

CHURCHES OF WINTERVILLE ARE CREDIT TO COMMUNITY'S ZEAL FOR THE HIGHER THINGS OF LIFE.

Winterville is populated by moral, law-abiding and church-going people, and they obey the laws of God and man. When the town was first started in 1859, Mrs. Sarah Pittard, a noble Christian lady of the place, gave a beautiful lot in the center of town for a Methodist Church, and on this site the first church was erected. But the building has been twice replaced with new and handsomer edifices, and the present \$26,000 church built in 1921 is the third to occupy this site. It is one of the finest and most modern churches in the state, and few towns the size of Winterville can claim one so handsome, with comfortable seats, Sunday School rooms, and all other requirements.

Rev. J. R. Allen, a native of White County, now occupies the pulpit and has the love and confidence of all. Mr. Allen enjoys the distinction of being one of the few Methodist ministers who has served one charge for six consecutive years, having filled the pulpit at Little River in Wilkes County, that length of time.

There is a large and flourishing Sunday School connected with this church, of which Mr. T. N. Gaines is superintendent. The church was built with funds contributed by the citizens of Winterville and neighboring sections, that noble lady, Mrs. Dean, living on the Lexington Road, being a large and liberal contributor. In fact, it was largely through her aid that such a handsome building was erected.

BAPTIST HAVE STRONG CHURCH

The Baptists have a nice wooden church building which is in keeping with the town and its citizenship. This church is served by Rev. Wm. Coile, who has filled the pulpit ever since its organization. It was Mr. Coile who donated a lot for the church, which was erected in 1887.

A flourishing Sunday School of which Mr. W. R. Coile is superintendent, is connected with the church. Rev. Mr. Coile was born and reared near Winterville and belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of Clarke County. The citizens of Winterville live in Christian love and unity, and take great pride in their churches. When services are held at one, or a church needs assistance or aught else, all unite in the good work, irrespective of whether Baptists or Methodist.

(This article was posted in the Athens Banner Herald in 1922.)