



History Of Nine Mile United Methodist Church

The deed of Nine Mile Methodist Church was issued May 30, 1853 from Jasper and Barbara Pritchett to Trustees:

R. R. Hall
David Ingle
J. J. Moreland

John Anderson
Jack L. Anderson
William Rodes

Lewis Pritchett, and "To their successors to follow them"

The first Church traced to Nine Mile was in 1878 being the Old Liberty Methodist which was in Ridgeway District. It was later moved and formed the Cohutta Methodist three miles east of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Cohutta was moved to Nine Mile sometime between 1878-1898. Reliable records are available from that time on. Nine Mile (already established) and Cohutta was united and carried on worship "In a large structure of native logs." This church burned and worship was carried on in a Brush Arbor near the site of the present church.

Following this Brush Arbor, the church we just vacated was erected, probably about 1895 or 1896. From a reliable register of Pastors, W. O. Butler is the first name entered which was in 1897. It was then in the Marietta district and in the Ellijay Charge. W. B. Dillard was presiding Elder.

Two ministers have gone out from Nine Mile Church, O. J. Woodward, who is an Episcopal preacher, and Curtis Parks, who is a Baptist preacher.

A permanent Sabbath School was organized following a great revival by W. O. Butler and "a firey little Baptist preacher, J. P. Fare" by word of mouth from Mr. J. H. James in 1965.

A Womans' Society of Christian Service was begun in 1931, also a MYF (as it was then called) under Rev. W. B. Hughes, Pastor.

A Vacation Bible School was started in 1950 with the help of Conference Rural worker, Miss Ann Hurd, and is held each year.

Ground breaking for the new church started on a cold snowy Sunday, February 8, 1976 when our Pastor, W. O. Dinkins, District Superintendent, Dr. Dan Rice and Rev. Jimmy Moore, from North Georgia Conference, Director of Global Ministries and Church Extension, Mrs. Nell Parks, and member of the building committee turned the first shovel of frozen earth.

The building committee composed of Ray Wells, Chairman; James Holloway, Treasurer; Bill Gudger, Landrum Dover, Roscoe Parks, Charles Parks, Carl Dover and Joseph Charles contracted with Herbert and Charles Sumner to construct the new building. Construction began June 7, 1976.

On the fourth Sunday, January 23, 1977, the last service was held in the third house of worship at Nine Mile. Sunday School was held as usual. We were dismissed by Ennus Splvey, with prayer of Thanksgiving for the old Church, and a plea for success in the new. Jeff Wimpey, a fourth generation family member, carried the bible, and led a large group of members and friends from the old church into the new.

Stained Windows have been added in the rear of the Church during 1978 and an Air Conditioning project begun.

HISTORY OF NINE MILE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The deed of Nine Mile Methodist Church was issued May 30, 1853, from Jasper and Barbara Pritchett to Trustees. The land was to be used for a Methodist Church. The first church traced to Nine Mile was the Old Liberty Methodist (1878) in the Ridgeway District. It was later moved to form the Cohutta Methodist, three miles east of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Cohutta was moved to Nine Mile sometime between 1878-1898. Nine Mile, already established, and Cohutta were united and held worship services "in a large structure of native logs." This church burned but worship services continued in a Brush Arbor near the site of the present church. Probably about 1895 or 1896 a frame church building was erected. From a reliable Register of Pastors, W.O. Butler is the first name entered, in 1897. Nine Mile was then in the Marietta District, Ellijay Charge, with W.B. Dillard, Presiding Elder.

A permanent Sabbath School was organized following a great revival by W.O. Butler and a "fiery little Baptist preacher, J.P. Fare," by word of mouth from Mr. J.H. James. A Womans Society of Christian Service was begun in 1931, and an MYF under Rev. W.B. Hughes. A Vacation Bible School was started in 1950, and continues to be held each year. Two ministers have gone out from Nine Mile: O.J. Woodward, Episcopal priest; Curtis Parks, Baptist preacher.

Ground breaking for the present church started on a cold, snowy Sunday, Feb. 8, 1976. The building committee (Ray Wells, Chairman; James Holloway, Treasurer; Bill Gudger, Landrum Dover, Roscoe Parks, Charles Parks, Carl Dover, and Joseph Charles) contracted with Herbert and Charles Sumner to construct the new building. Construction began June 7, 1976, and on January 23, 1977, the last service was held in the old house of worship. Sunday School was held as usual. Ennus Spivey dismissed the congregation with a prayer of thanksgiving for the old church and a plea for success in the new. Jeff Wimpey, a fourth generation family member, carried the Bible, leading a large group of members from the old church into the new. The Service of Worship and Dedication, was led by Rev. William O. Dinkins, with District Superintendent Dr. Dan Rice presiding.

HISTORY OF NINE MILE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nine Mile Church was made up of several small Methodist churches no longer in existence.

One was the Old Liberty Methodist Church in the Ridgeway district of lower Gilmer county that moved, in the hottest part of the Civil War, with it's members to Cohutta Church, located approximately three miles east of the present Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Little else is known about Old Liberty except that a school was held in the church during the period of 1861 through 1865, funded by th Methodists. The last teacher in that school was Miss Mary Tankersley.

No record exists of Cohutta church, it's membership roll having been combined with members of Old Liberty who had merged with Nine Mile Methodist in the 1880's or 1890's. Cohutta Methodist may have been active for twenty years.

There is a cemetary at the site of Cohutta church with names of the Davis, Moreland, Crooke, DeBoard and Wells families. Members of these families may have been charter members of Cohutta Methodist. Members of these families care for these graves. It is believed that the last funeral at Cohutta Methodist Church was that of Mr. Bob Moreland, uncle of Mr. Arvil James. This funeral was in 1938.

Mount Nebo, later to become Gates Chapel Church, was a strong Northern Methodist church. During the Reconstruction period following the Civil War when considerable confusion existed in both church and state, some members of Mount Nebo became members of Nine Mile Methodist church, while others helped organize Loyal Cove church. Loyal Cove church was located on Holly Creek approximately two miles from Nine Mile. This church was on the farm of Mr. Johnny Coker on the land purchased from the North Georgia Conference of The Methodist Church by Mr. Jim Wells.

Religious services and school were held both at Nine Mile Methodist and at Loyal Cove churches. The last teacher at Loyal Cove was Mr. John W. Wimpey and the last preacher was Mr. T.H. Gibson. This was in 1903, giving reason to believe that the members of the Loyal Cove church came into the Nine Mile Church between 1903 and 1906. These two schools, along with others, were consolidated in 1928 into Henry Grady Junior High School.

The original Nine Mile church was located on the old turnpike road between Dahlonaga and Dalton and was called Nine Mile because it was nine miles from Ellijay and nine miles, following the old turnpike road across the Turkey mountains, to the first farm in Murray county. The present CCC road to Eton follows very closely the route of the old turnpike road.

After the battle of Chickamauga and during Sherman's march to the sea Union troops were moved, by Nine Mile, over the old turnpike road. They spent one night in and around the church, but the church was not harmed.

Some, but perhaps not all, members of Nine Mile church who served in the Civil War included William Burton Parks, Mack Arvin Parks and James Polk Hill.

No list of charter members is known to exist. The oldest book of record, dated 1880, contains the names of Andrew J. Fore, John P. Crook, Lewis H. Sharp and Andrew B. Wimpey. For dates 1883 to 1891, inclusive, are found the names of William Pence, Elizabeth Burnett, Andrew Nix, John P. Cole and Harriett Spivey.

The first four pastors serving Nine Mile Methodist Church were J.S. Embery (1880-1881), J.J.Harris (1882), J.W. Quillian (1882-1884). Also listed is R.R.Q. England, with no date listed.

Pastors in later years include Claude Patterson, Glen R. Youngblood, O.S. Patrick, Young A. Bailey, Oscar Poole, and George Dunbar.

Nine Mile, on two occasions has had a Baptist pastor, Rev. Fred Hall, after the death of Rev. Young A. Bailey and also after the removal of Mike Whittenton. The church flourished under the ministry of Reverend Hall.

A Sunday school was organized and later, in 1931, A Woman's Society of Christian Service and, still later, a Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized by Rev. W.B.Hughes. Vacation Bible School was initiated in 1950 and continues to this time.

Ground was broken for the present church building on a snowy, cold Sunday, February 8, 1976. The Building Committee, composed of Ray Wells, chairman, James Holloway, treasurer, Bill Gudger, Landrum Dover, Roscoe Parks, Charles Parks, Carl Dover and Joseph Charles, entered into a contract with Herbert and Charles Sumner for the erection of a new facility.

The new construction began on June 7, 1976 and was completed on January 23, 1977, on which date, after Sunday School in the old church and after Ennus Spivey dismissed the congregation with a prayer of thanksgiving for the old church and a plea for success for the new, the assemblage, led by Jeff Wimpey, a fourth generation member, carrying the Bible, led the group to the new church. The service of Worship and Dedication was conducted by Reverend William O. Dinkins, with District Superintendent Dr. Dan Rice presiding.

The move into the new sanctuary included the pews from the old church. Since that time many improvements have been made to the facilities including, but not limited to new carpets, a vacuum cleaner, new pews, a refrigerator, air conditioning, an electric range, a piano and stained glass windows. An ample paved parking lot has also been provided.

The deed for Nine Mile Methodist church was conveyed from Jasper and Barbara Pritchett to the trustees on May 30, 1853. The first sanctuary was a large structure of logs. This church burned, but services were continued in a brush arbor near the site of the present church. A frame church building was erected, probably in 1895 or 1896. At that time Nine Mile was in the Ellijay Charge of the Marietta District. W.B. Dillard was the Presiding Elder.

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Originally Nine mile Church was made up of other Methodist Churches no longer in existence -

1- There was the Old Liberty Methodist Church in the Ridgeway district of Grover Holmes Co.; that moved in the hottest part of the Civil war, with its members to Cohutta Methodist" I know nothing else

about ^{Old Liberty} this Church except, "School was held in the Church ¹⁸⁶¹⁻¹⁸⁶⁹ building, funded by the Methodist" ^{Miss Mary Sampson was the last teacher in that school}

2- We have no record of Cohutta church other ^{than} ~~that~~ its membership along with members ^{of Old Liberty} had already merged with ^{Old Liberty} Nine mile in the early ^{on 19th} 19th ^{century} ^{active 20th c.}

There is "a good sized" cemetery at the site of Cohutta Church, ^{are} with some nice markers - The names Davis, Maseland, Crooke, Deboard, and Wells. There may have been ~~no~~ Charter

members of Cohutta - members of these families care for these graves each year. The last funeral at Cohutta was for Ben Maseland uncle of Orvil Jones - in 1930.

3 Mount Nebo (later to become
 Glets Chapel) was a strong northern
 Methodist, or simply M.E. Church.
 Following the Civil war and during
 the of confusion ^{and} Reconstruction of
 both Church and State, members left
 Mount Nebo and came into the nine
 mile church, ^{Sharpe - Orner - Painters} Also members leading

4) Mount Nebo helped form Loyal Cone.
 Loyal Cone was located 2 miles from
 nine mile on Holly creek on the farm
 now belonging ^{over} to ^{with Pious Service} St. Paul and school
 was held both at nine mile and Loyal
 Cone. John Wimpey was the last

^{school} teacher and T. H. Gibson the last
 preacher - This was in 1903 - The school
^{was} consolidated in 1928 into Henry Healy

Jr. High - still another church known as ^{Miltra}
^{which is now on Chatsworth} nine mile church ^{as was} ~~now known~~

It was located on the old Turnpike Rd -
 that ~~led~~ ^{led} from ^{Virginia to western Va} Eleyay ^{to} Chatsworth, and
 was called nine mile because it was
 nine miles from Eleyay, and nine miles
 following the old Turnpike Rd across
 the Turkey mts. to the first farm

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in Murray Co - The Turnpike follows closely the ^{route of the} C.C.C. of today that leads to Etowah Ga -

After the Battle of Chickamauga ^(near Chattanooga, Ga) and during Sherman's march to the sea. "Northern Troops were transported over the old Turnpike Rd. by nine mile. They spent one night in and around the church. The church was not harmed"

Members from nine mile who was soldiers in the Civil war was: Mr William Burton Parks Mr Mack Arvin Parks and Mr James R. Park Hill. There may have been ~~more~~ ^{others}

No records as to who the charter members were. However here is a list taken from the oldest Record book

We have - In 1890

- (1) Andrew J. Fore (2) John P. Cross
- (3) Lewis H. Sharp and
- (4) Andrew B. Wimpsey -

Page of members ^{just listed} in the book

20 1883 - 1891

- (1) William Pence (2) Elizabeth Burnett
(3) Andrew Nix (4) John P. Cole
(2) Harriet Spiney -

The first four pastors
listed; (4) J. S. Embury - 1880 - 1881

(2) J. J. Harris 1882

3 - J. W. Quillian 1882 - 1884

(4) R. R. Q. England -

Pastors ¹⁸⁸⁹ mentioned

of - (1) W. D. Butler (2) Claude Patterson

(3) Glen R. Youngblood (4) O. S. Patrick

(5) J. A. Bailey (6) George Dunbar

nine mile had one ordained

Baptist preacher to Pastor our

Church - Mr Fred Hall - (finished

for Mr Bailey deceased - and finished
for Mike Whittenston moved)

Our Church flourished under

Bro. Hall.

On Jan 23 - 1977 we moved
from the nine mile wooden frame
building, into the ~~nine~~ mile the
magnificent new brick building

where we will honor the old church by serving in the new.

Chgo. Windsor B. # 12
Pulpit Furniture RW
Stained glass by Spruce
in rock by Spruce
no. church

We went into the new church

using the old pews. Since these improvements have been:

- 1) Carpets - Donated by James Hall ^{member} & ~~Walter~~ ^{father of Walter}
- 2. Vacuum cleaner by W.M.U. and ~~W.M.U. and~~ ^{W.M.U. and}
- 3. New pews - by members -
- 4 - Refug. Boy - W.M.U. (8) Air Cond -
- 5 Electric Range - Boy - ~~W.M.U.~~ ^{W.M.U.}
- 6 Plans Boy - members
- 7. Stained Glass Windows ^{in back of church} by members of Spruce, McCluck families.

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NINE MILE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The earliest record of this church is a deed dated May 20, 1863. In 1878 Old Liberty Methodist Church was in the Ridgeway District and was moved to form the Cohutta Methodist Church. Cohutta was moved to Nine Mile sometimes between 1878-1898. Cohutta and Nine Mile were united. They worshiped in a building constructed of native logs. This burned and the members worshiped in a brush arbor. A new building was constructed in 1895 or 1896.

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On a cold and snowey day, Feb. 8, 1976, ground breaking was held on the present church. The pastor was W.O. Dinkins. The new building was begun June 7, 1976 and finished in 1977.

On the fourth Sunday in Jan., after Sunday School in the old building, a prayer of thanksgiving was given by Ennus Spivey. He made a plea for success in the new building. Jeff Wimpey, a fourth generation family member, carried the Bible and led the congregation from the old church to the new one.

SCHOOL WAS HELD IN THE 'OLD LIBERTY' CHURCH BUILDING, 1861-1869, THE LAST TEACHER WAS MISS MARY TANKERSLEY, AND IT WAS FUNDED BY THE METHODIST. NINE MILE EARNED ITS NAME BECAUSE IT IS NINE MILES FROM ELLIJAY, AND NINE MILES ^{Following} FROM THE OLD TURNPIKE ROAD ACROSS THE TURKEY MOUNTAINS.

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COHUTTA METHODIST
(Inactive)

THIS PHOTO, WHICH HAD BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER AS MOUNTAINTOWN BAPTIST, IS REALLY BELIEVED TO BE OLD COHUTTA CHURCH. THE PHOTO WAS IDENTIFIED BY A NINETY YEAR OLD. ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THIS PLACE NOW IS THE CEMETERY AND NOT MUCH OF IT IS LEFT. IT IS BEING OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS AND BUSHES AND UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN SOMEONE *Decided* TO DO A CLEAN UP YEARS AND YEARS AGO, THEY MOVED SOME FIELDSTONES AND DID NOT PLACE THEM BACK, MOST ARE IN PILES.

THE FIRST RECORD I COULD FIND FOR COHUTTA, WAS FROM A PRINT-OUT ON THE HISTORY OF NINE MILE METHODIST. IT SEEMS A CHURCH NAMED OLD LIBERTY METHODIST, ABOUT 1878, WAS IN THE RIDGEWAY DISTRICT OF GILMER, LATER MOVED AND FORMED THE COHUTTA CHURCH, THREE MILES EAST OF PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST. COHUTTA MUST HAVE ~~MOVED TO~~ *joined with* NINE MILE ABOUT *1890's*. NINE MILE ALREADY BEING ESTABLISHED. THEY CARRIED ON THEIR WORSHIP IN A LARGE STRUCTURE OF NATIVE LOGS, WHICH LATER BURNED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT COHUTTA WAS ACTIVE FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS.

A REGISTRY OF COHUTTA CEMETERY SHOWS THAT PEOPLE WERE BURIED ON THIS MOUNTAIN AS EARLY AS 1856, AN ANDERSON BY NAME, AND AS LATE AS 1936, A MORELAND.

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NINE MILE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 HOMECOMING

11:00 A.M. July 18, 1982

A BRIEF HISTORY

The first church traced to Nine Mile was in 1878 and was know as the Ol^d Liberty church. It was later moved and formed Cohutta Methodist Church. Cohutta church later merged with Nine Mile church, which was in existence.

The deed of Nine Mile Methodist Church was issued May 30, 1853.

The old Church burned and the church that was vacated when the present church was built. The last service was held in the old church on January 23, 1977.

There was still another church known as Mount Etna that united with Nine Mile Church. This was a small and short-lived church located near Mountain Town Baptist Church on the farm which presently belongs to L.H. Sales.

Some of the names found in the old records are: Jasper and Barbara Pritchett are names on deeds made to Nine Mile. There was a Miss Mary Tankersley, Teacher, at Old Liberty School.

In the old Cohutta cemetry there are names of; Davis, Moreland, Crook, Deboard, and Wells. A funeral was held at Cohutta of a Mr. Bub Moreland, uncle of Arvil James in 1938.

Another church named Mount Nebo, later became Gates Chapel and the members left there and joined Nine Mile. Names associated with Mount Nebo are: Sharpe, Dover, and Painter. Some of the members leaving Mount Nebo, joined Laurel Cove Methodist Church. Laurel Cove Church came into Nine Mile about 1903. Members of Nine Mile that served in the Civil War were: Mr. William Burton Parks; Mr. Mack

Arvin Parks; Mr. James Polk Hill.

An old record book dated 1880 show names of: Andrew J. Fore; Lewis H. Sharpe; John P. Crook; and Andrew B. Wimpey.

Members listed in old record book in 1883-1891 were: Willian Pence; Elizabeth Burnett; Andrew Nix; and John P. Cole; and Harriett Spivey.

Our oldest living members today are listed below. Their names & the year they joined Nine Mile Church.

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<i>Dead</i>	Mr. Henry Parks	1916	66 years
	Mrs. Edith Dover	1917	65 years
	Mrs. Edna Ellis	1915	67 years
	Mrs. Ollie Sales	1922	60 years
	Mr. Ennus Spivey	1927	55 years
<i>Dead</i>	Mr. Roscoe Parks	1927	55 years
	Mrs. Ruth James	1929	53 years
<i>Dead</i>	Mrs. Essie Wells	1929	53 years
<i>Dead</i>	Mr. Roland Wimpey	1916	66 years
<i>Dead</i>	Mrs. Vivian Woodring	1932	50 years
	Mrs. Bernice Wells	1933	49 years
	Mr. Hugh Parks	1933	49 years
	Mr. Issac Painter	1933	49 years
	Mrs. Eunith Painter	1933	49 years
	Mrs. Mary Beck	1933	49 years
	Mrs. Berti Lou Crump	1933	49 years
	Mr. Landrum Dover	1933	49 years
	Mrs. Nell Parks	1930	52 years

These persons represent a total of 985 years of Church Membership. All of these people are alive and many are active in their church today.

We are happy to be able to pay tribute to these members on this the 18th day of July 1982.

Our prayer for them is found in Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

We wish for all of you many more fruitful years

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