

Nacoochee Presbyterian Church



The clean, crisp Greek Revival lines and the immaculate landscaping make this one of the prettiest churches in Northeast Georgia. It was built in 1928 when the original meeting house burned. The beautiful window above the blue doors contains this message: "Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer."

It is worth spending a few hours here. Across the roadway the Sautee Nacoochee Center houses the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia, the History Museum, galleries in the old school building and the African American Heritage Site. This community is about art and regional culture.

Directions: From the bridge in Helen drive south 1.8 miles on State Highway 75 and turn left onto State 17. Drive 2.3 miles and turn left at Old Sautee Store. The church is .3 miles on the right. GPS: 34°41'15.2"N 83°40'32.3"W

Notes for the Photographer: I'm not suggesting that you do this but, after an unsuccessful earlier attempt, I took a step ladder with me to get a little elevation so that the ivy-covered wall didn't block out the grassy area in front of the church.

Interesting fact: The name Nacoochee Presbyterian is technically in error since the church is located in Sautee Valley not Nacoochee Valley. It stems from the fact that the church had its founding almost 150 years ago in what is now Crescent Hill Baptist Church (in Nacoochee Valley).