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Pastor Don Howell
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Sunday Worship 10:30am
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History of Cherokee First United Methodist Church

We have no written record of a Methodist Church in Cherokee before 1893. However, S. W. Walker, a Methodist lay preacher, purchased land in Cherokee in 1852. We also have records of other Methodists who came about that time.

Our first record of a Methodist Church is a deed given by R.C. and Frances Thaxton to the Cherokee Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1893. This deed designated one acre of land on which a church was to be built. The congregation erected a large one-room building with cupola and bell to announce church meetings in the town. In later years the entire building was renovated and modernized. Two small classrooms were cut off from the sanctuary. The heavy pews are hand made.

In 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton deeded to the Cherokee Methodist Church another acre of land adjacent to the church on which was built a parsonage which was home for the minister and his family until 1930. It was then rented to individuals until it was sold in 1976. It has since been torn down and the land was acquired by the Cherokee school.

In about 1912 the Methodists acquired Cherokee Junior College. Many Methodists in adjacent counties sent their young people to the college where they could have Christian associates in the college and in the college dormitories. Many young men attended college there to prepare themselves for the ministry. During these years the church flourished. In 1920 the college building and grounds were sold to the Cherokee School Board.

About 1940 Cherokee Methodist Church acquired the Methodist church building at Mayes Chapel. The building was torn down and the lumber transported to the Cherokee church yard where a stone annex was built, consisting of a kitchen and two adjoining rooms and restrooms. A sofa, two rocking chairs, and a dining table were transferred to the annex from the parsonage when it was rented.

We have an old record book containing conference records from 1888 to 1902. According to the official roll, it was Cherokee Charge, Llano District, West Texas Conference. I.K. Waller was Presiding Elder, J.D. Worrell assistant. Local preachers were J.R. Ragsdale, S.W. Waller, J.R. Smelser, H.M. Matthis, and R.W. Waldren. This report included the churches at Cherokee, Harrell Chapel, Colony, and Wallace Creek.

We have had many dedicated pastors serving us. From 1892-1900, J.D. Worrell was pastor in charge. 1900-1902, C.W. Godwin was pastor. Until 1921 there is no information on pastors. At that time Cherokee Methodist Church had a large congregation. The reverend Belcher was pastor. He was followed by the Reverends Jones and Betts. Later preachers were Banks, Lewis, Martinson, Ira Belcher, D.G. Hardt, Harrell, Irvin Jordan, Johnson, W.P. Anderson, J.M. McDonald. The preacher who served Cherokee the longest was Bill White, who was pastor and everybody's friend for 17 years.

Frank Paxton served for an untold number of years as Sunday School Superintendent, trustee, and steward of the church. T.G. Kuykendall, often called "Mr. Methodist," served as Sunday School Superintendent for 40 years. He also served as trustee and steward.

In recent years, Cherokee Methodist Church has been connected with Art, Lometa, San Saba, and now Valley Spring Methodist Churches. Recent pastors have been Howard Johnson, 1973-1981; Charles Walker, 1981-1982; Beth Hawkins, 1982-1984; Ben Bohmfalk, June-November, 1984; Roger Burtner, December 1984-1986; Sherri Fremming, 1986-1987; Lynn Barton, 1986-1988; John Reynold, 1988-1992; Keith Robinson, 1992-1995; Charlotte Graham, 1995-1998; Fred Lauten, 1998-2001; and Jason Teague, 2001-Present.



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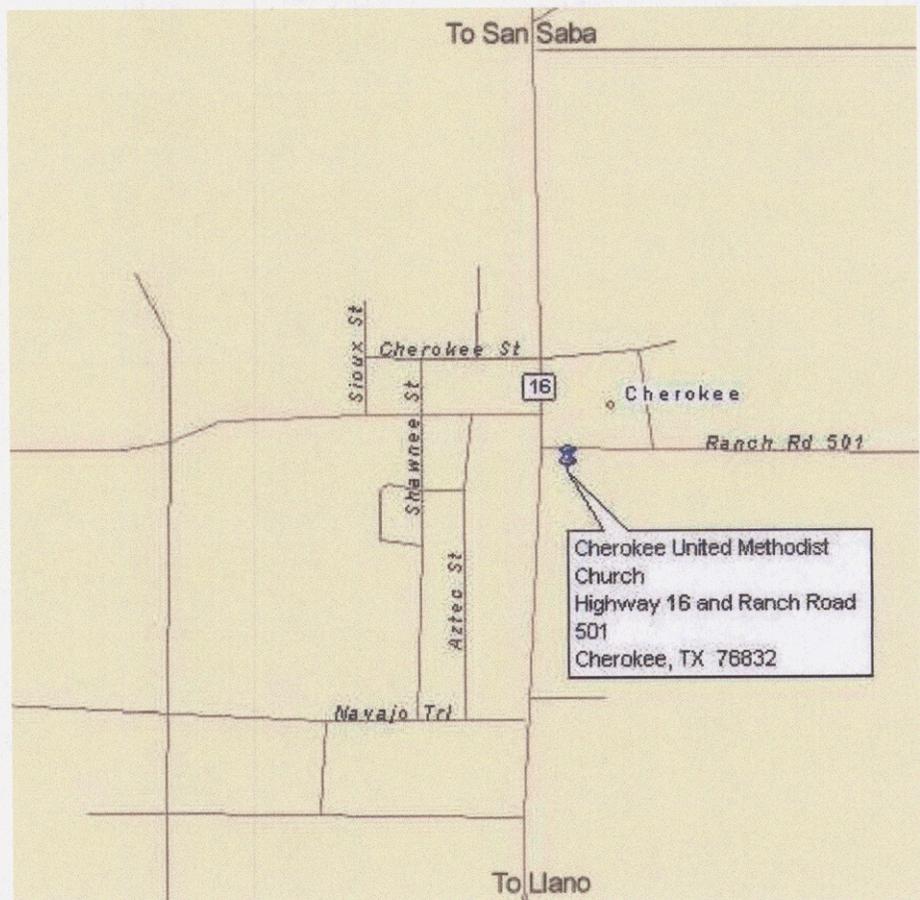
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Location of Cherokee First United Methodist Church:

You will find us at the intersection of Highway 16 and Ranch Road 501 (blinking light) on the southwest corner. Cherokee is approximately halfway between Llano and San Saba. Our Sunday morning services are at 10:30. See you then!



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(Cherokee, Texas - Local Businesses)

Cherokee Station

Hwy 16, Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4590

Cherokee Feed Store

State Hwy 16 2., Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4244

Cherokee Saddlery & Trading

100 South Highway 16, Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4431

Cherokee Grocery

145 S. Hwy 16, Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4599.

Yarbrough Hardware Store

117 Cherokee, Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4534.

Blue Skies Mercantile

Hwy 16, Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4428. Mr. Heath,
owner.

Cherokee Fertilizer

Hwy 16 S., Cherokee, Texas 76832, (325) 622-4244

Marble Creek Mercantile

Hwy 16, Cherokee, TX, (325) 622-4242.

Cherokee Cabinet Company

308 Comanche St., Cherokee, TX 76832, (325) 622-4373