



# Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF MT. CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The first recorded member of Mt. Carmel was William McCurdy in 1869. The first church building was built from lumber donated by Rufus Milligan and some lumber from an old abandoned church called Jones Chapel.

Mt. Carmel was first served by a circuit rider, Ben Marshall, who was a local preacher and a school teacher and lived in the Mt. Carmel Community.

The present brick building is the third one on the same location and has a membership roll of 137 with an average Sunday Morning attendance of 98. It was built in 1959-60 and the first service of Worship was on Easter Morning 1960.

Mt. Carmel has been on a circuit with many of the surrounding churches, but in June 1979 Mt. Carmel became a Station Church and is now pastored by Billie R. Alexander.