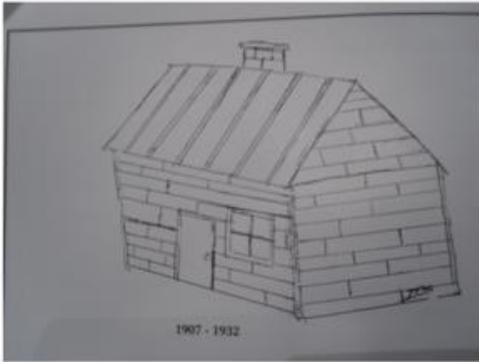


Corinth United Church of Christ *As history would have it...*

The Corinth Christian Church was established in 1890 in the home of Brother Islam Hockaday Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Wray. The home based ministry continued until 1907. It was this year that the first small log cabin structure was erected for better accommodations.



(Photo of the church as it looked from 1907 – 1932)↑

In the year of 1909 membership expanded leading to construction of a new building and a parcel of land was purchased from Fee Cooley. Various members and community partners contributed building materials. These major donors included Mr. Hines Scarboro and Mr. Crocker who contributed timber for building.

In the year of 1932 the church was renovated and the church continued for in spiritual as well as physical growth. In the year 1957 one of the pastors with twenty-five years of service decided to retire. The pastoral replacement was named in that same year and

for several years, many glorious things transpired under his visionary leadership.



(Photo of the church as it looked from 1932 – 1958)↑



(Photo of the church as it looked from 1958 – 1980)↑

The new denomination United Church of Christ (UCC) was born out of a combination of groups that existed as separate but similar denomination. The UCC became a united and a unified church. Corinth desired to be united with the recently organized union and joined the UCC denomination in October of 1960. In 1974 remodeling was completed as a means of enhancing the beauty of the church. In 1977 the church purchased the land on which the existing building

stands. In 1979 the decision was made to build a new church instead of remodeling and plans were underway along with much labor and volunteer work. To support the building endeavor the church members and community worked together and launched several successful fundraisers. The ground breaking for the new building was held in that same year. The church building project was completed in August 1981. The church hosted an Open House Service in August as well. In 1982 the church decided to move forward with worship service every Sunday. There was quite a bit of activity that transpired during the transition and many years afterwards.



(Photo of the 1981 building project)
(The Cornerstone Service was held in 1984)

In 1987, the church mission statement was instituted: *“To Acknowledge the Lord, To Love, To Have Unity and To Reach out In Worship, Work and Witness in A Nonjudgmental Way.”*

In March 1992 the church hosted its’ Dedicational Celebration of Christian Education Complex and ministries continued in spiritual growth. Down through the years, various ministries were added

and/or reinstated. The church has continued in weekly, monthly, and annual events, special programs, and has continued its Christian journey by the power of God and the guidance of former Pastors, Assoc. Ministers, Deacons and Trustees and other great leaders.

First members included: *Brother Islam Hockaday, Brother Henry Brodie, Brother Cal Richardson, Sister Helen Montague, Sister Carrie Ruffin, Sister Sally Upchurch, Mother Mattie Hartsfield and many more.*

Longest Living Member: *In the year of 1970, one of the church pioneers and matriarch, Mother Mattie Hartsfield passed away at the age of 103*

First Church Sexton: *Dan Scarboro*

First Usher Board President: *Alonzo Merritt*

First Choir Pianist: *Mary Holden*

First Secretary: *unknown for 1890-early 1940's : first recorded name In 1940 was Seretha Hartsfield*

Past / Present Pastors: *Rev. Wray; Rev. Blue; Rev. Smith; Rev. Jones; Rev. McPhatter; Rev. R. D. Bullock; Rev. Eli Burton; Rev. Louis Witherspoon; Rev. Benjamin Whitlock; Rev. William E. Simmons; Rev. Glenn Prince; Rev. Michael L. McCotter; Rev. Timothy A. Johnson, Sr.; Rev. Kevin Langley ~current Pastor as of August 2017*



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