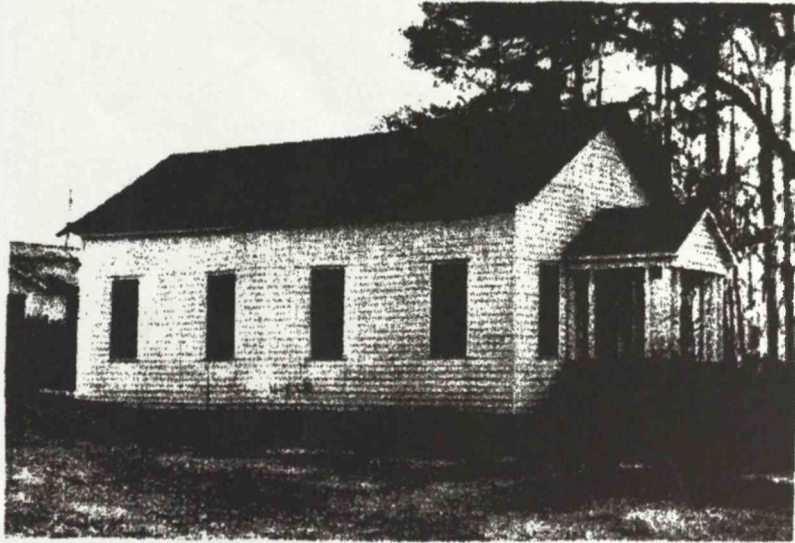
Date of Appointment.

Term of Service.

NAME.	Date of Appointment.	Term of Service.
Robert W. Flourney.	1866, 1867.	2 years.
Jas. Harris.		1 year.
Jas. T. Ainsworth.	186	" "
John W. Talley & W. Lane.	1869.	" "
Wesley Lane.	1870.	" "
Chas. E. Brown.	1871.	" "
L. C. Peck.	Dec. 1872.	" "
J. D. Mauldin.	" 1873.	" "
P. H. Crumpler.	1874.	" "
Wm. J. Green.	1875.	" "
L. A. Darsey.	1876.	" "
L. C. Peck.	1877.	" "
J. W. Stubbs.	1878.	} 3 years.
J. W. Stubbs.	1879.	
J. W. Stubbs.	1880.	
J. J. Ansley.	1881.	1 year.
J. J. Davenport.	1882.	" "
Chas. W. Snow.	1883.	" "
E. L. Padrick.	1884.	" "
M. B. Ousley & J. W. Arnold.	1885.	} M. B. Ousley 1 year.
J. W. Arnold.	1886.	
J. W. Arnold.	1887.	} J. W. Arnold 3 years
Ed. F. Cook.	1888.	
A. B. Ousley & J. C. Glenn	1889.	1 "
J. C. Bryan	1890	1
W. C. Jones	1891	1
J. M. Butler	1892	1
W. C. Bunker	1893 + 1894	2
E. L. Tucker	1895-	1
R. Keen	1896	
J. W. Fox	1897	

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Joel Cowart	1898	2 years
Joel Cowart	1899	
E. Sansburn	1900	4 years
E. Rose	1901	
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-----	1903	
-----	1904	
W. C. Embry	1905	
H. C. Embry	1906	
W. C. Embry	1907	
H. Hudson Travis	1908	
W. W. Jordan	1909	
E. E. Churchill	1910	
E. E. Churchill	1911	
" "	1912	
G. LaRogier	1913 + 14	
<del>W. W. Jordan</del>	1915-	
G. E. Deel	1917-1918-1919	3 years
A. B. Garfield	1920	1 "
F. M. Elph	1921	



*Bethpage United Methodist Church*

*Bethpage is one of Grady County's oldest Methodist congregations originating with the Methodist expansion in Florida which began in 1821 after that territory was acquired from Spain. It was part of the Tallahassee district in the Florida Conference from the 1845 organization of the conference until 1867.*

*The church was organized about 1830, and the first building was constructed on a hill with logs and hand-hewn timbers. The original site is very near the E. J. Dickey home. Later the church met in the two-story Masonic Lodge building south of the intersection of the Hadley Ferry and Meridian Roads very near the Florida line. The Masons gave the building to the church in 1875. E. J. Dickey was contracted to convert the lodge building into the present church structure using the same hand-hewn timbers and hand-planed wide boards. It sits on a grassy tree-shaded slope where three roads converge, two of which eventually lead into Florida with a third running north to Rocky Hill and then*

*to the Hadley Ferry Road and Cairo. Robert W. Flourney was the first listed pastor in 1866-67. No records exist naming other early pastors, except James T. Ainsworth and James Harris who served the church in 1868.*

*Prior to the Civil War, much of Grady County south of the Ochlocknee River was in cotton plantations. Most of the founding families of the church worked on those plantations. It is a family church, and many people come back during April for the homecoming. Members listed on the earliest records include Hays, Supp, Dickey, Doss, Strickland, Jones, Sessions, Atkinson, Harvin, Gwaltney, Brown and Van Brunt.*

*Mrs. W. J. Dickey (Lizzie Wilmot) organized a missionary society in 1885, at a time when missions were a minor part of a country church's concern.*

*The congregation organized a Sunday School just after the War Between The States. In 1949, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Collins a Sunday School building was added, and later a front porch and new altar. The pews and the floors are original. Behind the church is "the spring", from which several generations have drunk using gourds, glasses, and even magnolia leaves.*

*Bethpage UMC is presently part of the Metcalf Charge, and pastored by the Reverend Robert V. Sneed. One church historian described Bethpage as "a pioneer church in the wildwood", and expressed a desire that the community will "be grateful for the Christian heritage of faithful saints who through the years have made possible this place of worship."*

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