

A History of Glendale Chapel Methodist Church

1875-1960

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This church was organized by Rev. Green Johnson and his wife, Rachel. The charter members were Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hoskin, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Benton, Mr. & Mrs. Landers Smith, and the children of these couples. *In 1960 three grandsons of Green Johnson were members of Glendale Chapel (Mordecai (MJ) Johnson and his wife Annie Hoskin Johnson), Tyler Johnson Sr and his wife Willie Montgomery Johnson and Dock Johnson and his wife Rosa.*

Services were first held in a bush harbor on top of the hill on the road to the right of this place. The (*bush harbor*) land belonged to a white man named Jess horn. He would not allow them to construct a building so another white man, Mr. M Fuchae, a large land owner, decided to do something about it. He deeded a spot of land on which a church could be built.

The first building was of hand-hewn logs and set at the right of this building, (*present building*). Public school and religious services were held in this building. The first worship services were held in this building on October 29, 1879. Worship services had taken place I the bush harbor for many years.

We do not know who followed Rev. Green Johnson as pastor. We do know that when Rev. Prince Roberson was pasturing, he and the men began building this building (*present structure*) using sawed planks.

Some of the ministers who followed Rev. Roberson were: Rev. Shepherd, Rev. Y.T. Fredrick and Rev. J. A. Wyatt. We have no record of some of the ministers. Rev. Boston, the presiding elder sent Rev. W.T. Brantly in December of 1906. He served well and in 1919 and 1920 he and the trustees remodeled the church building. They hired Rev. Calhoun, a Baptist minister to paint the building. Rev. Brantly pastured at Glendale Chapel for 18 years and served under a long list of elders: Rev. Boston, Rev. Addams, RE. E.D. Petty, Rev. H.E. Burns, Rev. Johnson, and Rev. Jackson. Rev. Brantly died in April 1926.

Rev. S.A. Beaford was pasturing Scott's Chapel in South Rome and, since we had lost the other two churches in Texas Valley charge, he finished out the conference year as our minister.

In 1927 and 1928, Rev. A.L. Heywood served here. Rev. W.M. Birch came in 1929 and died in April 1930. He was followed by Rev. H.E. Emanuel. Our shepherds then were Rev. W.S. Stallings 1931; Rev. Strait 1932; Rev. Charles Bridges 1933; Rev. H.E. Lee 1934-1935; Rev. J.H. Bridges was District Superintendent. Rev. G. W. Hatcher came I 1940; Rev. Roscoe Williams and Rev. Smit served in 1941; Rev. Swanson in 1942. Rev. T.M. Varner came in 1943 and served through 1945. Rev. Dorsey was Distrit Superintendent. Rev. W. A. Williams ministered to us during 1946 and 1947.

Rev. Wallace Farmer came to Glendale Chapel in December of 1947 and served us well for one day short of 11 years. During his second year, the trustees put a new roof on the building. In 1955, a new stove flue was built from the ground up instead of th one through the roof. In the spring of 1957 the outside of the building was repainted. Rev. Farmer pastured under Rev. T. P. Grissom and Rev. C. S. Stinson as

district superintendents. Rev. Farmer served us well and he and his wife, Gussie, were much loved. Their son Wallace was born during his service with us.

Rev. E. Seay served commendably during 1958 and Rev. Matthew Housch came in July of 1959. He had a bad start but did have a fairly successful year.

Rev. E. G. Hinton began his pastorate in July of 1960. He had the membership vote on the number of meeting days for each month and the group decided to meet twice per month instead of one. This plan is working out satisfactorily and the members are well pleased with his ministry. Even though Rev. Hinton has only been with us for a few months he has had the trustees hang new doors on the front and back of the church and to construct new steps at the front. The interior has been beautifully decorated.

Our church is now (1960) a part of the Rome First Church Charge and our District Superintendent is Rev. E. W. McMillan.

Dwindling membership caused Glendale Chapel to merge and become a part of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Rome in 1966. Some of the pews from Glendale Chapel may be found in the basement of Metropolitan.

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