



PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WINDSOR
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Windsor Methodist Church Celebrates 124th Homecoming

Windsor Providence United Methodist Church, established near the eastern shore of Newnans Lake in 1855, will celebrate its homecoming Sunday

The church's early history is faded from memory. In a 1951 letter to the Rev. H.T. Foley, then pastor of the church, the Rev. Joseph F. Bell, a former pastor, wrote, "The first house put up was built of pine logs, stood east and west, with that oak tree out of the east front

"The present building was erected, I think, about 1882 or 1883," said Bell, who wrote the letter when he was 83 years old.

Providence Church is the mother church of Orange Creek Church and had the same minister, who lived at Melrose, hence the Melrose Circuit. My own ministry dates from Nov. 12, 1887.

In the same letter, Bell wrote, "The pulpit Bible at Providence Church was a gift from Edward King Egan, long time a merchant

in Gainesville. I presented it to the church from him on April 19, 1941. He was then 87 years old, and I had bought the book when he was youth, so he had owned it around years. He was named for Rev. Edward King, one of the founders of Providence Church."

Sunday's homecoming service at 11 a.m. will feature as speaker the Rev. Terry Markins, a former pastor. Dinner on the grounds and a gospel music program will follow the service. Members of the church and community are invited.