



## Foreword

A church history is not a chronology of the salvation of souls, but rather a listing of events that occurred as results of the salvation of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of His people. As necessary as statistics might be to any historical work, they do sometimes make for boring reading. It is hoped that the reader will take into consideration that numbers are relevant to the story told, that these numbers represent real persons, real buildings, real money, even true successes or failures. Periods of growth in our church reflect the answer of God's people to His calling to do His will in His place in His time. Conversely, periods of decline sometimes reflect the opposite, as can be more easily observed by hindsight.

Not being a professional writer, I can only submit this as the best I can offer. I have experienced emotions of every description in my research and writing: joy, disbelief, frustration, relief, anger, sadness, even grief. I only wish all of you could have read every word as I did, for so much has been left out in the re-telling. How fortunate we are that most of our church minutes were preserved, and are even on micro-film at the Georgia State Archives.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to introduce you to our heritage. Thanks to all of you who encouraged and listened and advised and helped in tangible and intangible ways. You know who you are; take pride, it's your book, too.