

FIRST SERVICES HELD IN METHODIST CHURCH ON PONCE DE LEON AVE.

Sunday morning the formal opening services of the auditorium of the Ponce de Leon Avenue Methodist church were held in the new building at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Ponce de Leon.

The service was conducted at 11 o'clock by Bishop F. D. Leete. He chose for his subject "The Foundation of the House." Rev. J. M. Melear, D. D., editor of The Advocate Journal, of Athens, Ga., preached the vesper service in the new building at 4:30 o'clock. The church was filled to capacity at each service.

Though the furnishings for the church have not all been installed, the plan to open the building to the use of the congregation Sunday was adhered to and the services conducted. Temporary seats had to be provided for the congregation and heat was furnished by movable heaters in the auditorium.

Rev. J. H. Elder, pastor of the church, presided at both the morning and afternoon service. He was assisted by E. J. Hammond, D. D., and Rev. E. E. Cavaleri.

All work done in the building has been done by local firms. It is now about a year since the congregation began holding their afternoon, or vesper, services in the dwelling at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Piedmont avenues. This house has in the last few days been converted into a parsonage and will be used as such in the future.

It is hoped that all furnishings will be in place by next Sunday. Regular services will be conducted in the new building each Sunday from now on at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.