The original church building was constructed about 1820. This stood about one and one-half miles west of its present location. It was made of hewn logs and according to three rock pillars which were found long after the building was gone, the dimensions must have been about 22x28 feet. At this time the church was called Bethel. Malcolm Smith and Oliver Powell were two preachers who served here. There were two graves at this site. One was that of the son of the Reverend Malcolm Smith referred to above; the other was that of an old Revolutionary soldier, William Glasgow, who was eighty or eighty-five years old when he died. There was once a great revival at this church. Glasgow received a great blessing during this meeting. He expressed desire to be buried under a large oak in the church yard where the greatest revival of his life had been held. Accordingly, his grave was dug at the root of said oak and his body was put there to rest.

About 1850 or 1868, the church was set up about one hundred yards east of the present building at Vanna. This, too, was a log structure. It is generally believed that Joseph Ballenger granted the land which composed this church lot, and that later C. C. Tucker granted an additional tract. The new church name assumed was Fellowship. This building remained the house of worship until approximately 1870. After that time church services were held in a school building which was located about a hundred yards west of the present building.

About 1885 a church was erected between the present school and church. General interest in church work seems to have been great for it was not uncommon for the church to be filled both at the Saturday and the Sunday services. It was the practice to bring the entire family, with pallets and cradles to accommodate the smaller ones. "There were some great revivals in that old church" we are told.

It was here that C. C. Tucker, known as "Uncle Kit", continued his active work, which he had been carrying on for so many years as leader in the church and Sunday School. He was probably the first superintendent of the Sunday School. During his later life he moved from his home neighboring the church to a distance some three miles less the place one mile south of Royston still known as the "Tucker Place". He was nonetheless faithful to attend, however. Just as surely as meeting time came, there would be "Uncle Kit" driving his gray horse to an open buggy. On his arm he always brought a feed-basket in which were Bibles and song books. The Bible constituted the complete supply of Sunday School literature. As he grew older he became, of course, less active, physically; but spiritually he grew stronger and stronger. During testimony meetings, which were common at this time, "Uncle Kit's" was one of the most impressive and influential given. He did not always express himself verbally, but simply to see him stand was sufficient. A deep, inspiring message pierced the hearts of the members of the congregation, although he did not utter a word.

Following "Uncle Kit" as Sunday School Superintendent came Elijah T. Dickerson, who proved a very worthy successor. His consecrated life and love for God enabled him to serve for more than twenty years. During these days Quarterly Conferences were great occasions. There were several churches on the circuit; consequently, much more territory was included than at present. Churches on this circuit were: Fellowship, Royston, Pennington's Chapel, Carroll's Church, Redwine, Canon, Gaines Chapel, and probably others. (These were not all on at the same time.)

In 1907 the present church was built. This was during the ministry
of W.A. Maxwell, of whom it was said, "He was a great preacher".

Succeeding E.T. Dickerson as Sunday School Superintendent came Will Campbell who served for about two years. He was followed by Lawrence Herndon, who was followed after a year, by J. Robert Bond. A large part of the development of the Sunday School is attributed to Mr. Bond since he served for twenty-five years, including his two separate terms. Other superintendents were Paul E. Dickerson, Wilbern J. Winn, Ralph B. Dickerson and G. Dennis Harris.

A special day during the pastorate of the Reverend A.E. Sansburn deserves notation. On this Sunday, the people were asked by the preacher to fast that morning and pray for the day's meeting. This was truly a great day. Although there was no sermon delivered, the Holy Spirit was so prevalent that one member of the congregation has since said, "You could just feel God".

During the pastorate of the Reverend W.T. Irvine the name of the church was changed from Fellowship to Vanna.

In the early spring of 1947 six Sunday School rooms were added to the Vanna Church building thereby adding to the beauty and usefulness of the church.

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