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In 1870 the Meridian District was organized. Then Soule Chapel was placed in that District, on the Lauderdale charge. Rev. D. C. Langford was the pastor who preached in the afternoon on the 2nd. Sunday.

The old log church was used until 1890. When the present chapel was completed Rev. E. M. Clark was the first pastor. A man of strong personality, of untiring energy and will. His interest and zeal was a great inspiration to the few who had the responsibility of building the new church. Rev. D. A. Little was the District Supt., the embodiment of meekness and spirituality. Bishop Galoway presided over the Annual Conference. He was one of the outstanding men of Methodism throughout the South. The Stewards were Charles Butcher, A. B. Johnson, and H. G. Tinsley, C. W. Parker, Secretary. The officials brought the name, Soule Chapel, to the new church.

There were 50 charter members. Of the original 50 members, five are now living. They are: Mrs. Mattie Butcher, Miss Willie Tinsley, Mrs. Ella Vance, Mr. Jacob P. Butcher, and T. L. Johnson.

In 1892 the church was changed to the Daleville charge. D. G. W. Ellis was pastor. D. A. Little presiding elder, J. S. Key, Bishop. The parsonage was at Daleville. The church remained on the Daleville charge until 1939. Then the name of the charge was changed to Daleville and Lauderdale charge. The parsonage was at Lauderdale. Rev. S. C. Moody, the pastor and Rev. W. B. Jones presiding elder.

In 1943 the conference placed us on the Lauderdale charge with Rev. Hugh McRaney pastor and Rev. Clyde Gunn, District Supt. Bro. Gunn, with his business-like manner, knowledge, wit and dynamic spirituality, brought new life to the entire Meridian District. Especially did he give our church a great uplift. Twenty seven pastors have served the present church. Of that number 7 are now living. They are W. H. Thomas, J. F. McClelland, E. D. Simpson, S. C. Moody, T. M. Ainsworth, Hugh McRaney, and W. Clay