

Then William McDowell, from Whitby, came and settled on the farm where Harvey Ecker now lives. Mr. McDowell was a local preacher and assisted with the preaching. He was the great grandfather of Harold McDowell.

Sometime later there was a Bible Christian Church, on the Levi Fewster farm, on the hill (now Wm. Hawley farm). Also one was built on the ninth concession, west, near the Brownsville road.

There was also an Episcopal Church, on the eleventh, on Fred Sypher's farm (later Stanley Hustler's and now Jim Hyatt's Farm).

In 1846, the first cemetery was formed. The land was given by Mr. Brigham. The first burial was William Dean, son of John Dean, of the ninth Concession (late Fred Baxter farm). William Dean was drowned in the mill race and was buried March 21, 1846. Mr. Edward York, who lived on the tenth, west of Delmer, drew the casket through the woods to the cemetery with his oxen and sled.

In 1910, the new cemetery was opened with Mr. Peter Sypher, the first burial.

In 1850, the new white frame church was built west of the cemetery. Mr. Joseph McDowell owned this property at that time and donated the land for the church. It was called the New Connexion Church and was on the Tillsonburg circuit.

In 1856, Brownsville built their first church, a Wesleyan Methodist.

In 1874, the Delmer Bible Christian Churches and the Episcopal Church united to form the first Brownsville Circuit. The Circuit consisted of six appointments: Brownsville, Delmer, Culloden, Dereham Centre, Bayham and Corinth.

One by one, the Bible Christian and Episcopal Churches closed and by 1883 their members joined with one of the Circuit Churches of Tillsonburg.

In 1876, a Brownsville parsonage was built and the deed was drawn up.

In 1896, the Corinth Circuit started, which lessened the appointments of the Brownsville Circuit.

In 1900, the first Ladies Aid, at Delmer, was organized.

In 1935, the name changed to Woman's Association.

In 1960, to the Woman's Federation.

In 1962, to United Church Women.

In 1902, the Trustee Board met to decide whether to repair the white church or to build a new one. Rev. D.E. Martin was resident minister. Nothing was decided.

In 1903, Rev. G.J. Kerr came as a resident minister and through his efforts and the Trustee Board's, it was decided to build a new church.

In 1905, a new red brick church at Delmer was planned and built. J.P. McDowell owned the land and traded it for the land where the white church stood. On May 24, 1905 the laying of the first corner stone took place. Rev. Kerr presided and Rev. Neale and Rev. McAllister, former ministers, gave the addresses.

In 1906, on February 11, the church was dedicated, with Rev. Jos. Phillips of Aylmer, as guest speaker. Rev. G.J. Kerr, resident minister, presided over the three services that day. There was a new organ. The old shed was moved over behind the new church. A new fence surrounded it.