

Beulah, where it now serves as Sunday School and Training Union class rooms. It is equipped with a nursery, a kitchen, and large social hall, which can be divided into three class rooms by two folding doors. The annex joins the main building by a covered walk-way. A steeple was added which was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers Meador in memory of his mother Mrs. Azile Tinsley Meador.



Beulah Baptist Church.

Charter Members

Brethren: John Meador, G.B. Hogan, A.E. Fant, Stephen Crosby, M.M. Meador, J.C. Sartor, Andrew Mitchell, Thomas Gregory, John Austin Heyward Gregory, J.H. Koon, Simeon Gregory, and John Koon.

Sisters: Mary Meador, Janie Fant, Frances Hogan, Mary Sartor, Sallie Crosby, Lizzie Meador, Antonette Knight, Sue Jeter, Mary A. Jeter, Martha Jeter, Ida Knight, Martha Mitchell, Frances Taylor, Elva Koon, Amanda Gregory, Lizzie McDaniel, Maggie Dunn, Eliza Koon, Elvira Jeter, Margaret Gregory, and Lettie Koon.

Pastors

The following pastors served throughout the years:

1880-1886, C.T. Scaife; 1887-1888, J.H. Covington; 1889-1892, B.C. Lampy; 1893-1894, J.H. Yarborough; 1895-1897, W.E.G. Humphries; 1898-1900, W.L. Brown.

1901-1902, D.A. Swindles; 1903-1905, J.A. Poston; 1906-1908, H.K. Esell; 1909-1914, L.C. Ezell; 1915-1918, L.M. Rice; 1916-1918, J. Boseman

1919-1939, L.M. Rice; 1940-1945, H. Haydock; 1946-1947, J.M. Hamly; 1948-1952, E.J. Trueblood; 1953-1958, Lefoix Brown; 1958-, James Bruce, Interim; 1959-, Paul Hatsell, Interim

1959-1963, Furman Rivers; 1963-1967, Joseph W. Smith, Jr.; 1968-1971, John L. Bobo; 1971-1975, Michael Whelchel; 1975-, Michael Poole; and 1978-, Paul Moore.

— Dorothy Meador

BOGANSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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The history of Bogansville Methodist Church is most inspiring. The Bogan family came to

South Carolina in the Union area in 1775. John Bogan brought his family along with the McJunkins, Brandons, Youngs, Kennedys, and other families that first settled along the Brown's Creek area.

John Bogan's son, Isaac, married Easter Farrar. They were the parents of twelve children, eight boys and four girls. Three sons of Isaac and Easter were the founders of the church. They were Muckael Berry Bogan born in 1795, Caswell Bogan born in 1797, and Charles Cotesworth Bogan born 1799.

In 1801, two years after the birth of Charles, Isaac Bogan, his father, became seriously ill and required the constant attention of his wife. Since Easter, a Presbyterian, was not able to attend her own church with the children, she made arrangements for the three brothers to visit with one of their older sisters. Their sister, Hannah, had married Steven Jones who was a devout Methodist, and shortly after their marriage Hannah moved her membership from the Presbyterian to the Methodist Church.

During the long illness of their father the three boys continued to attend the services held at the Methodist Church. The church was then known as the Bethlehem Meeting House and was located behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Lancaster on the Mudbridge Road. Under the guidance of Steven Jones the boys learned to love the Methodist Church. In 1805 Isaac Bogan passed away and Easter returned to the Presbyterian Church but their three sons continued to attend services with Steven and Hannah.

Each one of the Bogan brothers married girls who were members of the Methodist Church. Muckle Berry married his cousin, Sarah Farrar, Caswell married Lucinda McDaniel and Charles married Martha Ann Parham. All three of the boys built homes on the land which their father had left them. (Recorded at Union County Court House.)

The Bogan boys decided to build a new church across the road from Steven Jones' home. (Steven's house is standing today on highway 215 and is owned and occupied by Mrs. Ernest Vinson.) This church was used for about eight years.



Bogansville Methodist Church.

New Church Built

In 1833 the Bogan brothers decided to build a new church on their own land. (Genealogy of William Lee I-Elizabeth Hoyle Rucker). The land on which the church was built was a tract

of and which was settled by the grandfather of the three brothers before the Revolutionary War. The present Bogansville Church stands there today. On February 25, 1852, Caswell deeded to the conference the building and land to be used as a place of worship.

According to Miss Allie Bogan, the first wedding took place shortly after the church was first used. The groom paid the preacher with a twenty-dollar gold piece which was mined and minted on the Bogan property.

The church, constructed in 1833, was used just as it was until 1906. In the church register, which was compiled and kept by Mr. J.M. Whitehead, there is one sheet of the minutes of a Quarterly Conference that involves the building of a new church. No details are available as to the cost of this church. Mr. J. Boyd Lancaster was one of the building committee.

The old church was bought for \$75.00 by David Gist, son of Gov. Gist.

In October, 1935, twenty four members contributed toward the Mission and Benevolence quota 1, 950 lbs. of cotton in the seed. This cotton was ginned into two bales weighing 369 lbs. and 391 lbs. respectively. The proceeds of the cotton amounted to approximately \$102.00.

Improvements

In 1953 a new addition was made to the church, four Sunday School class rooms on the upper level and a Fellowship Hall with kitchen and restrooms on the lower level. Mr. Jesse Malone and Mr. Jesse Hyatt, members of the church, designed this new addition and were in charge of the construction. In recent years a picnic shelter and a double tennis court were added to the church property.

In 1957 Bogansville became a station church. A new parsonage was also constructed the same year. Prior to this time, Bogansville had been on the charge with Jonesville and New Hope Methodist Churches.

Bogansville Methodist Church is located in the extreme northwest section of Union County about two miles from Spartanburg County line on highway 215. Although the church site has been moved twice, it is still within sight of the original location.

— Mrs. Joan W. Stevens
Church Historian

BROWN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Brown's Creek Baptist Church was established July 28, 1806, with Rev. Charlie Moss as pastor. Some say it goes back as early as 1804 and was called "Elias Mitchell's Meeting." A Seventh Day Baptist body it was. This belief had to be given up before being accepted by the Bethel Association. At one time it was called the Unity Baptist Church. Being between the two Brown's Creeks, however, the name was changed to Brown's Creek Baptist Church.

The first conference, according to existing records, was held April 25, 1845, with the Rev. J.G. Kindrick as pastor. C.C. Vaughan,