

# The First Baptist Church

Hell City, Alabama



History

1903 - 1971

# God Builds No Churches

*God builds no churches. By His plan  
That labor has been left to man.*

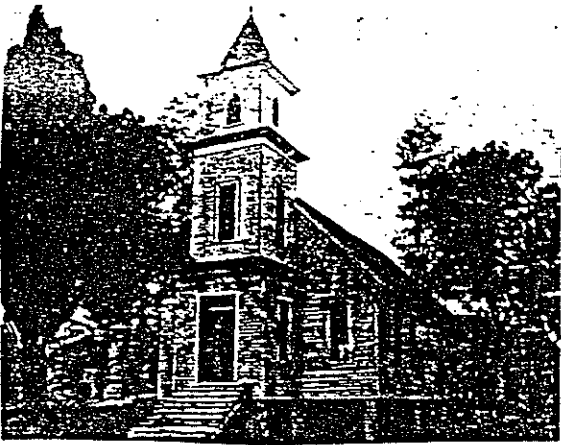
*No spires miraculously arise;  
No little mission from the skies  
Falls on the bleak and barren place  
To be a source of strength and grace.  
The humblest church demands its price  
In human toil and sacrifice.*

*Men call the Church the House of God,  
Toward which the toil-stained pilgrims trod  
In search of strength and rest and hope,  
As blindly through life's mists they grope.  
And there God dwells, but it is man  
Who builds that House, and draws its plan;  
Pays for mortar and the stone  
That none need seek for God alone.*

*The humblest spire in mortal ken  
Where God abides was built by men.  
And if the church is still to grow,  
Is still the life of hope to throw  
Across the valley of despair,  
Men still must build God's House of Prayer.  
God sends no churches from the skies.  
Out of our hearts they must arise.*

*—Edgar A. Guest.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
2309 Second Avenue North  
Pell City, Alabama 35125



The First Baptist Church of Pell City was organized in April, 1903 with 18 charter members which included familiar names of Cameron, Fite, Cornett, Kilgroe, Smith, Nunnelley and Miller. The first pastor was Rev. Burns (Given name not available.) The first church building was constructed in 1904, a three room frame building with a steeple and bell tower. The front of the building was rather high off the ground and was not enclosed for some time. In fact, at a homecoming in the early 1920's, dinner tables had to be moved underneath the building when an untimely rain threatened to ruin the dinner on the grounds. Later the building was enclosed to form a basement which was used as a classroom by the first Baraca Class, whose members used to sing lustily to the accomplishment of Mr. Richard Wilkins playing an old pump organ.



The church was a member of the Coosa Valley Association until 1928 when it transferred to the St. Clair County Association. The first major expansion program was undertaken during the time that Brother Joe Bancroft was pastor (1937-39) and consisted of class rooms and more space in the sanctuary. The little white church was used until 1950 but a bigger building was planned long before that time with regular contributions to the building fund during World War II when building materials were not available. A plan was set up to purchase a bond a week so funds would be available when construction could begin. The pastorium was built in 1948. Through the years additional lots were added to the church property until in 1960, the final lot was obtained and the church owned the entire block. By 1963, the need for additional educational facilities was seen and the education building was added. The music and education programs were expanded in 1956 and have continued to be a successful part of

the church program. The program was expanded to include a youth program and the Silent Friends ministry. In 1970, the sanctuary was remodeled. Groundbreaking services were held on October 1, 1989 and construction began the following day on a new church ministries building. The three story building houses additional education space, pre-school, kindergarter, day-care and a multi-purpose room for basketball, volleyball, large dinners or banquets and a walking track. The building will also have an elevator making it accessible to the elderly and handicapped. The construction included re-modeling of parts of the education building to enlarge office space, make a commercial kitchen and re-do the fellowship hall.

The membership has grown to over 1,000 and church attendance and participation has continued to grow and develop through the years.

# Church History

From the proud but humble beginning of the First Baptist Church of Pell City, it is necessary to turn the calendar back to the year 1903, month of April.

And if early history of the church is somewhat sketchy, it is due to the fact that the church records went up in smoke, along with the Pell City 10¢ Store on March 1, 1922. The records were in the care of Mr and Mrs. T. J. Abbott, when fire struck and destroyed their store.

Charged with the responsibility of piecing together the records of the first 19 years of the church's existence was a committee comprised of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Smith, Hardy A. Cornett and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Kilgroe.

According to their report, 18 charter members heard the first sermon delivered by the Rev. Burns, whose given name is not available, and who served the church as pastor until 1905.

## CHARTER MEMBERS

The charter members were: Mrs. John Cameron, Mrs. B. A. Fite, Mrs. Martha Cameron, Miss Nell Fite, H. A. Cornett, S. D. Kilgroe, Mrs. L. C. Kilgroe, Mrs. H. A. Cornett, Miss Dixie Kilgroe, M. M. Smith, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Charles Nunnelley, Mrs. Charles Nunnelley, Mr. Sank Miller, Mrs. Sank Miller, Miss Jessie Miller, Mrs. T. J. Kilgroe and Miss Daisy Kilgroe.

The Committee reported that M. J. Smith, a Mr. Mitchell and J. H. Phillips were designated as trustees and were entrusted with the deeds and care of the church and its property. They listed the following pastors who served the church from its inception until Brother D. D. Head was elected pastor and took over the pulpit on January 1, 1922: Rev. Burns, 1903-1904; Rev. L. M. Stone, 1905-1906; Rev. J. A. Hendrick, 1907-1908; Rev. Joe Veasey, 1909-1911; Rev. J. G. Lowery, 1912-1914; Rev. J. L. Aders, 1915-1916; Rev. Carl Cunningham, 1917; Rev. W. C. Cooper, 1918-1919; Rev. J. W. Inzer; Rev. Anderson; Rev. Albert R. Bond, 1921.

## FIRST CHURCH BUILT

In 1904, the first church building was constructed on the site of the present building, under the direction of a building committee comprised of S. D. Kilgroe, H. A. Cornett, M. M. Smith and J. H. Phillips. Earliest associational minutes available placed the value of the church and grounds at \$3,000.

Viewed in retrospect, 67 years later, it would fall short of the architectural elegance of many of today's houses of worship, but the



three-room frame building was surely a source of pride to those charter members.

Its proud exterior featured a steeple which reached skyward and housed the bell which clanged an insistent invitation each Sunday, urging members to hurry to attend church services.

In the beginning, as many members will recall, the front of the building was rather high off the ground and was not enclosed for some time. At an early homecoming in the 1920's, in fact, dinner tables had to be moved underneath the building when an untimely rain threatened to ruin the dinner.

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## HEATING A PROBLEM

Heating the original building presented problems. Many times deacons and church members had to provide coal for the old stove. One problem recalled was when a special associational program was to be presented, it was discovered that the fire in the stove was completely out and several members had to go home and bring back kindling and coal to start a fire before the program could begin.

The heating system was updated in 1937, when the building committee proposed that a furnace heating system be installed. Within a week, more than \$400.00 had been pledged for the furnace equipment and it was then recommended that a furnace be installed at a cost not to exceed \$600.00

A subsequent improvement that was popularly accepted by the congregation was the installation of oscillating electric fans on the walls. This cut down considerably on the

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2309 Second Avenue North — Pell City, Alabama 35125



I. Cole Skelton, Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Homecoming at First Baptist! A special welcome to all our former members who return to share this day with us. We reflect upon God's goodness to and direction upon the history of our church. We thank God for His manifold blessings.

We come also to dedicate our beautiful and spacious facilities to the glory of God and as a monument to those who have labored and even sacrificed to make them a reality. Many of those are not with us, but their memory hallows these buildings and grounds.

Today we honor the past and are inspired by recounting its living history. Today we dedicate buildings as a means for carrying out the Great Commission. In a larger sense, today we come together to dedicate ourselves to our Lord with a prayer that He will be pleased to use us and these buildings to accomplish His will in Pell City!

Welcome to Homecoming!

Sincerely your pastor,

*I. Cole Skelton*  
I. Cole Skelton



necessity of ... but did not entirely eliminate ... the colorful old church fans of the day with which the ladies of the congregation, particularly, used to comfort themselves.

Facilities were still far from perfect. It has been recalled, for instance, that the water heater which was installed along with the furnace was not adequate to heat the water for the baptistry. When a baptismal service was to be held, some of the deacons brought hot water from home to fill the baptistry.

### INTERESTING EVENTS

Although the early records are incomplete, there are a number of interesting recollections about events at the church over the years:

--During the early 1920's, when the Ku Klux Klan was active in Alabama, a service was interrupted briefly one Sunday evening when members of the Klan, in full regalia, entered the church, and without speaking a word, filed to the front of the church, placed a contribution in the collection plate and, just as quietly, filed out of the church again before the amazed eyes of the congregation.

--Dr. E. G. Stout, a most distinguished-looking gentleman from Birmingham, served as minister from September, 1924 until September 1925. Mr. Thomas H. Rennie, then Superintendent of Avondale Mills, came to hear Dr. Stout's sermons regularly -- even though Mr. Rennie was not himself a Baptist. In fact, Mr. Rennie would often send his chauffeur to Birmingham to drive Dr. Stout to the church on Sundays.

--The church was in the Coosa Valley Association until September of 1928 when, answering a call for petitionary letters, the Pell City Church and several other churches were transferred to the St. Clair County Baptist Association.

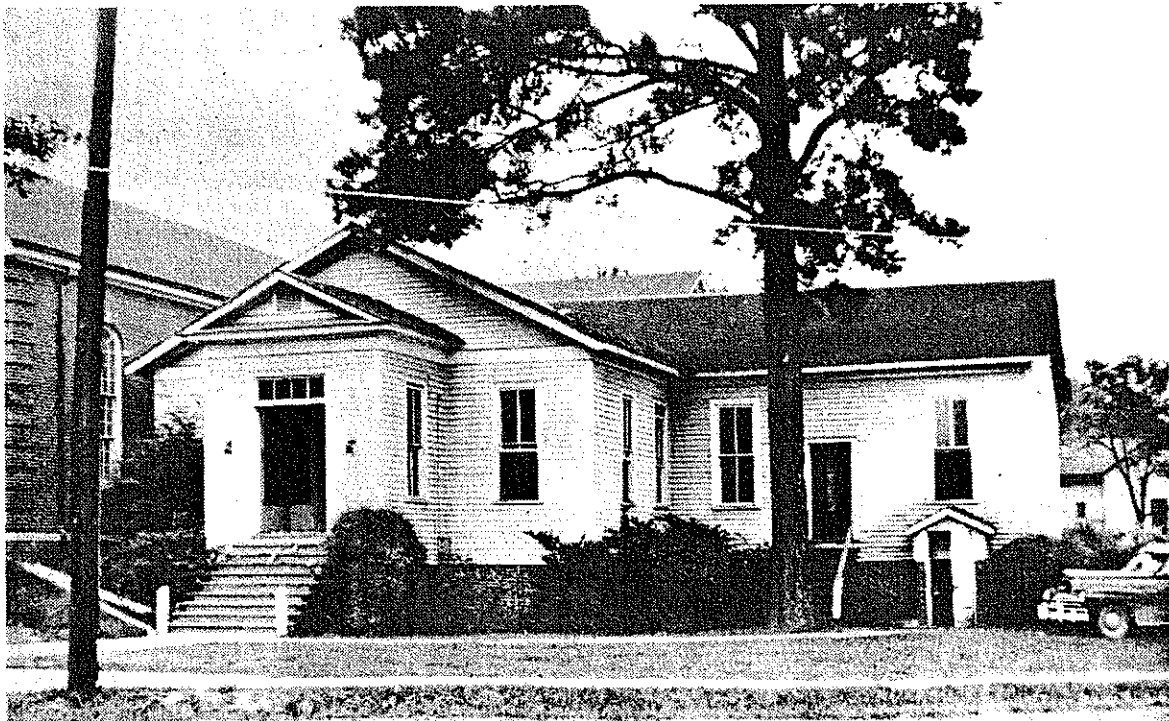
--Members of the church during World War II will always fondly remember the special prayer services held after the Sunday evening services each week for the boys in service and for those who were prisoners of war. These services always ended with the congregation singing "Till We Meet Again."

--Also during that World War II period, when the church was without a pastor, the church was served by Chaplain Waterhouse and Chaplain Stubblefield from Fort McClellan. They occasionally brought servicemen with them, some of whom played the organ and otherwise helped with the services.

### MOVES PROPOSED

The original church building gradually gave way to the new building which still occupies the original site. But it might not have been so; on at least two occasions efforts were made to locate the church on another site. In 1928, a recommendation was made to relocate the building on a lot in the same block with the U. C. Martin residence (it is believed that this referred to property in Block 19, across the street from the present Post Office Building).

And again in 1933, Mr. Sumter Cogswell proposed to trade or exchange two lots in Block



22, directly northwest of the Courthouse Square, for the lots where the present First Baptist Church stands. On both occasions, however, the proposals were eventually rejected.

The first major expansion program was undertaken during Rev. Joe Bancroft's term as pastor (1937-1939), when an annex was added to the old building to provide more space in the sanctuary as well as additional classrooms.

In the early forties the church membership had reached 350 and the urgent need for more room became apparent. World War II was underway and building materials were not available, but it seemed a good time to launch a building program. A plan was set up to purchase a bond a week, so funds would be available by the time construction could begin.

The church had acquired the triangular plot of land across from the church, from Avondale Mills in 1941, and in 1947 the old parsonage (the house in which Mrs. Roy Holladay now lives) was traded for the house and lots adjacent to the church, owned by V. H. Padgett.

Found in the church minutes was a letter written in May, 1947 to the W. B. Lawley family, thanking them for the beautiful new church organ. Rumor is that no one knew there was going to be a new organ until they arrived for the Sunday morning services and found the organ installed in the church, its crate discarded on the front lawn.

#### BUILDING PLANS BEGIN

By May 1948, an architect had been employed and building plans were well underway. Late in 1947, the church had recalled Rev. J. W. Fagan as pastor and the Fagans lived in the Padgett home while the new parsonage was under construction. An October, 1948 bulletin announced: "The new parsonage is finished! Total cost, near \$22,500."

The following year, on July 14, 1949, at 7:30 p.m. a ground-breaking ceremony for the new

church was held. Mr. Hugh Comer was speaker for the occasion; the site was brightly lighted by floodlights, and an aura of excitement pervaded the scene.

Actually, it was to be a work night, also. Brick, sand and slag had been hauled in (Mr. J. A. Honeycutt used his truck to haul in much of the materials as his contribution to the building). The lot was graded, a retaining wall had been built, and the church members hoped to see the foundation completed before the night was over. While the men worked, the ladies served sandwiches, coffee and tea. The following week, the local paper published pictures showing Barnett Lawley, Bob Turner, Sonny Kilgroe, Jimmy Duran, Littleton Yarbrough and Billy B. Yarbrough--all small youngsters then--pitching in to help build the new church. And so, the new Pell City First Baptist Church was well on the way to becoming a reality, with literally all the members pitching in to help.

The first contributions to the building fund had been made by two widows--Mrs. Sudie King and Mrs. W. O. Dycus.

#### FIRST SERVICE HELD

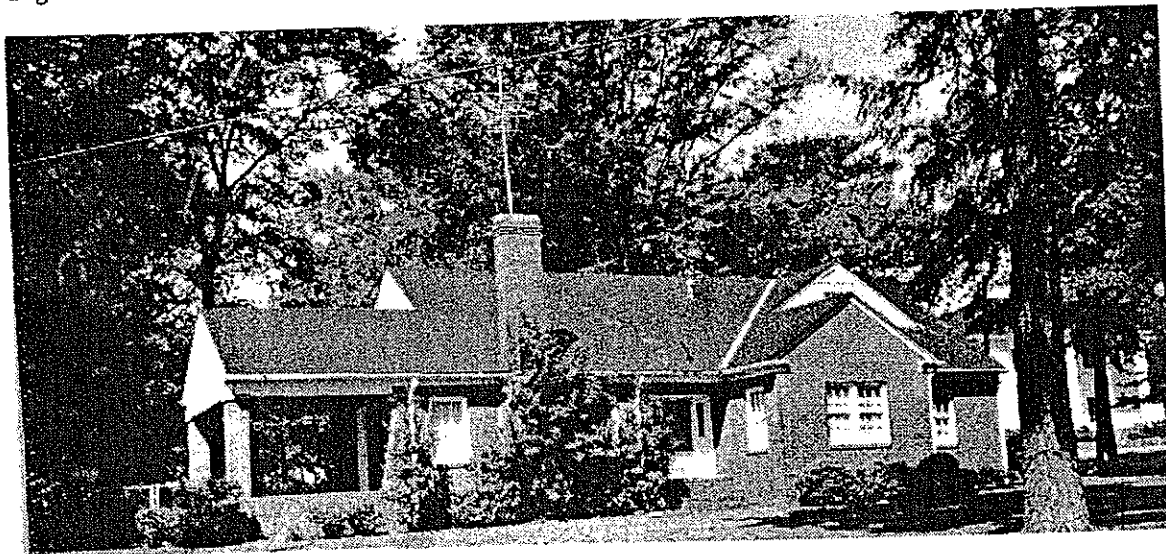
And on September 24, 1950, the big day arrived. The first service was held in the new building with Rev. J. W. Fagan delivering the message. Also the first wedding was held that same day, when Miss Helen Bain and Mr. Billy Ray Purdy were married by Rev. Fagan.

Among other "firsts" in the new church were:

--On October 8, 1950, Brother Orville David Duran was ordained for the gospel ministry.

--On October 8, 1951, "after a wonderful sermon by our pastor, Brother J. W. Fagan, the following came and offered themselves to the service of our Lord: Brother Laney Bain, Richard Moore and Don Hyde."

--On October 28, 1951, the church accepted the recommendation of the Presbytery that



Brother William Laney Bain be ordained to the ministry. Richard Hunt Moore later was ordained on June 1, 1958.

Still continuing to expand, the church obtained additional lots in Block 7 in 1955 and again 1956. In 1960, the final lot was obtained so the church now owns the entire block on which it sits. Included in this property was the house which has been used for the minister of music and is now utilized as a Youth Center. The church membership was nearing 500 by 1958, and the Deacons recommended that a building fund be started for future expansion to provide room needed for a greater church program.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT EXPANDED

By this time, the church was growing steadily in all departments, and the Music Ministry also came in for its share of expansion.

During the early years, the choir had been directed by such well-known men as J. L. Ragland, J. B. Cagle, Leroy Truitt and E. F. Lee. In 1956, Brother R. S. Holliman was called as part-time Minister of Music. In August, 1959, he was given these duties on a full-time basis.

Later the music program was expanded to include the Youth Choir, Men's Chorus, Ladies' Chorus, and Children's Choirs. Mrs. J. Rogers

Moore served for years as organist. Terry Kirkland and Jimmy Jones later served as organist. Our present organist, Millie Ann Lawley has been the faithful organist for several years.

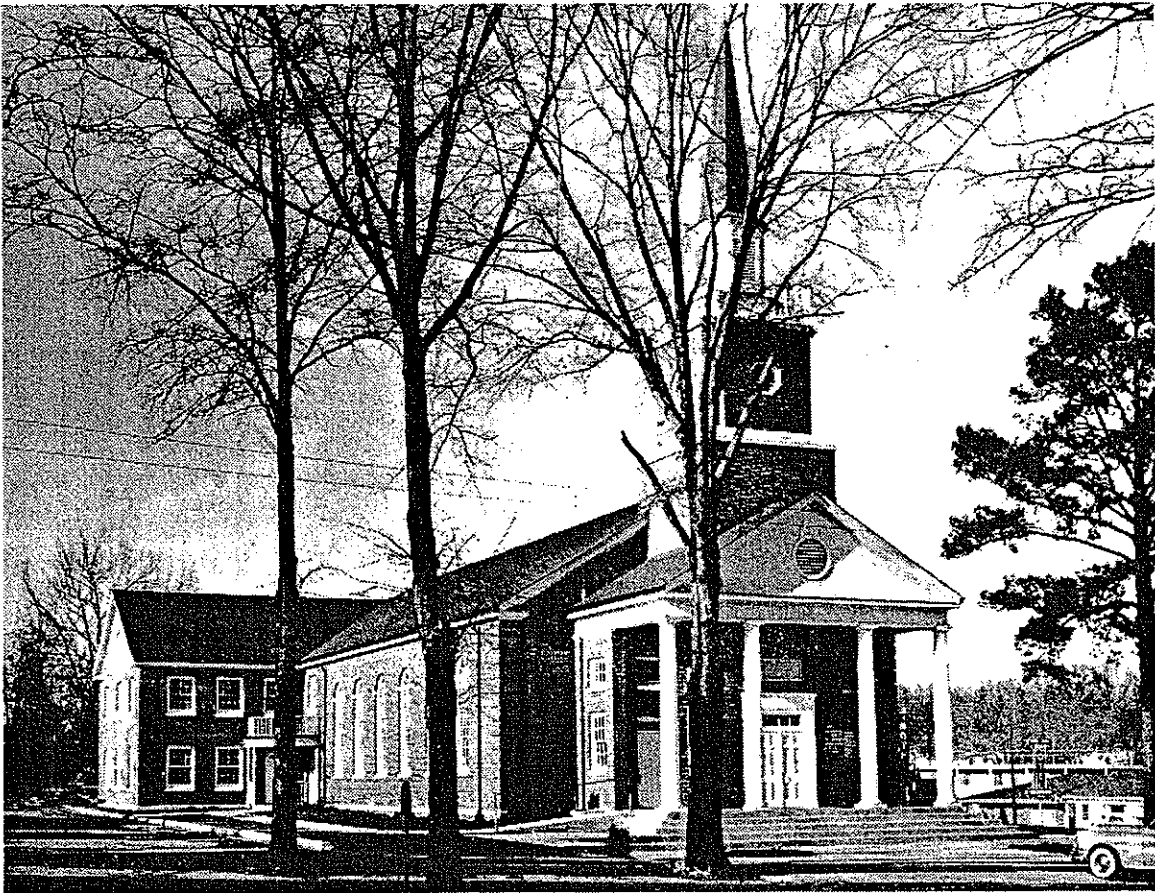
Music directors have included John B. Madera, Tommy Black, Bill McGuin, Wayne Vaughan and Bob Rosser. Only recently, the church has called Dennis Meilstrup as Minister of Music and Youth.

Rounding out the building program, the new Education Building was added in 1963 when Dr. Austin F. Staples, Jr. was pastor. The sanctuary was remodeled in the late Fall of 1970, under Rev. I. Cole Skelton, the present pastor.

A new and exciting aspect of the church's program began in early 1970, when an expanded youth program was launched and a new church bus was purchased. Already it has been used for a choir tour into Florida, several trips to Atlanta and Callaway Gardens on field trips and for a Youth Retreat, trips to State Youth Conventions and to several ball games.

And so, the First Baptist Church of Pell City has arrived at its present point in history—having grown from 18 charter members in 1903, to its present membership 650, with plans for future growth and expansion of its programs.

The Lord has blessed First Baptist Church in a wonderful way. TO HIS GLORY WE BUILD.....





	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1903	Rev. Burns	M. M. Smith	
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1905	Rev. L. M. Stone	C. B. Alverson	
1906	Rev. L. M. Stone	P. M. Mathews	
1907	J. A. Hendrick	P. M. Mathews	
1908	J. A. Hendrick	John Mewburn	
1909	Joe Veasey	John Mewburn	
1910	Joe Veasey	John Mewburn	
1911	Joe Veasey	John Mewburn	
1912	J. G. Lowery	J. H. Willingham	
1913	J. G. Lowery	J. H. Willingham	
1914	J. G. Lowery	J. H. Willingham	
1915	J. L. Aders	J. H. Willingham	
1916	J. L. Aders	J. H. Willingham	
1917	Carl Cunningham	J. H. Willingham	
1918	W. C. Cooper	J. H. Willingham	
	J. W. Inzer	J. H. Willingham	
	Anderson	J. H. Willingham	
1921	Albert R. Bond	J. H. Willingham	
1922	D. D. Head	J. H. Willingham	S. D. Kilgroe
1923	D. D. Head	J. H. Willingham	
1924	D. D. Head	J. H. Willingham	
1925	Rev. E. G. Stout	J. H. Willingham	
1926	Bro. R. H. Parker	J. H. Willingham	
1927	Bro. J. T. Renfroe	J. H. Willingham	
1928	R. W. Stuckey	J. H. Willingham	J. H. Willingham
1929		J. H. Willingham	
1930	Claude Bridges	J. H. Willingham	J. H. Willingham
1931	R. R. Brasher	J. H. Willingham	J. H. Willingham
1932	R. R. Brasher	J. H. Willingham	J. H. Willingham
1933	R. R. Brasher	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1934	R. R. Brasher	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1935	R. R. Brasher	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1936	J. R. Bancroft	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
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1938	J. R. Bancroft	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1939	J. R. Bancroft	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1940	J. W. Fagan	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1941	J. W. Fagan	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1942	J. W. Fagan	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1943	J. W. Fagan	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1944		J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1945	Simpson Daniels	J. L. Ragland	J. L. Ragland
1946	Simpson Daniels	Hoyt Hamilton	J. L. Ragland
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1959	Q. P. Davis	Hoyt Hamilton	J. L. Ragland
1960	Q. P. Davis	Hoyt Hamilton	J. L. Ragland
1961		Hoyt Hamilton	J. L. Ragland
1962	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	J. L. Ragland
1963	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1964	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1965	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1966	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1967	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1968	A. F. Staples, Jr.	Hoyt Hamilton	Tom Milner
1969	Cole Skelton	Hoyt Hamilton	Bettie Scott
1970	Cole Skelton	Hoyt Hamilton	Bettie Scott

	<u>S. S. Supt.</u>	<u>BYPU or BTU Director</u>	<u>WMU or WMS President</u>
1903	P. M. Mathews		
1904	J. W. Allen		
1905	W. O. Smith		
1906	T. J. Abbott		
1907	John Mungall		
1908	Goodnow		
1909	J. H. Willingham		
1910	J. A. Honeycutt		
1911	J. L. Ragland		
1912	Thos. Franklin		
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1922	J. L. Ragland		
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1928	J. L. Ragland	Orwell Parrish	Mrs. J. H. Willingham
1929	J. L. Ragland		
1930	Roy H. Holladay		
1931	Roy H. Holladay	Mrs. Lloyd Garrett	Mrs. J. B. Embry
1932	Roy H. Holladay	Bixie Handcock	Mrs. J. B. Embry
1933	Roy H. Holladay	Mrs. Ed Young	Mrs. J. B. Embry
1934	Roy H. Holladay		Mrs. J. B. Embry
1935	Roy H. Holladay		Mrs. J. B. Embry
1936	Roy H. Holladay	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. J. B. Embry
1937	J. R. Moore	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1938	J. R. Moore	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1939	J. R. Moore	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1940	F. A. Burroughs	J. R. Moore	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1941	F. A. Burroughs	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1942	Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1943	Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. Lloyd Garrett
1944	L. C. Smith	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. Lloyd Garrett
1945	L. C. Smith	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. Lloyd Garrett
1946	L. C. Smith	Mrs. R. M. Walker	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1947	L. C. Smith	Etha Maw Savage	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1948	L. C. Smith	Etha Mae Savage	Mrs. Fred Thompson
1949	L. C. Smith	Mrs. W. O. Gilmer	Mrs. Fred Thompson
1950	L. C. Smith	B. H. Davis	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1951	L. C. Smith	Mrs. Sam Dycus	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1952	L. C. Smith	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1953	L. C. Smith	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1954	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1955	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1956	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. H. H. Johnson
1957	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. J. H. Hardwick
1958	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. J. W. Fagan
1959	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. Aaron Smith
1960	A. G. Keller	Mrs. R. J. Cornett	Mrs. Aaron Smith
1961	A. G. Keller	Mrs. Nick Dollar	Mrs. Aaron Smith
1962	C. D. Sawyer	Mrs. Nick Dollar	Mrs. R. S. Hollimon
1963	C. D. Sawyer	Bill Scott	Mrs. Claude Sawyer
1964	Ardis Weems	Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. Claude Sawyer
1965	Harold Smithson	Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. M. C. Lawley
1966	Roy Mann	Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. John Haynes
1967	A. G. Keller	Don Decker	
1968	A. G. Keller	A. C. Langner, Jr.	Mrs. John Haynes
1969	A. G. Keller	Kenneth Bradshaw	Mrs. John Haynes
1970	A. G. Keller	Kenneth Barber	Mrs. John Perryman
		Gordon Wilcox	Mrs. John Haynes

*INTERIM PASTORS*

*Chaplain Waterhouse*  
*Chaplain Stubblefield*  
*Waymon Reece - 1959, 1961-1962, 1970*

*MINISTERS FROM CHURCH*

*Jim Bain*  
*William Laney Bain*  
*Orville David Duran*  
*Robert F. (Bob) Gunter, Jr.*  
*Ned Gunter*  
*Richard Hunt Moore*

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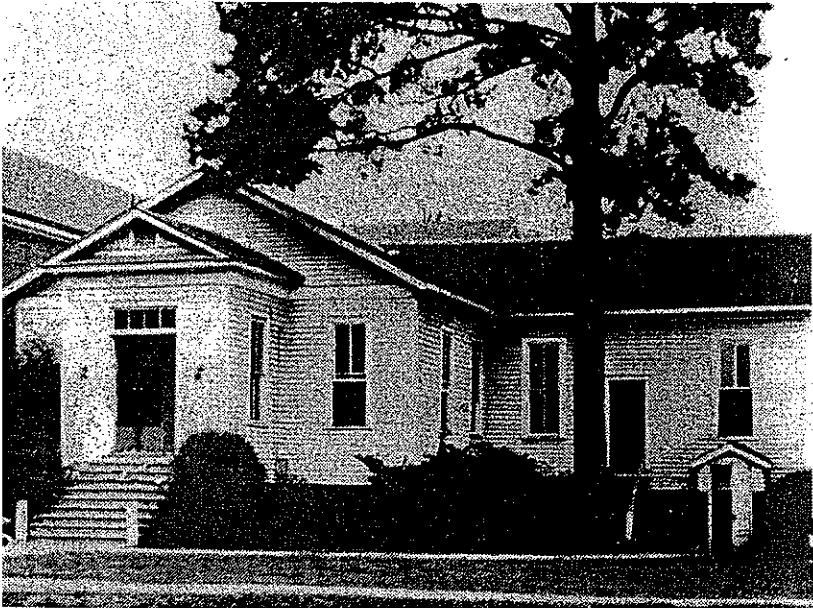
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