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### Union Bower Community Church



Beginning in 1885, when the Union Bower area was still sparsely populated, a group of local residents from differing denominations joined together to hold Sunday school classes. One of the ministers who made the journey from Dallas to preach in the community was W. E. Hawks. In 1905, Hawks supervised the construction of a small church in the Union Bower community. The church was dedicated in 1907 as Hawks Chapel Methodist Church. In the above photo, members of the congregation pose for a photo, c. 1912.



In the 1930s, Hawks Chapel Methodist Church became the Union Bower Methodist Church. After the original building was damaged by fire in the late 1930s, the congregation built a concrete block building. After meeting there for two decades, the church sold that building in 1959. Above is a photo of the old concrete block building as it looked in 2001. The church is still functioning today as the Oak Haven Methodist Church.