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CORINTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH — Constituted 1832

It's record is an honorable one — "a power for good, teaching and upholding Bible truths". Through its doors go out young people trained with Christian principles to meet life's opportunities and combat evil. Its program of progress is significant.

In 1832 dissensions in the congregation of the Mangohick Baptist Church began to manifest themselves. At a church meeting on Saturday, November 3, 1832 a resolution was passed that the group following the ideas set forth by Thomas and Alexander Campbell separate themselves. The name selected as best representing the belief of this group was "Disciples". Hence, the beginning of this Church. The colonial church at Mangohick was used as the meeting place for several years.

May 14, 1837

First formal election of officers of which there is any record.
ELDERS: C. W. Taliaferro, Thomas Dabney, G. Sizer, Robert Campbell.
DEACONS: William Sweet, William Redd, John Powell, Archilles Campbell.

January 1838

First Church clerk to sign records — John S. Sweet.

January 1, 1839

Trustees purchased from Elijah S. Powell and wife for the sum of \$20.00 one acre more or less on which was being erected a neat frame building to be used as a Meeting House or House of Worship and to be called Corinth. (In recent years an additional acre was given by Alfred L. Blake).

August 1839

"The Meeting House called Corinth was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God".
Peter Ainslie II — the first regular pastor after removal to the frame building.

May 13, 1859

Sunday School organized prior to this date.
Three of the earliest Sunday School Superintendents: Richard Tuck, Dr. W. T. Downer and James M. Davis.

July 1879

Aid Society organized — Mrs. Lucy T. Mooklar — President.

1880

Junior Missionary Society organized — James M. Davis — President.

1885

Plans made for new and larger building.

1886

Bricks for new church made and burned in a field belonging to William A. Sweet.

August 1888

This church was dedicated by Charles S. Long. Rev. L. W. Cave was the minister.

January 2, 1889

First Wedding in the Church — Miss Laura Tuck and William Morrison.

November 1890

Woman's Missionary Society organized — Mrs. Lizzie F. Fox — President.

1890 or 1891

First organ installed — Organist was Mrs. Vidler.

January 1891

The church bought from Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pollard for \$17.15. an acre and a half and 14 square yards of land opposite the church to be used as a cemetery.

1918

Improvement League organized — Mrs. R. L. Stevens — President.

Corinth Christian Church has sent forth two ministers — the Rev. Nelson M. Fox and his brother the Rev. Richard Woolfork Fox, III.

The longest pastorate in the history of the church was held by Rev. C. B. Richards, who served the church most acceptably from 1927 to 1954.

1947

Church was wired for electricity.

Through the years there have been many who have been very generous in contributing to the church in various ways. These gifts and donations have been very graciously received. Some of the gifts include: Silver collection plates. Communion Service. Vases. Bible Marker. Classroom Furniture and pictures. Hymn Board and generous donations of money.

Repairs and improvements since 1952:

Classrooms added — 1953

Interior painted — Necessary outside repairs — Roof painted — Blinds repaired — Painted, additional lights installed — window fans.

Hardwood Floor — 1954

Carpet

New Pews — 1959 (August)

Storm Doors

Pulpit Furniture — 1960 (July)

With the passing of the years Corinth Christian Church has grown to be more sacred. Included in the present membership of 168 many are the descendants of the founders and early members of Corinth and they are now contributing to it's progress and spiritual life. The Church has made wonderful progress under the able leadership of our pastor, Doctor Clarence M. Brown, and many families and individuals could be mentioned for their specific contributions.

From small beginnings are great things made, and the influence

of Christian lives — who can measure? We have been blessed with a great heritage from those who have gone before and now we have the great and challenging responsibility to preserve and pass on this heritage to subsequent generations.

Mrs. Emily Stevens, Chairman of the Historical Society's Church Committee has compiled a history of each church in our county. This material is stored at the Clerk's Office at King William Court House. We thank Mrs. Stevens for this information.

BEULAH CHURCH CEMETERY
Unmarked graves as of May 1931
(Some graves have been marked since)

Rev. John O. Turpin — first person buried at Beulah Church 1884. Pastor of Beulah Church 43 years.

On Church lot — Lynnwood Fox, John Marshall, Temple Allen, Mrs. Lucy Eubank, Mrs. Laura Eubank, Miss Bright Eubank, R. L. Eubank, Children of R. L. Eubank: Annie Eubank, Ernest Eubank, Child, Lucy T. Reid, Mr. Robert Reid, Mrs. Robert Reid, Robert Floyd, Mrs. Ernerua Floyd, George Reid, child of James Reid, Mr. Hampton Wright, Mrs. Hampton Wright, Willie Johnson, Charlie Johnson. Child of Charlie Johnson.

Section in north corner of Church lot — Mr. Lewis Wright, Mrs. Lewis Wright, Mrs. P. Eubank, James Eubank, Mrs. Ludora Eubank, Miss Mary Eubank, child of Mrs. Willis Tignor.

Across road in Cemetery — child of Sam Cardwell, John H. Eubank, Mrs. John H. Eubank, Charlie Eubank, John Parker, Mrs. William Seal, R. H. Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Alfred Moore, Mrs. Alfred Moore, child of James Howell, child of James Howell, Thomas Lipscomb, Carrol Lipscomb, Mrs. Pearl James, child of Frank Howell, Thomas Ancarrow, Mrs. Thomas Ancarrow, Philip Wisener, Mrs. Philip Wisener, Miss Maggie Pitts, child of — A. Saunders, Mrs. Mattie Timberlake, Mrs. Bessie Thomas, Carl Thomas, Mrs. Brown R. Martin, Richard Fox, Percy Dunn, Mrs. Percy Dunn, Margaret Dunn, Mrs. Julia Reid, J. R. Reid, child of J. E. Moren, child of J. E. Moren, Joseph T. Gouldman, Robert Gouldman, Lucian Atkins, Mrs. Edna M. Rice, child of Mrs. Edna M. Rice, Mrs. Rosa A. Houston, baby of Mrs. Rosa A. Houston, Miss Hettie Lee Atkins, Mrs. Mollie Garnett (mark), Lucius Eubank, Miss Maude G. Moren (mark), R. A. Long, Mrs. Dilly James, baby of E. L. Greenstreet.

BURLINGTON CEMETERY - continued

Hardinia Morris
daughter of
Dr Wm & Elizabeth Burnley
Gwathmey
Nov 20, 1832
July 21, 1905

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Richard Brook
Son of
R B & Julia Law
Gwathmey
Died 1884
Age 20 yrs

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Willy Gwathmey
Aged 17
Died at University of Va.
1858
?? in Jesus

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Elizabeth Theresa
Wife of
Dr Wm Gwathmey
Born
June 9, 1806
Died June 14, 1879

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Jeanne Overton
Gwathmey
Daughter of
Garnett Ellis and
Dr William Gwathmey
January 12, 1913
April 24, 1982

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Joseph Hardin Gwathmey
July 19, 1878
July 6, 1945

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Elizabeth Burnley
daughter of
Dr Wm & Elizabeth Burnley
Gwathmey
Nov 17, 1829
Mch 30, 1897

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Richard Brooke
Son of
William & E. T.
Gwathmey
Born Jan 4, 1838
Died in defence of his
country
Aug 25, 1864

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Mary Atwood
Youngest daughter of
Dr Wm & Elizabeth T.
Gwathmey
Born Oct 2, 1834
Died Mar 17, 1868
Loved in life & in deeds

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Sacred to the memory
of
Dr William Gwathmey
Born
Sept 3, 1794
Died
Nov 23, 1875

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William Gwathmey
Son of
Garnett Ellis and
Dr William Gwathmey
July 10, 1909
August 21, 1937

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Laura May Gwathmey
July 24, 1881
went to her rest
July 19, 1943

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Mary Burnley
 Daughter of
 Jos H. Gwathmey
 &
 Jeannette Garnett
 Ryland
 June 8, 1883
 July 31, 1974
 Talented Attest
 "Perfection" "Courage"
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John Ryland Gwathmey
 3rd Son of
 Joseph Hardin Gwathmey
 and
 Jeannette Garnett Ryland
 Oct 17, 1888 — Aug 30, 1982
 A friend to all
 A succourer of many
 GWATHMEY
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Anna Garnett
 Daughter of
 Jos. H. Gwathmey
 and
 Jeannette Garnett
 Ryland
 Nov 4, 1879
 Mar 30, 1979
 Lovely in Life & in Death
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Unless otherwise stipulated, the above material was compiled by Annie Page Russ with the assistance of George Meredith.

**For additional Old Cemeteries see Bulletin 9 — October 1982, Bulletin #12 — October 1985 and Bulletin #13 — October 1986.

HISTORICAL RECORDS BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH Volume I 1812-1874 (continued from Number 11)

At a monthly church meeting on Saturday the 22nd of November 1834. Brother Broaddus being absent, on motion of Brother Trice, Brother Richard Gwathmey was chosen moderator, and Wm. Gwathmey was requested to make a minute of the proceedings in the absence of Brother Dabney who is detained at court. The church Book not present, consequently the resolution passed at the last meeting to call over the names of the male white members cannot be carried into effect.

On motion of brother Wm. S. Ryland, the treasurer is directed in future to present his annual account at the December monthly meeting, in order that any deficiency may be made up.

There being no other business the church adjourned.

Signed, Richard Gwathmey moderator
 Wm Gwathmey, Secy. pro tem

At a church meeting Dec. 28th 1834 Washington, the property of Mrs. Mary Gwathmey (meadow) recd for Baptism. Mrs. Hannah Sizer and Miss Lairnia Husctep received as members of this church, and the persons Baptised at Dublin by Elder George W. Trice on the 9th of November, (see above) last also received as members.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a church meeting held the 24th day of January 1835.

The Treasurer reported eighty dollars and twenty five cents as received by him and now in hand.

On motion, It is ordered that the Treasurer make the usual appropriations to the Keeper of the Church & the Pastor: and that he proceed to collect those subscriptions which are yet due and unpaid.

Wm. S. Ryland moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted. Resolved that Brother Geo. W. Trice be invited to preach that for us every Second Lord's day in every month, and that the church agree to contribute something towards him.

The Church took into consideration the case of *John Doe*, guilty of deliberate fighting. He expressed sorrow for his behaviour & promised to be more guarded in his conduct in future, where upon the church overlooked the offence & continued him in their fellowship.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a Church meeting held the 22nd day of March 1835, the following persons were received for baptism: To wit: Patty belonging to Thomas Hawes's estate, Ben, the property of Mary G. Gwathmey, & Jinny, the property of Mary Gwathmey.

George, formerly excommunicated, expressing great penitence for his former sin, asked to be restored to fellowship, the church after enquiring into the conduct of George since his offence, being satisfied, agreed to restore him to fellowship.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a church meeting held at Beulah the 24th day of May 1835. James Fox, William S. Ryland and George W. Trice were appointed a committee to see brother *John Doe* and *Joe Doe* two of our members who are at a difference with each other, and endeavour to settle the matter of contention between them, and reconcile the disagreeing parties & report the results to the next monthly meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented and on motion referred to our next monthly meeting.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a church meeting held at Beulah the 27th day of June 1835. James Fox, George Trice & William S. Ryland, the committee appointed at our last meeting, reported that they had seen the brethren *John Doe* and *Joe Doe* that the matter in contention amicably settled and the brethren reconciled.

The Treasurer's report was called up & read & on motion received as satisfactory. On motion, ordered that a list of delinquent subscribers, as reported by the Treasurer be made out and apportioned among the several deacons, to be presented to said delinquents, & report at our next monthly meeting.

On motion, resolved that the members forthwith contribute \$10.25 balance to be paid our beloved Pastor for last year, so as to make up \$100.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a Church meeting held at Beulah the 22nd day of August 1835.

On motion, a letter of dismissal was granted brother William Tillerson.

Brethern George W. Trice and Wm S. Ryland were chosen delegates to represent us in the next association, and \$5 ordered to be sent to the association fund.

William Gwathmey and Thomas Dabney were appointed write the Church Letter.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a Church meeting held at Beulah the 7th day of September 1835.

On motion, letters of dismissal were severally granted to Nathan, Eliza and Priscilla (formerly the property of Doctr. William Gwathmey). but now sold to Mr. Hardin Burney of the State of Mississippi.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a Church meeting held at Beulah, the 13th day of September 1835.

Thomas Dabney presented and read the Letter of the Church addressed to the Dover Association to be held at Hopeful Church in the county of Hanover the Saturday before the _____ Sunday of this month which after having been amended was approved &

directed to be signed by the Clerk and delivered to the delegates elect.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

The clerk being absent when the following persons were baptised, the record there of was omitted: Namely Wilson the property of James Fox, Milly the property of James Cock, Miniard the property of James Cock, Jinny the property of Mary Gwathmey, Nancy the property of Jesse Farinholt, Jack the property of Mary Hawes, & Patsy the property of Mary Hawes, were baptised by Elder George W. Trice the Second Lord's day of July 1835, and Betty the property of Mary Gwathmey, Jinny the property of James Fox, Molly the property of Thomas Floyd and Nelson the property of James Cock were baptised by Elder George W. Trice on the 13th of September 1835. This entry made on the report of brother Joseph Fox.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a Church meeting held the 24th of October 1835.

Thomas Dabney stated that he had heard *John Doe* charged with unchristian conduct in attending the Fairfield races: whereupon Thomas Dabney and William S. Ryland were appointed a committee to enquire into the matter and report. Elizabeth R. Abraham baptised by Elder George W. Trice received into the membership of this church.

Thomas Dabney Clerk

At a church meeting on Saturday 21st Nov. 1835, in the absence of the clerk, William Gwathmey was appointed clerk pro tem. The matter of reference respecting brother *John Doe* was taken up. He being present, though the committee appointed to investigate the subject have not reported, requested that he might be heard, and offered such explanation of his course (denying part of the charge) as satisfied the church, and he was unanimously excused.

L. Trant Clerk

The day of brother Trice's preaching at this place is changed from the 2nd to the 3rd Lord's day.

L. Trant Clerk

(To Be Continued)

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Map of King William County, Va. 24" x 30". Location and sites of old homes during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. White paper \$2.00. Map for framing \$5.00 (plus \$1.00 for mailing in tube).

"The Early Post Offices of King William County, Virginia 1825-1968". A listing of Post Offices & Postmasters \$2.00.

Bulletins published by the Society — \$1.00 each:

October 1974

#1 — "King William Courthouse" by Malcolm H. Harris, M.D.; "The Courthouse Building"; List of Clerks of the Circuit Court of King William Co., 1702-1974 with exception of period 1722-1785.

October 1975

#2 — "St. John's Church" by Charles W. Wyatt, III; 1810 Tax List, King William County, Va. — a list of all White Tithables in the county with the slaves over 12 years old and horses owned.

October 1976

#3 — "The Best of Bicentennial Times" by Emory M. Thomas; "Carter Braxton: Revolutionary Merchant" by Alonzo T. Dill.

October 1977

#4 — Book Review written by Alonzo T. Dill on "Planters, Plantations and Places in Old New Kent County Virginia" by

Malcolm H. Harris, M.D.; Article on "Warsaw": Rich Landowners of King William in 1845 — a list of all inhabitants of King William County whose real estate was valued at five thousand dollars or more: Old Cemeteries — a list of twenty-six old cemeteries which includes the location of the grave sites and the predominant family names on the tombstones: "Seven Springs" compiled by The Virginia Historic Landmark Commission.

October 1978

#5 — Historical Records, Beulah Baptist Church. Volume I 1812-1874: Sheriffs — King William County: Article by Willie T. Weathers on the Dabney family and their ancestral home. "Seven Springs."

October 1979

#6 — "Travelers from King William" by Alonzo T. Dill - article on Carter Braxton; Lee Rangers, Co. H 9th Regt. Va. Cavalry — June 1861 to April 1865. Lists Roll of Company organized at West Point, King William County; Lee Rangers Killed or Wounded: Historical Record — Beulah Baptist Church. Volume I, 1812-1814 - to be continued.

October 1980

#7 — "Memories of the Civil War"; Tax Book of Col. Hardin Littlepage 1815 — to be continued: Genealogy Corner

October 1981

#8 — Will - Fendall Southerland - July 1, 1789: Genealogy Corner.

October 1982

#9 — Old Cemeteries - King William County (List contains 39 cemeteries); Genealogy Corner.

October 1983

#10 — Renovation of King William Court House: Court House Pictures: Continued — Tax Book of Col. Hardin Littlepage - 1815: Genealogy Corner.

October 1984

#11 — "Clements Mill" by W. Lynn Thomas: List of approx. 100 names of people involved in very early deeds from 1702.: Will of William Gregory - June 11, 1839: Historical Records - Beulah Baptist Church. Volume I. 1812-1814 - continued: Donations to the Society: Genealogy Corner.

October 1985

#12 — "Mill" Bible Records (Birth, marriage & death records of members of the following families — Mill, Gregory, Motley, King, Eastwood, De Farges and Willis): Old Cemeteries — King William County (3 cemeteries) - continued: Genealogy Corner.

October 1986

#13 — "The Enemy" by Dr. Emory M. Thomas: Tax Book of Col. Hardin Littlepage 1815 - continued: Old Cemeteries - King William County (4 cemeteries) - continued: Genealogy Corner.



The King William County Historical Society holds three meetings each year: 1st Sunday April — King William Court House; 2nd Sunday July — an old home in the county; 1st Sunday October — King William Court House.
Membership dues — \$3.00 per year.

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