



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 088-5801

1. General Property Information

Property name: Little Mine Road Baptist Church

Property address: 7225 Lanes Corner Road

City or Town: Spotsylvania

Zip code: 22553

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Spotsylvania

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: .56

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural X

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

This property is located in the Livingston district of Spotsylvania County Va. Nestled on the side of a gravel road called Lanes Corner road. The .56 acres on which the church has a parking lot in between it and the cemetery. The surrounding grounds has the original stone steps of the first building constructed memorialized. Next to the moralized steps is a wayside marker detailing LMRBC contribution to the Spotsylvania County African American Heritage trail.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): _____

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here:

If the builder is known, please list here: Bennie Carter

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1968-1972

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The current LMRBC building is 58 years old and is located along a gravel road with two access points. In front of the church, to the left, are the remaining concrete steps from the first church building, constructed in 1902. A wayside marker at the front of the church provides written and visual information about LMRBC's history. The church is recognized by the Spotsylvania County Department of Tourism as part of the county's African American Heritage Trail. The building rests on a cinder block foundation and is constructed of wood with Masonite siding and roof shingles. It is heated with propane in the winter and cooled by a central air system in the summer. Concrete walkways and stairs surround the church. A fenced cemetery is located on the church's half-acre property. The building has three entrances: a concrete accessible ramp on the left side that provides access to the main sanctuary, men's bathroom, basement, officer's office, and pastor's study; wooden double doors at the front entrance to the sanctuary; and a third entrance on the right side of the church.

Although the current structure shows normal signs of wear, LMRBC continues to serve its members and the surrounding community as a place of worship and fellowship. It remains the site of weekly Bible study, Sunday School, regular Sunday worship services, church anniversaries, Vacation Bible School, annual recognition services, and funeral services.

For more than 166 years, the LMRBC congregation has worshiped at this site, beginning in a brush arbor and later in a framed church building constructed around 1902. The current building, constructed in 1968, continues to serve as a place of worship for members and the surrounding community.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

- 1 pre-fab storage shed for lawn equipment
- The cemetery is enclosed by an aluminum fence with two gates while it has many unmarked graves, some only identified with a large rock like stone. There appear to be 4 generations of families finding their final resting place in the LMRBC cemetery.
- 2 exterior pole lamps
- 1 propane tank

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

Little Mine Road Baptist Church (LMRBC) grew out of the nearby white Mine Road Church, where 148 Black members made up about half of the congregation. In 1859, a coachman from the Black congregation asked the minister for permission to establish a separate place of worship, and the request was granted. According to church history, the Black members walked a short distance down the road and founded the church that became LMRBC. Worship services are believed to have begun in a tent. In 1877, the congregation purchased land from Black farmers Reuben and Lucy A. Johnson and later worshiped in a brush arbor. In 1902, members built a framed church building to serve as their place of worship. This building endured until the 1960's when the signs of age and its size had to be addressed. A building fund was started to pay for the construction of a new building.

The steps from that original 1902 building remain on the site today as a reminder of the congregation's beginnings and as an exhibit on the African American Heritage Trail. In 1968, after saving enough funds, the congregation began constructing a modern church building, which was completed around 1972 and continues to serve as its place of worship today.

LMRBC also has the distinction of displaying a wayside marker for the Spotsylvania County African American Heritage trail. The trail is part of a self-guided, 75-mile drive through Spotsylvania County. The African American Heritage Trail takes you to sights that are significant in telling the history of the African American community in the county. LMRBC is one of 12 stops on the trail.

In 1909, LMRBC hosted the first meeting of the Spotsylvania Sunday School Union (SSSU), an organization that encouraged education within the region's Black community. The SSSU consists of 12 Black churches in Spotsylvania County. LMRBC is one of the 12 churches in the SSSU.

During the 1960s and 1970's, LMRBC and other local Black churches supported the broader community through the Civil Rights movement and periods of war. The congregation included several Black military veterans, including a World War II veteran who lived to age 100 and others who served in the Vietnam War. LMRBC emphasized leadership and community support by strengthening Black families. Working with the Spotsylvania Sunday School Union, the church helped provide education on voter registration, finances, land ownership, and alcoholism.

LMRBC continues to serve the surrounding community and recently welcomed the first white members into the congregation. Mrs. Pat walks to the church on Sundays. The steps from the first LMRBC located in front of the church serve as a reminder of the past and a step into the future.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- Book-African Americans of Spotsylvania Co. T. Miller and R. Braxton
- Spotsylvania Co. Deed books
- John J Wright Museum
- Local elders of the community
- Spotsylvania Co. tourism dept.

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: LMRBC congregation

organization: Church

street & number: 7225 Lanes Corner Rd

city or town: Spotsylvania state: Va zip code: 22553

e-mail: coachlos@hotmail.com telephone: 5402956750

Legal Owner's Signature: Deacon Carlos Moore

Date: 5-30-2026

• • *Signature required for processing all applications.* • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person:

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!



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Walnut Grove
088-0112

Andrew's Tavern
088-0136

Oakley
088-0052

**Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania
Battlefields National Military Park**
111-0147

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-  PIF Boundary
-  Listed Architecture



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BAPTIST CHURCH

★ 152 ★ YEARS OF SERVICE
REV. CARSON M JACKSON
PASTOR



























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Cemetery



