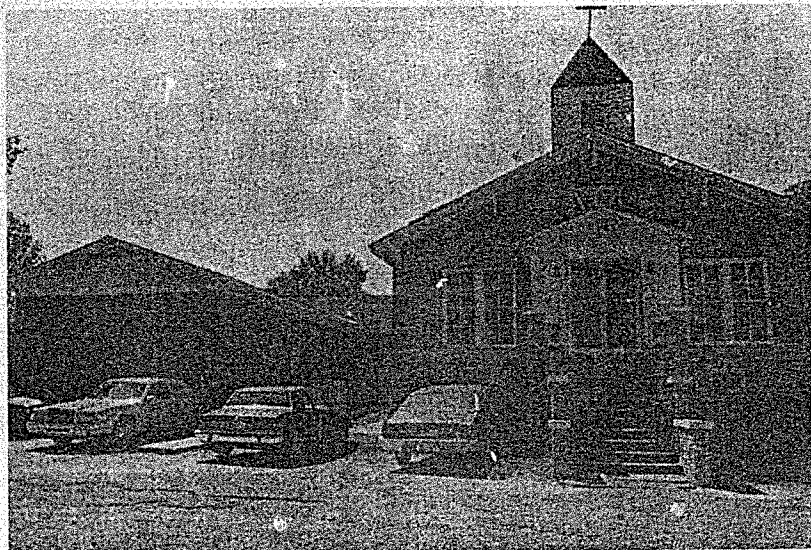
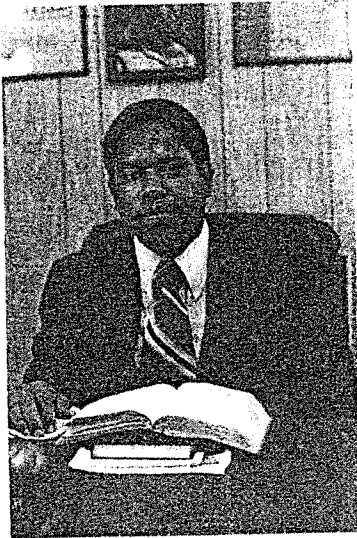


FOUNDED 1902



First Baptist Church
19th St. So., Pell City, Alabama
Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers, Pastor



Greetings:

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we, the Pastor and members of the First Baptist Church, Pell City, Alabama, greet you in love and friendship through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in having you share with us our 79th Church Anniversary.

We are truly grateful to God our Heavenly Father for those who toiled and labored so hard before us in breaking the ground to establish the foundation of this church which is dedicated to the up-building of God's kingdom. Certainly, He has smiled on us down through the years as even the old patriots continued to worship Him after having walked to the church in the rain, sunshine, sleet, and snow. Now, we, the present generation, must continue to move forward with that same spirit of determination, to meet the needs of a sinful world by spreading the message of Jesus Christ. This is the task of the church, and we shall dedicate and rededicate ourselves to accepting this challenge that the Lord has put before us. Therefore, let us strive diligently to be found as a part of His "gathered church" that comes together in order to worship Him in Spirit and in truth and also a part of His "scattered Church" that goes out into the world in the effort to make disciples of all men.

Today, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation to those who have worked so hard and untiringly for the past six years as I have tried to lead you prayerfully and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you join me in looking to the Hills from whence cometh our help to seek the future directions through the Grace of God that has brought us safe thus far so that His same grace will lead us on.

In our celebration of the founding of this church, First Baptist Church, we can see that we have come a long ways, but I strongly feel that we have a long ways to go.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Beavers

Official Staff



Left to Right

Rev. R. Beavers — Pastor

Deacon Virgil Oden — Treasurer

Sis Nellie Seay — Recording Secretary

Deacon Prentice Fomby — Clerk

**THE 79TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM
OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PELL CITY, ALABAMA
REV. RONNIE C. BEAVERS, PASTOR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1981**

Theme: *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:
if any man hear My voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him. Revelation 3:20 (a)*

9:45 A.M. Sunday School, Supt. Cecil Fomby in Charge
11:00 A.M. Regular Order of Service, Pastor Beavers, In Charge

DISMISSION FOR LUNCH

2:30 P.M.
Devotional..... Officers and Visiting Officers
Music by Union Springs Baptist Church Choir
Welcome..... Dea. Tobe Williams
Response..... Visitor
Song..... Choir
History of the Church..... Deacon Earnest White
Song..... Choir
Anniversary Hymn..... Dea. Charles Jones
Introduction of Speaker..... Rev. Beavers
Sermon..... Rev. Samuel Turner, Pastor
Union Springs Baptist Church, Talladega, Alabama
Alternate..... Rev. M. C. Jones, Pastor
Macedonia Baptist Church, Talladega, Alabama
Song..... Choir
Offering and Reports
Remarks
Benediction
Finance Committee: Deacons & Visiting Officers
Mistress of Ceremony..... Sis. Dorothy Brice

Program Calendar For 1980 - 1981
of the
First Baptist Church
Pell City, Alabama

Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers, Pastor



- March — 1st Sunday Pastor's Appreciation
- April — 4th Sunday Annual Choir Day
- May — 4th Sunday Mission & Education Day
Spring Revival
- June — 2nd Sunday Sr. & Jr. Usher Board Day
- July — 4th Sunday Men and Women Day
11:00 A.M.
- August — 2nd Sunday Home Coming and
Summer Revival
- October — 3rd Sunday Church Anniversary

History

The First Baptist Church of Pell City, Alabama was established on Highway 231 in an old school building by the name of School of Knowledge in the year 1902. It began under the leadership of Rev. Chapman and after several years, it was moved to its present site on 19th Street South.

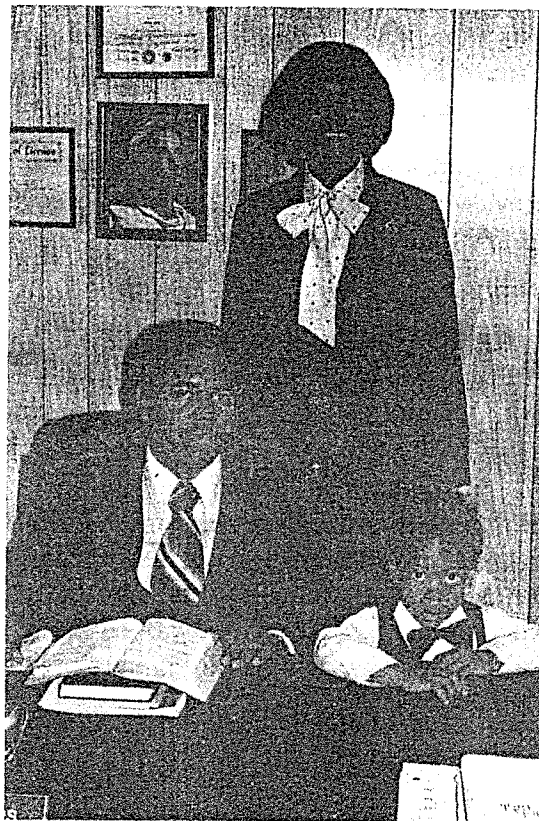
After several more years, Rev. Chapman left and the church then called Rev. M. H. Sims as pastor. He served for twenty-
25 one years and the membership began to grow. *increase*

Rev. Sims left and the church called Rev. R. E. Avery in the mid 50's. He pastored for a short time and then returned to
72 Birmingham.

Rev. W. F. Poole was called as pastor of First Baptist and served the church for nineteen years. Under his leadership the church was bricked and repaired, four educational rooms and a lunchroom were built, the auditorium was carpeted, the church organ purchased and many new members were taken in. He left in 1975.

In 1976, the church called Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers on the second Sunday in February. Rev. Beavers officially accepted the church on the first Sunday in March in 1976. Under his leadership the church was grown tremendously. He has organized the Young Adult Choir, and Wednesday night prayer services. We have also been able to build additional classrooms, remodel the restrooms, purchase a P.A. system and church bus and organized a day care and kindergarten center with four employees.

Pastor & Family



Rev. Beavers
Sister. Norma Beaver
Master Cory Beavers

Board of Deacons



Standing — Deacon's Charles Jones, William Matthews, Prentice Fomby, David E. Seay

Seated — Deacon's Virgil Oden, Tobe Williams, Ernest White, Cisro Hill

Chairman..... Deacon Ernest White
Co-Chairman..... Cisro Hill

Deacon's Wives



Standing — Sisters' Nellie Seay, Ruby Fomby, Alice White, Essie Matthews

Seated — Sisters' Mary Hill, Johnni B. Williams, Josephine Jones

Sunday School Teachers & Superintendent



Supt. Cecil Fomby



Standing: Brothers & Sisters Eugene Seay, Nellie Seay, Cecil Fomby, Josephine Jones, Ronnie White

Seated — Sister Naomi Curry, Dorothy Lipscomb, Eunice Willingham

Mission I & II



Standing — Sisters Sarah Beavers, Lura Robinson, Naomi Curry,
Essie Matthews, Georgia Kirksey, Ruby Fomby

Seated — Sisters Willie Moore, Eunice Willingham, Pauline
Beavers, Leola McGraw, Dorothy Lipscomb, Mary Hill

Mission Presidents



Sisters Naomi Curry, Essie Matthews

Sr. Choir

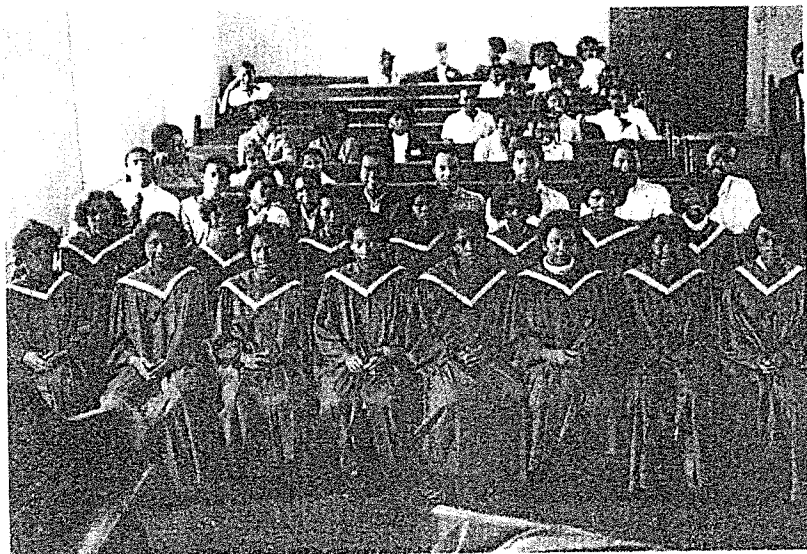
Musician — Sis. Elaine Sawyer



Back Row — Sisters Ruby Fomby, Dorothy Brice, Joyce Oden,
Linda White, Peggy Frazier, Essie Matthews, Grace
Harris, Millie Seay

Front Row — Sisters Marion Frazier, Naomi Curry, Mary
Williams, Josephine Jones, Dorothy Libscomb,
Russell Cannon, Mattie Oden, Alice White

Young Adult Choir



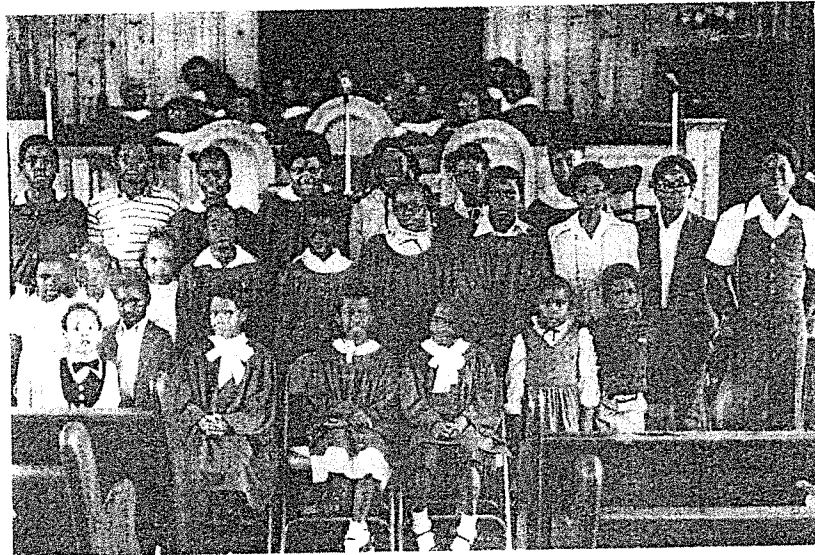
Third Row — Bro. Cecil Fomby, Vincent Oden, Van Posey,
Kieth White, Gregg White, Roy Neal White, Frank
Smith, Ronnie White, Marlon Williams

Second Row — Sis. Rhonda Lipscomb, Melba White, Felecia
Green, Deidra Robinson, Audrey Ragland,
Naomi Truss, Norma Beavers

First Row — Sis. Elaine Sawyer, Christy Jackson, Regina Sanders,
Angela Williams, Vickie Crowe, Valarie Smith, Nina
Gordon, Felicia Martin

Youth Choir

Musician Lisa Matthews



Back Row — Courtland Jackson, Tony Ledford, Siri Truss,
Lynn Oden, Kim Roberson, LeAnn Garrett, Kevin
Roberson

2nd Row — Christina Moore, Phaith Frazier, Hope Grive, Aaron
Coleman, Darron Coleman, Tina Garrett, Sidney
Oden, Julian Roberson, Keith White, Van Posey

Front Row — Corey Beavers, Ramon Roberson, Margaret Moore,
Angela Oden, Larissa Posey, Tamika Coleman,
Jamey Frazier

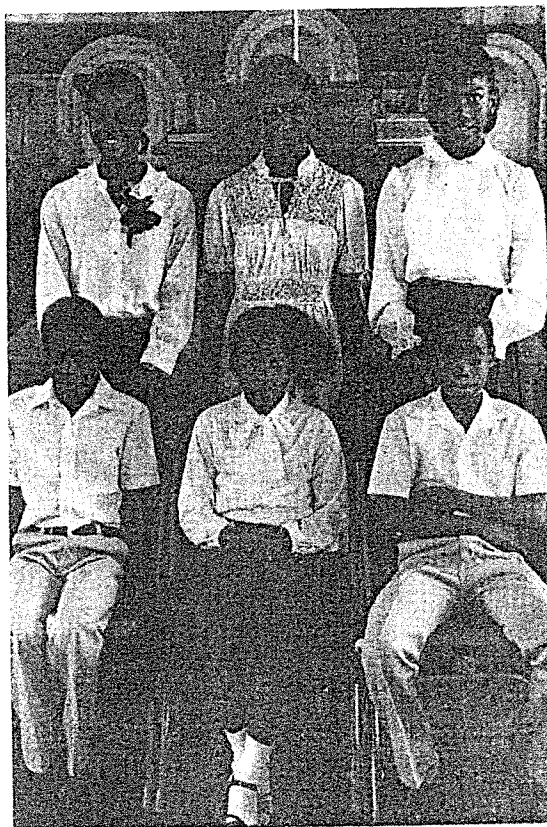
Senior Usher Board



Back Row: Sisters Emma Ledford, Ora Ledford, Bro. Nathan Harris, Reatha Posey, Jackie Woods.

Front — Sisters Mary Martin, Henri Hubbard, Jimmy L. Fomby

Jr. Usher Board



Standing — Siri Truss, Leann Garrett, Kecia Roberson

Seated — Darron Coleman, Larissa Posey, Aaron Coleman

Day Care & Kindergarten
Students



Back Row — L to R — Jamey Frazier, Tyrece Lipscomb, Eric Coleman, Taquisha Beavers, Orante Frazier, Kaylon O'Neal, Ramon Roberson

Front Row — L to R — Shawnda Threatt, Shikiela Elston, Bobby Mixon, Norman Turner, Ryan Frazier, Marcus Allen, Alvin Scales, LeCorey Beavers



Head Teacher
Sis. Melba White

Day Care Staff



Teacher
Sis. Rhonda Lipscomb



Teachers' Aid
Sis. Josephine Jones



Cook
Sis. Mattie Oden



Vounteer
Sis. Alice White

Day Care Official Staff



Left to Right

Sis. Dorothy Brice — Dietician

Rev. R. C. Beavers - Director

Sis. Marion Frazier — Asst. Director

Program Committee
Members



L to R — Essie Matthews, Marion Frazier, Rev. Beavers, Sis.
Naomi Curry, Dorothy Brice

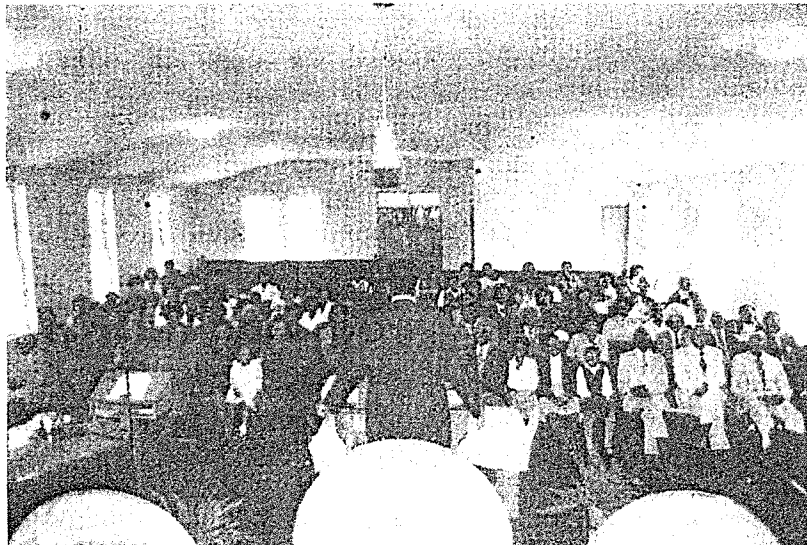
Chairperson — Dorothy P. Brice

Come Worship With Us

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Regular Order of Service 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night

Congregation



Church Announcers

Sis. Marion Frazier

Sis. Annette Ledford

Hospitality Chairman

Sis. Naomi Curry

Custodian

Deacon William Matthews

*..... there is neither slave nor free,
..... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Ga. 3:38

A Prayer For Our New Sanctuary

O, Thou gracious and giving God, from whom our living and our blessings flow, we gratefully acknowledge Thy unnumbered and unmeasured gifts to us. We praise Thee for having shown us mortals how to invest our temporal goods in eternal projects.

We thank Thee for having given to our predecessors the vision and will to provide the church which has served us so far. Because of their devotion and Thy blessings our church family has outgrown the work of their hands.

Help us now and guide us, we beseech Thee, to the end that, with like devotion and greater resources, we may build a Sanctuary for the habitation of Thy Son and for the salvation and nurture of souls.

We would build so wisely and so well that, long years hence, our sons and daughters may gratefully say, "See! This our forefathers builded for us!"

IN HIS NAME, who loves us and gave Himself for us, we pray.

AMEN



100 YEARS
HISTORY OF THE
FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF
PELL CITY

Seeing the need of a Baptist church in this community the following members; Brother C. J. Collins & wife, Caline, Rev. A. Z. Beavers & wife, Mary, Bro. Sam Collins & wife Margie, Bro. Joe Collins, Bro. Joe Lawson and others of the Blooming Light Baptist Church asked for a letter of dismissal to form a new church. The church was first called the Union Baptist Church located on Hwy. 231 in the OLD HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE SCHOOL in 1902. This location is on US Hwy. 231 north of the Alacare Center, where the home of

Bro. Dibb Curry and the Curry family home was located. The pastor was Rev. J. T. Chatman.

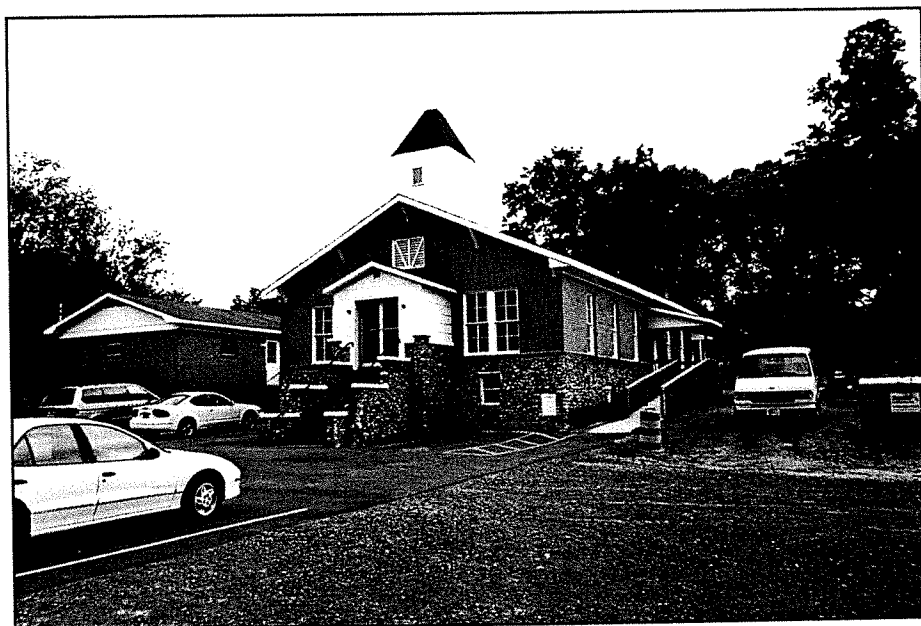
The church later moved to a location south of the present location. The pastor at this time was Rev. M. H. Sims who served for 21 years.

In 1934 the church was built in the present location under Rev. Sims' leadership and the name First Baptist Church was also given in 1934. In the mid 50's the church was pastored by Rev. R. E. Avery for a short period of time.

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of the fellowship hall, sanctuary carpeted, purchased an organ and many new members were taken in. Rev. Poole departed in 1975.

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new carpet and light fixtures. We also purchased one city block located on the corner of 7th Avenue and 19th Street for future construction of a new church. We are getting closer and closer to our goal for the new church with the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday, July 2, 2000 Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers humbly submitted his letter of resignation as Pastor of the First Baptist Church after 24 years of service. In the indwelling person of the Holy Spirit, God becomes the very means by which we not only realize what He expects, but achieve it as well. We are trusting God to send us a leader. In the Bible, God calls us again and again to be patient in the face of whatever trial or circumstance He may send our way. With the Power of Prayer everything is possible.

On Tuesday before the second Sunday in November (Family Day) 2000 the Rev. Elliott Trumaine Ivey of Birmingham, Alabama accepted the pastorship of the First Baptist Church, South of Pell City. The Pastor and congregation reorganized the youth choir, Wednesday Night

on Saturday mornings and continues to emphasize the use of ministries in the community. On Sunday, November 25, 2001 the Deacon's Ministry and Trustees chose the Goodgame Construction Company and Union State Bank to construct and finance the new worship facility. The groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, January 13, 2002 after morning service at the site. We expect to be in the new facility by the third Sunday in October, 2002 which is the 100th Church Anniversary.

CHURCH PASTORS

1. Rev. W. C. Allen
2. Rev. D. Forman
3. Rev. E. J. Woods
4. Rev. R. J. Trembles
5. Rev. Jones
6. Rev. S. T. Lathan
7. Rev. L. Steals
8. Rev. J. T. Chatman
9. Rev. M. H. Sims
10. Rev. R. E. Avery
11. Rev. W. F. Poole
12. Rev. Ronnie C. Beavers
13. Rev. Elliott T. Ivey

1. Walter Carter
2. E. T. Hill
3. James Phillips
4. Lonnie Davis
5. Mather Turner
6. Jack Ragland
7. Thornton Evans
8. Willie Evans
9. M. C. McCoy
10. Edward Waites
11. Virgil Oden
12. William Matthews
13. Tobe Williams
14. Joseph Curry
15. Embry Curry
16. Henry Carter
17. Charlie Gover
18. B. J. Robinson
19. Prentice Fomby
20. David E. Seay
21. Ernest White
22. Cisro Hill
23. Charles Jones
24. Ronny White
25. Ofes Forman