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University Heights Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL

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In the fall of 1967, Ronnie and I moved to Tallahassee, FL for me to attend graduate school in History at Florida State University. Through friends Rebecca and Barton Starr, we wound up at University Heights Baptist Church on West Call Street, just west of the campus. We had attended Evergreen Baptist Church and Birmingham’s Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Alabama; this was our second foray into becoming part of a different church. The first was our home church, the one into which we were born. The second we had settled on reasonably quickly without connections. UHBC was the only Tallahassee church we tried.

UHBC remained our church home until we left in the late summer of 1971 for Arkadelphia—well, save for our absence while I was in the Army. It was small and its membership allowed us to become active even in leadership roles. We sang in the choir and I taught a Sunday School class and eventually had Sunday School and Training Union leadership roles and there I was ordained as a deacon.

In 1970, I was tasked with writing a brief historical sketch. The church’s minutes were extant going back to its founding and before (1952), Association minutes were available for the whole time, and miscellaneous letters and items were floating around.

Last year, I discovered that the church didn’t exist anymore, at least not in the form with which we were familiar. Northwoods Baptist Church, 3762 Capitol Circle Northwest, website says that “We first opened our doors in January 1947 as University Heights Baptist Church under the pastoral care of T.J. Larkin. Between 1947 and 1992, University Heights saw dramatic changes—from saying hello and goodbye to at least nine pastors, to new buildings designed to hold the growing number of members. As our membership grew, so did our areas of impact. On April 5, 1992, we had our first service in our new location in northwest Tallahassee. On January 6, 2002, our newest facility "The JoyDome" was complete and we held our first service in this unique facility.” There’s a UHBC Google entry for that address. But the 1755 West Call Street address no longer sites the structure in which we worshipped.

Below are the sketch I wrote in 1970, my notes from church and association minutes, and additional items I copied.

UHBC Church History Sketch by S. Ray Granade, 1970.

It began in a building just evacuated by a Presbyterian Sunday School. Perpetually small, it has been a microcosm of the universal church. Infighting over matters secular and spiritual has sown dissension which at times would seemingly only be resolved by an exodus of the losers. Yet through it all has remained the Christian fellowship and concern which characterized the New Testament church. And in an age of non-involvement and lack of concern for others, this church has maintained a family air and obeyed the Biblical injunction to evangelize and to strengthen its stakes and lengthen its cords. The dangers to the church have been, and will no doubt remain, the formation of cliques and the lure of self-satisfaction.

There is little information on University Heights Baptist Church’s early years. The First Presbyterian Church conducted a Sunday School in the Mabry Heights Recreation Center for a time. But they decided to leave those facilities and form a church (now Presbyterian Westminster Church on Chapel Drive, overlooking FSU, its birthplace in Mabry Heights, and its successor in the Recreation Center, UHBC). In late January, 1947, First Baptist Church voted to take over operation of a Sunday School in the center. The new directors decided, as had the Presbyterians before them, to enlarge their program and abandon the recreation center. A few months after
beginning operations, First Baptist Church purchased a lot and small house from local painter Hiram D. Jones. After a payment of $6,125, the first church was granted title to the lot on West Tennessee, about a mile west of their original location. In preparation for the new tenancy, the church moved the house to the rear of the lot and widened an interior doorway to form an auditorium from two rooms. Under the direction of Alphonse Prichard, work began on a new building at the lot’s front. By March, 1948, the building was, though incomplete, ready for occupancy by worshipers and first pastor Rev. T.J. Larkin. On March 28, communicants held their first service in the new structure—led by Truett Farmer in place of the pastor who was at Thomasville Road Baptist Church that Sunday. By the April 10 service, the new building was complete and awaiting dedication. The Litany of Dedication for the University Heights Baptist Church, Branch No. 1 of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida, was read at 3 o’clock on a hot mid-May afternoon. After this May 16 service, the distinguishable entity of a new church was apparent.

As if anxious to follow the heritage of ecumenicism, its patrons decided to abandon UHBC. At First Baptist’s request, the Florida Baptist State Mission Board assumed responsibility for operating the fledgling mission on June 9, 1949. Rev. D.O. Alderman took over pastoral duties after Larkin left. But within a month, mission operation had been returned to First Baptist.

Evidently tired of being treated in such cavalier fashion and longing for that local autonomy which is one of the distinguishing characteristics of Baptist churches, mission members decided to act. Seventy-three people signed a registered letter, dated June 4, 1949. Agreeing that “the time has come that we resent being called a mission,” they wrote to Clifford Walker of Jacksonville to set aside a Sunday in June to meet with them “for the purpose of organizing...a regularly constituted independent Missionary Baptist Church.” Considering themselves financially able to pay a pastor and meet other church costs, the signers noted that “We have not had a pastor for a month now, only preaching and prayer meeting. The attendance, interest and gifts have been dropping steadily.” Nothing would be done, they pledged, until they had Walker’s reply.

After five months without a pastor, UHBC called the man who would lead them to constitution as a church. He assumed his duties on October 5, 1949. Fred Sliger had already preached there for two Sundays, September 18 and 25, when he officially became pastor. The church was small; on his first Sunday there had been 94 in Sunday School, 20 in Training Union. Nearly a year had passed since the letter had been sent to Walker. Yet everyone was abiding by his word. Finally the waiting was over. On May 7, 1950, 56 charter members and guests shared that wonderful moment when a new, independent church officially began. Within a year, membership had climbed to 162.

UHBC has been under the leadership of a number of pastors. After Larkin, the State Mission Board assumed operation of the mission for a month, and Rev. D.O. Alderman took over pastoral duties. Rev. Fred Sliger followed, serving from 1949 to 1953. When Sliger left for a Miami church, UHBC called Rev. J.B. Ansley from west Florida. Two years later, Dick Gwyn replaced Ansley. In 1958, Charles Phipps took control after moving from the eastern seacoast. When he left in 1960, the church called Rev. John Temoshchuk as pastor. The present pastor, Rev. Charles Breeden, arrived at UHBC in 1970.

Buildings, land, ministers, and integration have provided the major topics of the church’s history. Two ministers, Ansley and Gwyn, have left under less than ideal circumstances. In 1966-7, UHBC found itself embroiled in a controversy over whether or not to admit Negroes to services, or to membership. After heated debate and much maneuvering by both sides, the church declared that anyone could enter worship services and that UHBC would pursue an open-door policy where membership was concerned. Perhaps the greatest test the church has faced in its short two-decade life, the question of integration caused some to leave the church and go
elsewhere—or nowhere. Yet this question was tied to another, and the surface gives the appearance of a power struggle, a clash of personalities. But beneath the surface lies the problem faced by many churches, especially autonomous Baptist ones, teaching the priesthood of the believer. The difficulties lay upon a solid base of Christians seeking what they considered the will of God for their own lives and for the church’s life.

Two years after the official constitution of UHBC as a church, the basement of the “new building” (then four years old) was excavated and 15 new Sunday School rooms added. Additional adjacent property was purchased, for the church was growing—membership had reached 244. A new two-story educational building was completed in 1954, the auditorium enlarged and remodeled, with new pews and furniture installed. Sponsoring a Boy Scout troop, the church provided a scout house. Three years later, another tract of land was purchased. The twelve new acres stood behind the church on West Call Street, and provided ample room for future expansion. The church decided to erect new facilities on the land, after a three-acre strip on the west side had been sold. In 1962, a new three-bedroom pastorium was built on the back of the lot. After three years of planning and building, a new church was completed on the West Call property and the old facility sold. The church fortunately resisted the temptation to sell some land and pay off the debt, leaving the church room to grow in the future. The church operated, as it still does, a nursery-kindergarten as a church arm.

Unlimited possibilities for service to God and community await the expansion of the church, for the land remains. And the greatest part of the church is the closeness, the family air that prevails. Even in a church misunderstanding, that spirit prevails. A primarily young church, UHBC experiences almost complete membership turnover every half-decade. Yet the spirit remains. It is not uncommon to have a member say that he or she loves this church as no other, hates to leave Tallahassee because of the church, or that it’s family. This type of spirit is to the glory of God, and will go far in aiding the membership to show the surrounding community what Christian living is, and what a difference Christ can make in a life.

PASTORS
T.J. Larkin, 1948-9
William Fred Sliger, 10/5/1949-6/1/1953; to Miami Gardens Baptist Chapel
J.B. Ansley, 6/12/1953-7/3/1955; woman
I.E. Rouse, interim, 4/9-5/?/1958
Charles Phipps, 5/?/1958-7/10/1960; chaplain, Raiford
John Temoshchuk, 11/9/1960-
Charles R. Breeden, 1970-

WORKERS
Vaulda Miller, part-time sec 8/9/1952
Lawrence Stewart, $5/wk. choir, 8/12/1953
4/28/1954, church get full-time janitor
Jimmy Kearce, songleader 1/5/1955, $5/wk w/promise of raise
Gene Davis resigned as choir director 11/23/1955
7/25/1956, Gene Davis in as choir director $10/wk
10/10/1956, Ervin Gatlin music director; raise salary to $15/wk; Gene Davis moved retroactive to 10/7.

2/6/1957, Tamsy Armstrong organist


pianist: Mrs. T.A. Talley pianist 1950-1; Mary Blount pianist 1951-2; Mrs. Howard Langston pianist 1956; Mrs. Charles Paul pianist 1957; Mrs. Don Armstrong and Mrs. Charles Paul pianists 1958; Mrs. Milton Kelly, pianist 1961; Mrs. Sara Kelley pianist 1962; Ellen Sullivan and Bobbie Smith organist and pianist 1966.


INTEGRATION

church conference Labor Day year before accept Negroes. no minutes. M.E. Brown not there but knew of it.


Mrs. Pedler, sick at home, saw 2 Negro ladies and 1 white one come from Osceola Hall to hear African missionary. Blacks turned away.

Fights become involved w/personalities.

People on east side wanted land to expand trailer park.

FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES


depts, 297 enrolled, 117 av attn, 106 VBS, 79 av attn.  [41] TU, Lundy, 2 nur, 8 beg, 14 pri, 20 jrs, 
23 int, 7 yp., 38 adults, 117 total, 45 av attn. [42] WMU, Talley, 35 WMS, 20 GA, 10 RA, 22 
Sunbeam, 87 tot, 35 mission study, 34 tithers. [43] brohood, T.A. Talley, 45 brohood, 8 mtngs, $3K 
pastor’s home, $25K total property value (tied for 9th of 35). $6,200 ch debt, 225 Coop pgm, $50 
missions. [44] E.H. Davis treas; $8,879 in, $8,806.50 out. [45] Paul Cannedy clerk.  $72.50 for 
missions for $8,736.50 total out.

Gene Davis choir dir, no pianist.  Table A, 16 bapt, 34 ltr, 49 loss, 294 res mbrs, 12 non-res, 306 
total, 1 revival, 41 tithers, paper yes, $5,200 pastor’s salary.  Table B SS, Eugene Davis, 12 crad 
roll, 13 nur, 26 beg, 54 pri, 50 jrs, 29 intern, 16 yp, 101 adults, 324 tot, 168 av attn.  No VBS, yes 
Jan Bible Study.  Table C TU Reece Langston, 10 nur, 7 beg, 15 pri, 21 jrs, 10 int, 27 yp, 50 adult, 
144 tot, 90 av attn.  Table D WMS Mrs. P.L. McGlamory, 34 WMS, 10 GA, 8 sunbeam, 52 tot, 
19 tithers.  Table E brohood, Mayo Blount, inactive.  $5,500 pastor’s home, $60,500 ch prop, 
$20,649 debt, 3% coop pgm, $88 missions, no lib, ch musician, yes filmstrip proj.  Tables F & G 
W.R. Rice Treas, $16,486 in, $15,496 out, $528 missions for $16,023 total out.

Howard Langston pianist, Eugene Davis Dir of Audio-Visual aids.  [49] Donald Pace a student for 
ministry (FSU).  Table A mbrship 13 bapt, 71 ltr, 38 lost, 332 res mbrs, 29 non-res, 361 tot. 1 
revival, 45 tithers, yes paper, pastor $5,200.  Table B, SS, Howell Messer, 25 nur, 35 beg, 39 pri, 56 
jrs, 35 int, 10 yp single, 5 married, 130 adults, 349 total, 176 av attn.  178 VBS, 132 av attn. yes Jan 
Bible Study.  Table C TU Langston. 10 nur, 11 beg, 17 pri, 27 jrs, 9 int, 15 yp, 66 adult, 158 tot, 88 
av attn.  Table D WMU Mrs. Talley, 35 WMS, 20 GA, 10 Sunbeam, 65 tot, 20 tithers. Table E 
Brohood, none.  $60,500 property, $5,344 spent on it, $53,500 debt, 5% coop pgm, $107 missions. 
Table G&H Rice Treas. $21,999 gifts, $20,654 out.  Table I&J  Mrs. J.B. Perkins clerk.  $1,020 on 
missions = $21,674 tot out.

mbrship. 17 bapt, 34 ltr, 21 lost, 307 res, 63 non-res, 380 tot mbrs. 1 revival, paper, pastor $5,200.
Table B SS Messer. 11 cradle roll, 47 nur, 42 beg, 57 pri, 64 jrs, 43 int, 14 yp single, 17 yp married, 
117 adults, 417 tot, 211 av attn, 96 VBS, 68 av attn, Jan bible study, 4 tng schools. Table C TU Fred 
Womble, 10 nur, 9 beg, 12 pri, 26 jr, 16 int, 6 yp single, 10 yp married, 19 (25-34), 23 (over 35), 139 
total, 58 av attn.  Table D. WMU Mrs. Kendall.  35 WMS, 8 GA, 15 Sunbeam, 58 tot, 10 tithers. 
Table E, Brohood, no pres, 32 enrolled.  Table F Mu &c, Gatlin. 2 choirs, 40 singers, $400 in 
budget, ch musicians, Boardman, weekday nursery school.  Prop value same, no list of debt. 
Table G&H, $, Womble treas. $22,842 in, $20,497 out. Table I&J, Pedlar clerk.  $1250 missions, 
$21,747 tot out.

Armstrong and Mrs. Charles Paul pianists.  Table A mbrship. 15 baptz, 30 ltr, 89 lost, 268 res 
mbrs, 55 non-res, 323 total. 2 revivals, 94 tithers, no paper, $5,200 pastor.  Table B. $5K pastor’s 
home, $63K property, $18,825 debt, 5% coop pgm, 104 assn missions.  no weekday kindergarten 
or day school.  Table C. Brohood.  Wm Smith; Phil Boggs RA (9 enrolled).  Table D. WMU 
Mrs. Nix; 40 WMS, 12 GA, 52 total, 12 tithers.  Table E. SS no supt.  11 cradle roll, 47 nur, 42 
beg, 57 pri, 64 jr, 43 int, 14 yp single, 17 yp married, 117 adult, 417 tot, 211 av attn.  no Jan Bible 
study.  Table F TU  Pat O’Brien, 7 nur, 7 beg, 8 pri, 21 jr, 15 int, 12 yp, 13 (25-34), 13 (35 up), 
100 tot, 54 av.  yes youth wk.  Table G Ch Mu, Gatlin, 20 yp, 10 av attn.  no ch mu month. 4 ch

1960. [10] msgrs: none listed. [20] 50¢/res & non-res. mbr to assn. [44] Fanny Armstrong pianist. Table A. mbrship. 15 bapt, 16 ltr, 60 lost, 226 res, 76 non-res, 302 total. 1 revival, 40 tithers, no paper. Table B. SS Messer. 10 nur, 15 beg, 24 pri, 19 jr, 28 int, 34 yrs, 6 ypm, 12 (25-34), 25 (35 up), 6 extension, 182, 85 av attn, no JBS, yes Prep week. Table C. TU Kendall. 7 yrs, 26 int, 10 yp, 20 adults, 64, 20 av attn. no youth wk. Table D. MU none listed. Table E. Brohood. Peddie. Table F. WMU Mrs. Pearl Kendall. 43 WMS, 5 tithers. Table G. bldg. no 1/2-time secretary. yes filmstrip and movie projector. Table H. L. Singletary treas. $14,301 in, $14,149 out ($4,675 pastor). Table I. missions Bernice Twitty clerk. $1,028 for missions.

1961. [11] msgrs: Temoshchuks, M/M Kendall. [42] Helen Wms died. [44] Mrs. Milton Kelly, pianist. Table A. mbrs: 8 bapt, 34 ltr, 30 lost, 235 res, 85 non-res, 320 total. 1 revival, 50 tithers, $4,940 pastor. Table B. SS A Messer. 16 nur, 10 beg, 26 pri, 29 yrs, 19 yrs, 8 ypm, 6 ypa, 42 (25-34), 31 (35 up), 11 extension, 243, 81 av attn, 97 VBS, no Jan bible study, yes Prep week. Table C. TU Frank Leverette. 5 nur, 0 beg, 5 pri, 13 jr, 18 int, 6 ypm, 12 adult, 62 tot, 26 av attn. yes youth wk. Table D. MU E.D. McKississack. 20 adults, 1 choir, 1 organ. Table E. Brohood. none. Table F. WMU Mrs. M.E. Folsom. 12 GA, 13 WMS, 43 tot, 12 tithers. Table G. bldg. no 1/2-time secretary. yes kindergarten. Table H. $ Morris Singletary treas. $12,409 in, $11,640 out. Table I. Missions Bernice Twitty, clerk. $652 tot.


1963. [10] msgrs: lots! [18] $120 ann missions. [38] organist Mrs. Milton Kelly. Table A. mbrs: (4th of 7 for location) 5 bapt, 10 ltr, 30 lost, 225 res, 102 non-res, 327 tot. 1 revival, 57 tithers. Table B. SS Jack Buckley. 23 nur, 18 beg, 22 pri, 26 jr, 28 int, 5 yrs, 14 ypm, 35 (25-34), 26 (35 up), 4 (65 up), 204 tot, 95 av attn. 115 VBS. yes JBS & prep wk. Table C. TU S.N. Cox 3 nur, 6 beg, 6 pri, 13 jr, 19 int, 9 yrs, 10 (25-34), 24 (35 up), 91 tot, 30 av attn. yes, youth wk. Table D. MU R.W. Galbraith 14 yrs, 26 int, 21 adult, 61 tot, 39 av. Table E. Brohood. W.B. Kendall 24. Table F. WMU Mrs. Kendall. 8 Sunbeam, 6 GA, 18 WMS, 32 tot. Table H. Bldg. $25K home, $180K property, $37K debt. 150 bks in library. 1% ann missions, Table I. $ Maurice E.
Folsom treas.  $28,585 in, $27,746 out.  Table J. Missions.  M.E. Brown--$690.  HOSTS 1ST ASSN MTNG.


Table F. WMU. Mrs. McKenzie. 30 WMS, 7 GA.  
Table G. bldg. $25K pastorium, $180K property, $32K debt.  lib 175 bks.  5% coop pgm. .8% assn.  

Table H.  $. Mrs. Olin Williams treas.  $28,498 in, $15,709 out.  
Table I.  Missions.  ME. $828.  John T. preached.

Table B. SS Buckley. 20 nur, 14 beg, 20 pri, 23 jr, 27 int, 17 yrs, 20 (25-34), 22 (35 up), 20 (65 up), 185, 87 av atttn.  Table C. TU Charles Walker. 9 nur, 5 beg, 5 pri, 9 jr, 14 int, 8 yrs, 9 (25-34), 16 (35 up), 9 (65 up), 86, 32 av atttn.  Table D. MU Galbraith. 25. 15 av atttn.  
Table E. Brohood. Warren Fultz. 8 crusaders (RA), 25 brohood, 33 tot.  
Table F. WMU Mrs. McKenzie. 32 WMS, 9 GA, 13 Sunbeam, 52 tot.  
Table G. bldg. $25K pastorium, $212,443 property.  $133,605 spent on it, $65K debt.  200 bks, yes visitation.  
Table H. $. Mrs. Geraldine Williams treas. $176,977 in, $173,300 out. 55 tithers.  
Table I. Missions. ME $1624.  Summary. 15 VBS.  

Table B SS Barton Starr. 21 new, 22 beg, 40 pri, 52 jr, 27 int, 23 yrs, 20 ypm, 51 (25-34), 39 (35 up), 33 (65 up), 57 at mission, 337 tot, 139 av atttn, 121 VBS, 44 mission VBS.  Table C. TU Stanley Brazell. 5 nur, 8 beg, 7 pri, 13 jr, 18 int, 10 yrs, 27 (25-34), 8 (35 up), 10 (65 up), 6 new mbr orientation, 5 leader tng, 32 mission, 121 tot, 61 av atttn.  New mbr orientation but no ch leadership.  Table D. MU Byron Smith. 5 beg, 15 pri, 13 jr, 5 int, 21 adults, 67 tot, 58 av atttn.  Table E. Brohood. Warren Fult. 8 RA, 25 men, 33 tot.  
Table F. WMU Mrs. E.M. McKenzie. 21 WMS, 8 GA, 10 sunbeam, 45 tot.  
Table G. library.  
Madeline Temoshchuk lbn. 10% coop pgm, 1% assn missions, $25K house, $213,202 prop.  
$62,929 debt. $2,070 paid on it this yr.  Table H. $. Mrs. Geraldine Williams treas. $42,199 in, $37,347 out, 60 tithers.  
Table I. Missions. ME $2,473 total.  

Table B SS Barton Starr. 21 new, 22 beg, 40 pri, 52 jr, 27 int, 23 yrs, 20 ypm, 51 (25-34), 39 (35 up), 33 (65 up), 57 at mission, 337 tot, 139 av atttn, 121 VBS, 44 mission VBS.  Table C. TU Stanley Brazell. 5 nur, 8 beg, 7 pri, 13 jr, 18 int, 10 yrs, 27 (25-34), 8 (35 up), 10 (65 up), 6 new mbr orientation, 5 leader tng, 32 mission, 121 tot, 61 av atttn.  Table D. MU A. Byron Smith. 5 beg, 15 pri, 13 jr, 5 int, 28 adults, 71 tot, 58 av atttn.  
Table E. Brohood. 10 crusaders, 31 men, 11 at mission.  
Table F. WMU. Mrs. McKenzie. 25 WMS, 15 YWA, 10 GA, 10 sunbeam, 60 tot.  
Table G. Bldg. Bob Culbertson deacon chair. $25K pastorium, $217,665 tot prop.  
$61,393 debt ($1,535 pd).  
Kindergarten, ch council, VBS, library, mission VBS. 10% coop pgm, .01 assn.  
Table H. $. Orin Merk treas. 73 tithers, $25,449 in, $49,967
1968. [12] msgrs R/M Temoshchuk, Locke, M/M Byron Smith. [27] $184 to assn. Table A. mbrs. 8 of 10 location. 16 bapts, 83 other addns, 45 lost, 425 res, 108 non-res, 533 tot. 6500. Table B. SS Barton Starr. 20 nur, 17 beg, 28 pri, 29 jr, 27 int, 26 yps, 16 ypm, 20 (25-34), 27 (35 up), 32 (65 up). 1 extension, 6 ypa, 73 mission, 324 tot, 154 av attn. 110 VBS, 39 mission VBS. Table C. TU. Ray Granade. 10 nur, 6 beg, 7 pri, 8 jr, 12 int, 7 yps, 8 ypm, 7 (25-34) 8 (35 up), 12 (65 up), 48 mission, 136 tot, 67 av attn. Table D. MU. A. Byron Smith. 25 adults, 19 av attn. Table E. Brohood. 4 crusaders, 1 pioneer, 5 RA, 19 mission. Table F. WMU. Justine Chance. 10 sunbeam, 4 GA, 30 WMS, 17 at mission, 61 tot. Table G. 10% coop pgm, 1.3% assn. $300K ch prop. $59K debt. Table H $ 82 tithers, $57,718 in, $54,198 out. Table I. Missions. $6,100 salary.

1969. [14] msgrs, 7. [28] $115.32 to assn, $103.32 to camp (1 of 4). Table A. mbrs. 8 of 10. 2 revivals. 4 bapts, 21 other addns, 111 lost, 290 res, 105 non-res, 395 tot. Debt $57,350. Table B. SS Barton Starr. 13 nur, 23 beg, 24 pri, 21 jr, 25 int, 22 yp, 73 (35 up), 1 extension, 6 ypa, 212 tot, 98 av attn. 105 VBS. Table C. TU Lance Hutchinson 7 nur, 4 beg, 6 pri, 4 jr, 12 int, 4 ypm, 10 (25-34), 6 (35 up), 3 (65 up), 67 enrolled, 37 av attn. Table D. MU. 2 int, 9 ypm, 7 adult, 18 tot, 13 av attn. Table E. Brohood. 3 pioneers. Table F. WMU. 8 sunbeam, 2 GA, 5 YWA, 15 WMS, 30 tot. Table G. $ 60 tithers, 10% coop pgm, $29,784 in, $26,302 out. Table I. Missions. $3,369. Table I. $6,100 salary.

UHBC MINUTES

Minutes prior to 9 August 1952 missing in 1970; perhaps in with those of First Baptist Church Tallahassee.

9 Aug. 1952. 1716 West Tennessee, Rev. William Fred Sliger, pastor. Mr. Melvin Lundy recommended proceeding with building as recommended by deacons and building committee. Mrs. Vaulda Miller to be hired as part-time secretary. Mrs. Kendall WMU, Mr. Frank Smith Brotherhood, Mr. C.R. Riles SS, Melvin Lundy TU.

10 Sept. Deacons recommend: 1. new educational unit 30X60 rather than 15X60. 2. no kids over 5 in nursery during church. Phones: separate ones in church and parsonage, extension for office. Separate accts for building and gifts. Budget: pastor’s salary raised to $250, pastor’s retirement raised from $7.50 to 106.50. Total budget $13,144.50. Budget: $3,550 pastor, $520 janitor, $7870 secretary, $600 car, $120 cooperative program, $1,548 for debt, $500 literature, $100 VBS, $60 janitorial supplies, $600 utilities, $320 socials, $50 flowers, $500 insurance, $300 nursery, $50 state convention, $100 SBC, $2K building, $500 contingencies, $200 office, $200 revivals, $140 FL Baptist Witness, $100 pulpit supply, $106.50 pastor’s retirement, $200 Ridgecrest.


5 Nov. Deacons recommended brick vencer on education building w/small cement blocks rather than big ones.

10 Dec. Annual Christmas pgm 17 Dec. Christmas movie. Christmas treats. $100 from Midyette-Moor Insurance put in building fund. See about increasing insurance. Thank you to Insurance Co. Names of those granted letters should be put in bulletin “so that church members will be informed as to those no longer affiliated with the church.”

GA literature. Insurance: $14K and $1K on nursery. $20K on church and $1,650 on nursery (or at least $18K and $1,500). Policy address is 1545 West Tennessee and needs correcting.

4 Feb. Lord’s Supper moved to 2nd Sunday in month each 2 months. Ground-breaking ceremony Sunday 8 February after morning service. Education Building Fund Day 1 March, Dinner on the Ground. Visitation to get signed pledges toward building. Off record: pastor ready to build; thinks promises of labor, roofing, etc. enough to start now.

4 Mar. Revival plans.

April. Anniversary Day program for 3 May. Look into blackboards for SS rooms.

5 May. No Training Union report; record book lost. Give BSA OK for 20X40 house.

10 June. Mr & Mrs. Phillip Dickey placed on inactive list as have joined church of another denomination. Building and Pulpit Committees. $36 to Tallahassee Baptist Council for operations and $5/month to run it. Problems with attendance at Teachers and Officers Meetings. Pastor will get last week of June as vacation. Pastor resigned effective 1 July. OK. T.A. Talley presented it as deacon chair. Resignation: 1 June date. Led of spirit to go to Miami Gardens Baptist Chapel. 7 May 1950 church organized. Fred Sliger.


12 July. Pulpit Committee and Deacons recommend J.A. Ansley. Unanimous secret ballot OK.

12 August. Recommendations from Deacons: Lawrence Stewart get $5/wk as choir director.

$5 for posters for FSU. Deacons furnish transportation for FSU students. $5 for religious census. Need 15 workers. All OK.

9 Sept. Transportation Committee set up. Sell parsonage’s heater to BSA for $1. 4 vacancies on deacons; just get men already ordained: OK. Problem with Witness: get mbrs to read it, otherwise don’t send it. New officers. Budget: $12,887. $3,300 pastor, $520 janitor, $780 secretary, $600 car, $120 coop pgm, $1,548 debt reduction, $500 lit, $100 DVBS, $60 janitor supplies, $600 utilities, $320 socials, $50 flowers, $500 ins, $300 nursery, $50 FBCT, $100 SBC, $2K bldg, $500 contingency, $200 office supplies, $200 revivals, $140 FL Bapt Witness, $100 pulpit supply, $99 pastor’s retirement, $200 Ridgecrest.

7 Oct. $5 more for rel census. $400 for scout bldg; they’ll roof it. Transfer list. Assn Ltr: 16 baptisms, 43 ltr and others, 30 lost, 246 res mbrs, 30 non-res mbrs. 2 revivals, no request for budget pledges. SS 313, VBS 101, TU 145, WMU 96, Brohood 20, gifts $12,645.52. $266.10 for missions. New pastor 1 Aug. 93 av SS attn, 75 av TU attn. Pastor’s home $5,500, tot ch property $40,500. Debt $14,000. No ch library. $12,695.52 in, $12,717.44 out.

4 Nov. Voted dismissal of Miss Jane Tatum, who joined ch of another denomination. Music Committee. Ch pay pastor’s utilities. Love offering Mrs. Blount and Mr. Talley [no indication of reason]. Education bldg to be completed, ca $7,500. Ready ca. 30 days.

11 Nov. SPECIAL called mtng. Tallahassee Federal loan: increase it by $10K to complete educational bldg. Paul J. Cannedy Deacon chair to moderate. OK.


6 January 1954.

10 Feb. 100 new hymnals: $120 (more than in music acct in budget, but OK). RA counselor and Cub Master needed. $100 for PA system for nursery. Wall paneling can’t be matched for auditorium, so pain it 2-tone green.

10 Mar. Recommendations from deacons: emphasize staying for church; have spring revival 2-9 May “(May 9th being the anniversary of our church independence)”. Have svc’s 7 AM. Complete Scout house. Ed Bldg fund will pay $325 for pews for church and ch pay rest ($1,525).
7 Apr. Insure bldg for $20,000 at 100% from Midyette-Moor (premium $92.60 1st yr and $74.08 next 4). Business mtng moved to last Wed in mo. Keep bldgs locked; anyone can have a key who'll make one. UHBC set up acct with Leon County Blood Bank.

28 Apr [for May] goal of 325 for SS set for 1st Sunday of revival. Ch to employ full-time janitor (6 days/wk. and between services Sunday). Contract with florist for flowers each week. Prayer mtng Mon-Thurs and mass mtng Fri at ch.

9 June. Raise secretary's salary $25/wk. Mr. Rice will lend church $500 without interest to buy a piano; pay back $75/mo. Send 4 girls to Silver Lake Assembly. Lawrence Stewart resigned as music minister. Questioned for ordination Wed. 1 July, ordained 4 July.

July minutes missing.


10 Nov [for Oct.] sidewalks completed, $200 to Mr. Rice for piano.


9 Feb. $25 to advertise forthcoming revival. Sign painted to put out front (use it later too).


On Sunday, January 30, 1955, J.B. Ansley, Pastor of the above Church, requested all the men of the Church to meet with him at 2:00 P.M. In said meeting Pastor Ansley related an incident that transpired Monday, September 13, 1954, with Pastor and Mrs. Ansley and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald...
Gandy in the Pastor’s living room. In this meeting Mrs. Gandy related to Mrs. Ansley: “Mrs. Ansley, I am desperately in love with your husband and God has directed me to take Brother Ansley as my husband and have a baby by him.” After much other discussion before the men as a whole, the laymen of the Church were dismissed and the meeting turned over to C.R. Riles, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. Chairman Riles appointed the following committee to interview Mr. Gandy upon the matter: W.R. Rice, P.L. McGlamery, John Ellington and R.D. O’Brien. On Friday evening, February 4, 1955, the above committee with Pastor Ansley, interviewed Mr. Gandy at Perry, Florida. Mr. Gandy related with identical expressions the happenings in the Pastor’s living room, to wit: On September 13, 1954 that his wife did state to Mrs. Ansley that she was madly in love with Brother Ansley and God had told her to take him and have a baby with him. The above committee agreed that Mr. Gandy’s story paralleled completely the story as related by the pastor.

After the committee failed to arrive at a solution to the problem, the Deacon Board was called back into session on Saturday evening, February 19, 1955. By general agreement a decision was reached that Mrs. Gerald Gandy was an undesirable member and a detriment [sic] to the future progress of the Church. At a subsequent meeting of the Deacons on Sunday evening, February 20, 1955, with Mrs. Gandy present, further effort was made to solve the problem. Mrs. Gandy was arrogant, malicious and completely uncooperative, and left the meeting before adjournment. After Mrs. Gandy’s abrupt departure the Deacons were in unanimous agreement that further efforts of conciliation were futile, and make the following recommendation to the Church:

The Board of Deacons have come to the conclusion that Mrs. Gerald Gandy is guilty of designs, conduct and speech unbecoming to a Christian, and recommend that the Church in special business meeting withdraw fellowship from Mrs. Gandy and give to her a notation of dismissal from our membership. Signed C.R. Riles, Chairman, R.D. O’Brien, Secretary.

Minutes

The University Heights Baptist Church held a special business meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 1955.

Opening prayer was given by Brother Levy.

Brother Riles opened the meeting with a statement that the Board of Deacons had a resolution to be presented to the Church. He said, “It was a resolution that he hated to see presented to any Church.”

The attached resolution was read by Brother Riles.

Jack Perkins made a motion to accept the resolution, it was seconded by Gene Townsend.

Brother Harrison asked for the floor. Quoted. “I haven’t had nothing to do with this as I wanted to know nothing about it. Others have felt the same way. I believe what Brother Ansley and Family have said about it. I also, believe what Brother Gandy said about it, and only today I had a telephone call at my home from Mrs. Gandy’s sister-in-law and said that she had heard what was to take place at the Church tonight against Mrs. Gandy. He, (Mr. Gandy) is my brother and he has abused and persecuted his wife and also, she has acted under his pressure on this matter.” I believe what she said.

Brother Ansley quoted the following. “It was true at 2:30 that morning that he demanded that she go and tell them. She said you have got to help me with it. You, (Mr. Gandy) must go and confess to the family and see me through this thing. He demanded that she come and tell it herself, as he didn’t want our home broken up.”

Mrs. Gandy spoke again, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing.”

Jennie Lou Kent asked for the floor. “I know I am young but I feel as if I’m part of this Church and should have something to say. As Gordon spoke tonight we should help people who are in trouble and come to us. If we don’t help them as Christians who will?”
Mrs. Fish asked for the floor. “We as Christians should not let this thing go on as we have children to raise and are trying to raise them right,” quoted by Mrs. Fish.

Brother Harrison took the floor again. “I think we should try to help people who are under pressure. I believe Mr. Gandy is a sick man all he would have to do would be present facts to any judge and have her committed to a mental hospital.”

Motion was made by Gene Townsend to stop open discussion and vote.

Brother Riles appointed a committee to count the votes. 45 members voted “Yes,” 11 voted “No.”

Brother riles said tomorrow there would be a notice of dismissal made out and forwarded to Mrs. Gandy.

Brother Rice dismissed the congregation with prayer.

Resp. Submitted,
Evelyn Faircloth, Church Secretary

6 April. Church hire carpenter to fix 3 windows in main auditorium (and bank at corner of church). Church anniversary program for May 8.

4 May. Mrs. Leah Pittman asked for church ltr; committee of 3 to go to her and explain about granting letters to individuals. Check on cost of air conditioning for auditorium.

11 May. Committee and deacons approved air conditioning.

18 May. Unanimous OK. Borrow $3K from Tallahassee Federal.

8 June. All air-conditioning equipment ordered, and part received. Resignations from J.C. Ellington and Pastor J.B. Ansley (effective July 3, 1955). Both accepted. Letter—not same warm tone as before. In compliance w/constitution, notice. 4 wks vacation due me under an agreement with deacons.

6 July. Officrs. Get 24 Jr songbooks; blackboards for not more than $30 too. Pulpit Committee suggested Rev. Richard Gwynn—several ltrs of recommendation read aloud. Call him (majority vote). To begin 10 Aug.[name spelled Gwynn, Gwyn, Guynn; Gwyn is correct]


7 Sept. Resignation of Paul Cannedy from active deacons and YP supt; OK. Budget Comm, OK.

28 Sept. SPECIAL called meeting. New officers and teachers and budget. Pastor to teach men 35-44. Budget: $5,200 pastor, $300 office help, $1,300 janitor, $300 nursery attendant, $35 music director, $100 assn missions, $600 coop pgm (3%), $1,200 utilities, $75 janitorial supplies, $250 socials, $150 flowers, $50 nursery refreshments, $500 office supplies, $150 conventions, $300 revivals, $100 supply, $700 lit, $100 study course, $100 VBS, $150 FBW, $250 music, $1K maintenance, $250 ins, $5,525 loans payable, $800 contingency, $200 pastor’s retirement, $20K.

5 Oct. Flower committee: Pasco Flowers to supply “seasonable flowers” to church; OK. Active deacons down from 12 to 9. P.L. McGlamory to be paid for carpentry work.

19 Oct. (called) relinquish BSA troop to VFW. Committees list.

23 Nov. Gene Davis resigned as choir director; OK. Mrs. P.E. Guernsey, Jr. elected choir dir, $5/wk retroactive to 5th Sunday in October. [1 Nov, Davis out “due to additional responsibilities.” No copy of letter.]

7 Dec. Not hold church-wide party; confine it to Beginner, Primary, and Junior. Accept Standard of Excellence; OK.

4 January 1956 Study course for next 10 Wed nites: “Teachings of Jesus.” Purchase 12 acres of land across the street from the Cutsingers for $36K. General discussion. Recommendation from budget committee for each mbr to give $1/mo above usual gifts. Special envelope. Go to pay off
present debts. Also collections on 5th Sunday to go for that. Motion by Fred Womble to do it; OK. “Happy Offering” taken up then and there: $41.25.

8 Feb. Have property surveyed. Increase Mrs. Guernsey’s salary to $10/wk; OK.

Mar. Minutes not recorded due to absence of church clerk.

4 Apr. Deacons recommended getting good used water cooler for $100, and call for decision on whether or not to have spring revival. OK cooler and revival. Apr. 22-29, w/Warren Rush as evangelist. 1st Sunday in May as Homecoming. Evangelist Council. Mrs. Guernsey to be in charge of music. Wed. nite prayer mtng at 7:30 rather than 8; OK.

9 May. Cannedy’s letters to FBCT. New water cooler at distributor’s price, not used one; OK.

6 June. nothing.

3 July. Used $115 left in convention line item to send pastor and family to Ridgecrest and 2 Jr sword-drill winners to Silver Lake; OK. Buy new air compressor at wholesale ($452) guaranteed for 1 yr; OK.

25 July (called). Gene Davis returns as choir director, $10/wk. Officers. 1 Aug. (called). departmental supt.

26 Sept (called). Decide on purchasing pastorium land on High Road from Mrs. Folsom. Recommendation from deacons; vote 15 y, 22 n. Install 2 toilets and wash basin in D.E. Chambers classroom in new nursery (seconded by Chambers); OK.

10 Oct. Deacons say (1) buy 4 ½ dozen chairs for primaries at $18/doz; OK. (2) raise salary of Ervin Gatlin, music director to $15/wk; Gene Davis moved that it be effective 7 Oct.; OK. (3) pastorium: rent, give rent allowance, or buy or build. If build, either buy land or build on 12 acres already have.

14 Nov. Deacons say get new heater for pastorium ($107.95) and move old heaters to nursery; OK. Committees.

Dec. missing.

9 January 1957. Write Rev. Kenneth Sliger in Pensacola and see if lead Spring Revival in march or April. Proposed budget: $5,200 pastor, $800 office help, $800 janitor, $1,050 Music Director, $100 assoc missions, $1,250 coop pgm (5%), $1,200 utilities, $200 janitorial supplies, $375 socials, $150 flowers, $50 nursery refreshments, $500 office supplies, $300 conventions, $300 revivals, $100 supply, $800 lit, $200 WMU, $200 study course, $100 VBS, $150 FBW, $250 music, $1K maintenance, $200 ins, $7,300 loans payable, $2K misc, $425 assemblies, $5K Cutsinger property. $30K

6 Feb. $100 adding machine, liability and property damage ins (recommended by deacons and Nursery Comm). Deacons serve as pastorium comm. Ervin Gatlin lead singing during Spring Revival. Tamsy Armstrong elected organist. Send Gwyn to Evansville, IN to mtng prior to SBC.

27 Feb (called). Buy pastorium in Parkside on Abbiegale Dr. House built by F.M. McComb. $16,750 total; $1K Feb 28, $2,150 w/in next 10 days and $13,600 to be financed. Monthly payments ca $100. secret ballot. Everyone got copy of financial statement. Discussion. 633-50. Failed 2/3 necessary by 12 votes.

6 Mar. Pastor asks OK to rent 3 bedroom house suitable for family until church can decide on pastorium. Church pay rent and utilities. w/in reasonable distance of church. OK. Deposit surplus money from Pastorium Fund in Federal Savings Bank. Mrs. Dennis Roberts had 1st ch, West Palm Beach mail her her letter. Lost now (done 4/7/54); accept her by statement.

10 Apr. Deacons: let Gulf Oil Co remove trees at corner of old pastorium and put hedge in. OK, but instead of hedge, money to apply to $21K debt. Increase insurance with M-M Ins from $20K-$25K. Pay $15.45 to move pastor. Pay committee expense of $100 incurred in looking for new pastorium. Committee for liability ins.
8 May. Deacons: buy 5 dozen chairs for nursery and beginners at $18/dozen. For June 12, give vote on 15X60 strip for roadway in rear of Cutsinger property.

12 June. Deacons: buy 20’ culvert to drain water, ca $60; OK. Church accept bell to be presented by Fellowship class, to be installed at church; OK. W.R. Rice designated at treas and deacon; OK (7/3. nearly 5 yrs as treas.)


12 Sept. Officers.

26 Sept. Enlargement pgm.

9 Oct. Budget Comm. Deacons: (1) w/draw $2,025 from T’hassee Federal. Pay $1,800 to Cutsinger and put other $250 in general fund. Make that $900 to Cutsinger; OK. (2) church retain ch property for church use only. Nursery School Comm for equipment: 1 person for up to $25; whole committee for over that. Bobby O’Brien $1 for cutting church lawn. Nursery School financial statement 1 Oct ’56-30 Sept ’57. Church double supply of “Home Life” and let members buy at 38¢. Virginia Buckley Finance Secretary.30 Oct. (called) Pastor: devotional on “Standing Up for Jesus.” Motion that church observe standing vote. 82 for, 33 against. Purpose of mtng: to act on split decision of deacons to request pastor’s resignation. Fred Womble moved to retain. Discussion; Hicks out of order. Mrs. Perkins read minutes of March 6 [pastor rent a house and the church pay]. Virginia Buckley called the question. Pastor made no comment. Vote 74 for, 59 against pastor. Gwyn then read covenant and said Church’s in position of difficulty about every two years, and covenant broken over and over in last few months. The chair entertained Pastor’s motion that the 13 people whose names appeared in his letter to church be censored and removed from all places of office and copies of this action be sent to all churches in the Association. Amendment to add Pastor’s name [made by John Fish and seconded by wife] failed. Motion amended to have revival starting Sunday with Gwyn preaching. [Evidently a substitute motion, actually.] Carried. Pastor’s motion tabled “until such time as we see fit for things to work out.”

13 Nov. Womble resigned. Nursery school gave ch $100. John Ellington resigned. Pay pianist & organist $5/wk and pay 2 men who’d directed music the nights of the revival $10 each; OK. William T. Odencal, FSU varsity golf coach asked to use part of land; they’d cut grass wkly and take out liability ins; they’d leave on 30-day notice; OK.

11 Dec. Christmas cantata 12/15. $100 from Nursery to ch. Messer resigned as SS supt. because of job. Sell hot water heater, sink, and lower cabinet from old pastorium to Mrs. Cutsinger for $100; she’ll remove and plug; payment by her working as church custodian; OK. At pastor’s request, be absent 12/29-1/3 or 4; Dave Alderman’ll be in pulpit. No service Christmas or New Year’s.

22 Dec. (called), budget.

8 January 1958. Letters: Rice, the Fishes. [Many letters; 42 people by May!] $100 to ch from nursery.

5 Feb. $100 to ch from nursery. Lord’s Supper 9 Feb. EMERGENCY BUDGET: 6-month, till June 30. Bro Gwyn said reduce his salary from $100 to $75/wk; Mrs. Pedlar said no salary; music minister down from $20-$10/wk; removed conventions, assemblies, flowers, FBW, WMU; missions and payments on ch property same; 10% coop pgm, $60 Assn, $300 lit, $200 office, $100 VBS, $17.50 nursery refreshments, $92 music, $600 utilities, $100 janitorial supplies, $540 rent, $225 ins, $1,950 pastor’s salary, $400 custodian, $260 music minister, $130 ca pianist, organist; $150 revival, $75 socials, $25 supply, $1,500 loans payable, $2,500 Cutsinger property, $9,354.50 tot.
March. Deacons recommend: spring revival 30 Mar.-4 Apr. Rev. Charles Phipps evangelist, 7:30-7:45 AM and PM services. $150 for visiting pastor, take $500 from T’hassee Federal to pay Cutsingers.

9 Apr. Deacons recommend: accept Gwyn’s resignation effective immediately, w/salary thru 28 Apr. Pulpit Committee to use 1 car, 7¢/mi. Interim pastor I.E. Rouse from William Cary College; $12.50/svc. Pastorium situation to be looked into; maybe use present pastorium.

7 May. Candidate for pulpit to come w/family 18 May. Trustees recommend ch pay 3.5% on Cutsinger at end of 1958; OK. 7¢/mi not used, so let Rev. Phipps have it to come [same as spring revival?]. $50 for travel and preaching. Make 18 May Homecoming Day; committee to make arrangements and publicity.

18 May. Consider pulpit Comm’s recommendation; secret ballot; Mrs. Pedler: can we afford to hire a pastor? Rouse ruled question out of order. Accept Comm rept. Make it a unanimous vote; OK.


4 June. Budget. “present emergency” needs wkly budget. Mr. Pedler treas; let him disburse money as he sees fit. Dan Bramlett wants to lease Cutsinger land for $75/mo; look into it. Work party Fri 6 June to finish work on pastorium. Nursery moved back into bldg where Young Adults meet, so all adults to auditorium.

9 June. Landscape as problem w/erosion (drainage); Nursery School pay for it. Nursery Committee.

July. Missing.

6 Aug. Gwyn’s ltr, reports.

3 Sept. discuss budget, 7 Sept approve budget. 5% coop pgm ($1,040; assn $104; pastor $5,200; Mu $520, Sec $520, custodian $520, supply $104; SS lit $520, VBS $52, Study Course $52; socials $52; TU lit $130; study course $52, socials $104; RA lit $52; Silver Lake $104; bulletin $104; mail $52, subscriptions $13, postage $208, office supplies $312, convention $312, retirement $208, revivals $52, honoraria $260, socials $104, utilities $1,300; ins $156; janitorial supplies $104; organ and piano $39; HVAC maintance $52; repairs $52; debt retirement $2,990; new prop $5,018; reserve fund $338. $20,800 tot.

10 Sept. Mrs. Gwyn’s ltr. Deacons recommend: have Home Talent Revival in near future; use offering each nite toward paying off new property; ch deed narrow strip of land on south side of property to city for public street; OK. Trustees arrange to clean up “the miniature golf course at no expense to the church.”

17 Sept. Teachers and officers.


5 Nov. IPOE [I Pay One {Dollar} Extra]: $1/family/wk; use money exclusively for building fund. Church Council to be set up.

10 Dec. Deacons recommend: Thursday nites be set aside for visitation; committee for Christmas party for Christmas Eve; OK. Trustees: sell surplus putters (ca 20) $1 each; OK. Make supplemental loan w/T’hassee Federal for $3,700 to pay 1958 deficit on new property; OK.

7 January 1959. nothing new.

4 Feb. combination to safe should be given to pastor, 1 trustee, and sec; OK. Trustees try to get 3 acres along east side of new property for new pastorium and road.

4 Mar. Pastor help set up Clinical Tng Pgm at Mental Hospital at Chattahoochee (take 1 or 2 days/wk); OK.

8 Apr. NomCom
6 May. repts and NomCom.
10 June. budget &c.
8 July. Nursery School comm: let ch set up kindergarten class for 5-yr-olds, announce it, and work on developing it. No added expense, just expanding present pgm. If not enough kids interested by Sept, cut it. OK. Deacons lead in visitation to ch mbrs to acquaint them w/financial pgm. “Our finances are at such a low ebb, there is a need to put this problem on the heart of each member.
5 Aug. Dr. & Mrs. Saunders lost their home.
9 Sept. Officers, flowers, welcoming comm.
5 Nov. Extend agreement w/golf team for another yr. Budget: $1,468 coop pgm, $104 assn; $120 FSU BSU; pastor $5,200; Mu dir $520, ch sec $520; janitor $520; supply $104; SS lit $520; VBS $52; tng $52; socials $52; TU lit $130; tng $52; socials $104; RA lit $51; Silver Lake 0; WMU $51; bulletin $104; monthly mail-out $52; subscriptions $13; postage $208; office supplies $520; conventions $312; Retirement $400; revival $26; honoraria $130; utilities $1,300; ins. $260; janitorial supplies $52; upkeep (organ, pianos) $39; HVAC upkeep $52; bldg repairs $85; debt retirement ed bldg $2,990; debt retirement Cutsinger $5K. $21,163 tot.
16 Dec. usual.
6 January 1960. Ervin Gatlin resigned (no reason in ltr; just resign as Mu Min.).
10 Feb. Investigate intercom so nursery workers can hear svc. Nursery can use Day Nursery School’s record player.
4 May. Motel bill for missionary for school of missions ($40) OK.
15 June. Continue wkly mail outs and get permit to imprint mailing permit.
6 July. See that ch grass cut by ch ch families. “the crisis of our financial situation.” Trustees rept. secret ballot 16 for, 14 against selling some property. Motion failed necessary 2/3 vote.
18 July. “A meeting was held to discuss the crisis that exists in our church.” 20 people present “including some officers and interested members.” Church buy minister’s office desk and file for $50. George Harrison recommended that recommendation of trustees about selling land be reconsidered at next conference and advertise it in bulletins. Shelve pulpit and nominating committee reports. Trustees recommendation: sell 3 acres at $4K/acre for $12K. Put money in T’hassee Federal to cover Cutsinger payments through 1961, rest in Building Fund. Church give 30’ on east side of property for street if buyer gives 30’ on west side of 3 acres.
10 July. Phipps resigned (effective 14 Aug.) to accept position of chaplain, FL State Prison, Raiford.
10 Aug. Reconsideration of trustee recommendation defeated. WB Kendall said sell 3 acres on west to Cutsinger for $3K/acre. Put $9K against $16,700 now outstanding, $6,700 over 10 yrs at 5.5% (6% if no payment until Jan.). OK 2/3 vote. Mrs. Pedler resigned. Assn missions get 6/10th% of undesignated OK. Church conference moderator to be elected from mbrs at mtng. Called mtng at signed request of 5 mbrs, request published 1 wk prior to mtng (and business to be discussed).
31 Aug. Called mtng to get treas, sec, clerk, and trustee.
7 Sept.  Ltr of M/M Phipps, Charles Jr, Carol and Wayne at Starke.  Cover pulpit comm expenses; PK.  Accept Ray Almondii’s offer to buy organ that began ch back for $200; OK, but money to be in music and supplies; OK.
9 Nov.  Call John Temoshchuk.  Ltr of recomm from Dr. OL Walker of Stetson (head of rel dept).  Disband Pulpit comm (no, wait for acceptance).  33-yo, married, 2 kids.  Phone call. Comm to redo pastorium, repair gas heater, move pastor, plan meal.  George Harrison’ll drive moving van to GA and back. Ch pay moving expenses. FL High Chorus’ll put on Christmas pgm at church. Recommendation:  $90/wk, utilities, retirement pgm, convention expenses, 2 revivals, 2 wks vacation.  $5/wk car as soon as finances stabilize.
7 Dec.  Sign.
8 Jan 1961.  $100 to budget for benevolence.
8 Feb.  Greater T’hassee tng school.
8 Mar.  Lotsa expense: “The revival, insurance policy on buildings and gas tanks to be filled.” Ervin Gatlin to lead revival music.
5 Apr.  Make sure ushers give latecomers songbks (lack in svc often).  Homecoming Comm.
9 May.  Deacons recommend: appt pastorium survey comm; OK.
June.  Missing.
5 July Pastorium survey and NomComs.  Fish fry comm.
6 Sept.  Trustees: not more than 1 active deacon.
22 Sept.  Called mtng.
8 Nov.  FL Bapt Conv (13-16 Nov).
19 Nov.  Called conf for budget.  Recommend that ch borrow $16K more from T’hassee Federal on mortgage on TN St. property.  Bldg comm appted by pastor to build pastorium according to Jack Buckley’s blueprint; except brick veneer instead of concrete block.  All unused funds pay off indebtedness.
6 Dec.  transfer $40 from office supplies to music supplies. Deacons recommend: nursery and kindergarten money in 1 treasury w/Ch; OK. $40/mo for pianist and organist at $20 ea.
7 Mar.  Ask for advance notice if coming to Ch Nite Supper.
4 Apr.  Deacons: borrow $4,800 and cost from T’hassee Federal to pay remaining bills on pastorium and buy new organ.  Have drive now to Homecoming to raise $1K to pay for organ. Pay 1 pianist and have 1 volunteer (paid one to be at choir practice, etc.).  Mr. Zabenko loaned organ to ch; ltr of thanks.
4 July.  no new or old business.
5 Sept. “Mr. McKissack has left us” and no choir practice till it’s announced.
10 Oct. Installation svc for officers planned for Mon, 15 Oct. Brohood. Ch Council: prayer mtng 7:45; WMU; Brohood 4th Mon; SS planning mtng 7PM Weds. Deacons: have trustees seek out 1 of best realtors in town and give him exclusive rights to sell our property w/in 120 days at net price to ch of not less than $135K. Bro John: not appraised. Former mbr who’s a realtor suggested price. No music equipment or furniture to be sold. No time limit as to how long we’ll stay in bldg after sale. Motion carried. Assoc. msgrs chosen.

7 Nov. $300 shortage. Week of Prayer 12/3-7. Msgrs to FBSC. Deacons suggest to increase attendance: build on new property; pray for ch’s work; and strengthening our fellowship, realizing that our love of the ch and attendance at the svcs lead us to meet newcomers to the church.

5 Dec. deficit of $390. Ca 8 at GAs each wk. 12 at Brohood. Budget: have finance comm decide on priorities.


6 Feb. Trustees request: make multiple listing rather than 1 realtor; OK.


10 Mar. Called short conf after AM worship. Mu Comm presented Bob and Milbra Galbraith to lead mu pgm; OK.

10 Apr. study course 28 Apr. $32+. Homecoming Day 5 May. Special offering during May for choir robes and new mimeograph machine. Jack Buckley’s presentation of info from bldg survey comm.

8 May. $200 on 1st Sun for special offering.

5 June. Deacons: let Bro John lead revival in Lamont 24-30 June and have youth wk at that time; OK. Plans for fall revival w/Rev. Fernandez and spring revival w/Bro John; OK.

17 July Greater Thassee Tng School last wk Aug. Deacons: ch in simultaneous SS witnessing campaign 1/26-31; OK.

Aug. none.

4 Sept. Every Mbr Day Sept 29.


9 Oct. Film Centerville Awakening. Flower Comm: card to hospitalized mbrs; flowers in event of death of mbr (or regular attender) only. $6 local, $7.50 out-of-town limit; no flowers if death in family, just card; OK. Deacons: Bro John preach revival at Panama City 10/28-11/3. Ch buy off-white paint and men paint inside; OK.

6 Nov. Question of mbrs going to another denomination; committee to study old minutes and see.

4 Dec. Deacons: start and stop svcs on time. Ch Council: Christmas fellowship 18 Dec, gifts below 50¢; morning and evening svcs for Jan Bible Study (1/6-10); midwk svc Tues 7:30 Christmas week, carol sing; OK.

15 January 1964. $120 got for Wk of Prayer in Dec. Trustees: ch accept Midyette-Moor’s ins pkg; OK; sell hot water heater from old pastorium to WB Kendall; OK; Give Mayo Blount permission to remove old pastorium for salvage value; OK. Ins plan $64K. Hot water heater worthless. Housemover in Pensacola pay $120 for old pastorium and move it.

5 Feb. Family nite supper last Wed. ea mo.

4 Mar. $150 from old pastorium; use it to pay off choir robes and buy new hymnals; OK.

Deacons: Bob Galbraith lead revival music; OK. Invite Ted Denture to speak at AM svc 26 Apr; have special offering for him; OK.

22 Mar. Start of discussions that may lead to sale of TN St. land. To be cont 1 Apr. Appraisals $70-130K Symon, Tully, and Booth selected “because they are the most aggressive real estate men in town.” 6 mo at 5%. Offer of $100K from man in Quincy ($2,500 down for option, 270 days to
pay balance). Should be able to get $115K; ch get $109,250. Owe $37,823. $71,427 to build. Estimate need $120K, so $48,573 loan. 5.75% now; at least 6% on new mortgage. Recommend not sell for $100K; OK. Sell for $115K and other stuff in motion; OK. Work w/FBCT to sell it (they have reverter clause).

8 Apr. $110K from Mr. Harbin. Form ltr for other denominations. Bro John on nursery-kindergarten: breaking even; doesn’t hinder ch activities; doesn’t require too much of pastor’s time.

22 Apr. $110K OK; much legal stuff.

6 May. Money from TN St. property into bldg fund.

10 June. Preliminary plans for new ch. Ltrs.

8 July. Ballot stuffing at convention; “Bro John gave mention of his disappointment of moral decline of action at the convention, that of ballot stuffing.” Music and choir. Fish fry by 22 July.

5 Aug. Family nite supper moved to Wed. before 3rd Sunday.

9 Sept. NomCom repts.

7 Oct. 26 in nur, 23 in kindergarten. Ch ready to build. Deacons: due to “discontent that has been prevalent” concerning N-K, recommend discontinuing. 6 opposed to continuing, 19 in favor. Bro John recom that not group deal with any matter that a comm’s been instructed to do; let comm do it. If don’t like it, go to chmn. N-K rept: some praised, some criticized, “and some made threats to the extent that they would resign their jobs in the ch and leave the ch if the work was not discontinued,” Teach 2-5. Pay expenses and give ch $75 for utilities. Raised to $100 by ch. Since 1960, gradual increase. For past yr, av of $340/mo. Areas that need attention.

Statement of purpose [impt!].

4 Nov. Ch Council: TU study course sections 6,8,9,10; invite a foreign missionary home on furlough to speak at ch while we’re emphasizing Lottie Moon.

16 Dec. Christmas party 12/23. Jan Bible Study, Deuteronomy; Bro John and Bro Ed Perryman of Crawfordville Road BC to swap out. N-K: Kiwanis Club to sponsor kids: $40 ea tuition, not more than 3 kids under this pgm (unless N-K decides more); OK. Scholarship for mbrs’ kids (on basis of need, determined by N-K Comm after applications; cost $6/mo w/lunch, $3 w/o). Ch organist: Miss Brenda Pearson at $30/mo. Work’s started by contractors on new bldg.

6 January 1965

10 Feb. $50 to Dave Alderman for 20 yrs svc as field sec.

10 Mar. No granting ltrs to individuals.

7 Apr. Other denomination issue.

5 May. Look for ch organist.

9 June. nothing.

7 July. Bapt camps. Ch’ll pay $5 toward fees of each person who wants to attend.


8 Sept. NomCom.

6 Oct. nothing.

13 Oct. called mtng for budget.

10 Nov $4K balance in checking; put $3K in savings; OK.

NOTES ON UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS MISSION

27 January 1947, FBC voted to take over operation of the Sunday School in the Mabrey Heights Recreation Hall then being operated by the First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, with Alex J. Coakley as Sunday School Superintendent.
1947, purchased a lot and small house from Hiram D. Jones, painter, on W. TN Street for $6,125, and started Sunday School in the little house which was moved from the front of the lot to the back, and one door widened to make a larger preaching auditorium.

? Broke ground for new church bldg, with A. Pichard as construction chmn.

March 1948, Rev. T.J. Larkin called as pastor, both here and Thomasville Rd.

March 28, 1948, 1st svc in new church. Church not complete. Truett Farmer preacher, as Brother Larkin was at [Thomasville Road Branch crossed out and Crawfordville Church penciled in] that day.

April 10, 1948, 1st svc in COMPLETED new church.

May 16, 1948, formal dedication of the new building.

June 9, 1949, State Mission Board, at request of FBCT, operated the mission under Rev. D.O. Alderman. Rev. and Mrs. T.J. Larkin left community.

July, 1949, mission operation returned to FBCT.


May 7, 1950, formal constitution of the University Heights Baptist Church by council of Florida Baptist Assn, Rev. H.C. Meador, Moderator.

"Prepared by Mr & Mrs. Millard Brown for Homecoming Day, 1959"

The Litany of Dedication for the University Heights Baptist Church, Branch No. 1 of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, was read May 16, 1948, at 3:00 PM. Less than a year before this dedication, the mission work leading to it began. On January 22, 1947, the First Baptist Church appointed Mr. W.H. Cates as superintendent of a Sunday School in the Mabry Heights Recreation Hall.

The Mabry Heights Sunday School moved within several months to a small house and lot on West Tennessee Street. Ground was broken for the church and by March of 1948, the church was—though not completed—ready for occupancy under the direction of its first pastor, Rev. T.J. Larkin.

Rev. William Fred Sliger, as mission pastor, assumed the leadership of University Heights Branch on October 5, 1949. On May 7, 1950, University Heights Baptist Church was constituted and Mr. Sliger became pastor. At that time University Heights' membership totalled 56.

The enrollment had reached 152 by the first anniversary celebration of the church.

After Mr. Sliger's four years at University Heights, Rev. J.B. Ansley was called as pastor in the summer of 1953. Two years later, Rev. Dick Gwyn answered the Church's call to lead its congregation and promote further its full organizational work.

In 1958, Rev. Charles Phipps became the pastor at University Heights Baptist Church. Along with his theological training, he brought his knowledge in the field of personal and family counseling.

Today, on the ninth anniversary of its constitution as a church, University Heights, standing at one of the entrances to the Florida State University, owns eleven and a half acres of choice land on West Call Street right across from the Church's present location. The spring revival services of the Church have recently ended. Rev. Thomas Cuttino, evangelist, told the congregation in his last message that no church in Florida has an opportunity greater than that of University Heights Baptist.

Loose page

May, 1965, marked the 15th anniversary of the ministry of this church and the completion of a new sanctuary and educational building on the new property at 1700 W. Call St. Our ministry at
our new location brought about an upsurge in attendance at all services and a more significant participation in involvement and sharing.

On January 8, 1967, our church started her first mission in the Lake Bradford community. Ten mbrs and Rev. E.W. Perryman started the work. Today we have 48 mbrs in the mission.

Recently our church received into our fellowship a person of the Negro race, thus giving evidence of our desire to show the love of God with all people.

During the past year we had some rewarding experiences. Our church received ninety new mbrs into our fellowship, and gave $3,360 to mission work outside our church.

For the first time in the history of our church one of our young men Thomas E. Prewitt is responding to a call to become a preacher of the Gospel.

Pamphlet entitled University Heights Baptist Church, 1700 W. Call Street, Tallahassee, Florida. Opening Services may 30, 1965, on the Occasion of the Dedication of its New Building and its Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration.

John Temoshchuk, Pastor, was born in Ottsville, Pennsylvania, the son of Russian-born parents who were both converted to Christ in this country and became active in the Baptist Church, the father serving as a deacon.

He attended the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, where he received his basic Bible training. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Stetson University in 1954. While in college he held leadership office in the Baptist Student Union in the Ministerial Association. In the summer of 1952, he served under the Home Mission Board as Student Missionary in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The pastorates of Rev. Temoshchuk include the Satsuma Baptist Church, Satsuma, Florida, Trinity Baptist Chapel, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and First Baptist Church, Screven, Georgia.

Our pastor is Moderator of the Florida Baptist Association and serves on the Deceased Ministers Committee of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Rev. Temoshchuk is married to the former Madelyne Brady of Miami, Florida. Mrs. Temoshchuk is a graduate of Stetson University and received a Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. The Temoshchuks have two children, Dawn Lea and Jon Michael.

HISTORY

The Lord was building the University Heights Baptist Church January 27, 1947, when First Baptist Church of Tallahassee voted to take over the operation of the Sunday School in the Mabry Heights Recreation Hall and appointed W.H. Cates superintendent. Till then it was operated by the First Presbyterian Church.

In the same year a lot and small house were purchased at 1716 West Tennessee Street for $6,125. The house was moved to the back of the lot and remodeled for Sunday School and preaching services. Then ground was broken for a new church building with Alphonse Pichard as construction chairman. May, 1948 the new church building was completed and dedicated.

On May 7, 1950 a total of 5 charter members and guests shared in the formal constitution of the University Heights Baptist Church. A year later the membership had increased to 162. In 1952 the church basement was excavated and fifteen new Sunday School rooms added. Additional adjacent property was purchased and the membership increased to 244.

In 1954 a new two-story Educational building was completed and dedicated, a scout house was built, the church auditorium was remodeled and enlarged and new pews and pulpit furniture was provided.

In 1955 the church auditorium was air conditioned.
In 1957 a tract of land was purchased at 1700 West Call Street with the intentions of building entire new facilities on the new location.

In 1962 a three-bedroom brick pastorium was completed and dedicated on the nine-acre tract of property.

Now, May, 1965, the fifteenth anniversary of the church, marks the completion of an entire new sanctuary and educational building.

During the fifteen years of ministry the church has led to Christ and baptized 262 persons.

CHURCH SURVEY AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Description and photos of church and educational building.


Native of Clearwater, Fl, 32 yrs old, married to Darlene, 8-yr-old son Phillip. Has pastored Orange Lake BC, Orange Lake, Fl; Friendship BC Cleburne TX, and Rock Creek BC in Glen Rose, TX. Currently USAR 2LT chaplain. BA from UofFL 1967, MDiv Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Ft. Worth at month’s end.

Charles R. Breeden.

Havana Herald, 9/12/14 Looking back 40 yrs: Reverend Larry Seymour, new pastor of the Havana Presbyterian Church, was named chairman of the Havana Health Council. Serving with Seymour were Mrs. P.W. Shelfer, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. Carl Moreland, treasurer. Seymour succeeded Rev. Charles Breeden as chairman.

Orlando Sentinel LOCAL Chesser-breeden May 4, 1989

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gwynn Chesser, Orlando, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammi Suzan, to Phillip Charles Breeden, High Springs, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Breeden, Chattahoochee. The wedding is planned for Aug. 26. She graduated from Winter Park High School and the University of Central Florida, Orlando. He graduated from Chattahoochee High School and the University of Florida, Gainesville.

1975, Charles Breeden, spoke; at Flat Creek, Chattahoochee, FL; Gadsden Co Bapt Assn.


Dick Gwyn


1949, Rev. Dick Gwyn visiting in IL from Waco or Riesel, TX.

Richard Gwyn in a play at Southern IL U in 1942, and Dick Gwyn in BSU according to The Obelisk Oak Lawn BC Bellmead/Waco, TX. Pastor Dick Gwyn 1947

Dick Gwyn Baylor and Seminary grad and pastor at Riesel 1949.

Gwyn went to SIUCarbondale and Baylor.
Rev. I.E. Rouse

When the exigencies of the depression era forced the college to close in 1940, its facilities were used as army officers’ housing for nearby Camp Shelby. In 1946 Mississippi Woman’s College re-opened and underwent major renovations. Dr. I. E. Rouse was elected president in 1946 and served until 1956. In 1953 the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted to move the college into coeducational status after more than four decades of admitting only female students. This vote necessitated a new name for the institution. In 1954 the board of trustees selected the name of William Carey College in honor of the eighteenth century English cobbler-linguist whose decades of missionary activity in India earned him international recognition as the “Father of Modern Missions.”

Sarah Allman Rouse, distinguished spouse of I. E. Rouse, was not only wife of the President but also Dean of Women.

Irving Eldridge Rouse, B Pearl River Co, MS 9/16/1894, d Tallahassee, FL 8/29/1959 (65). grad MS Col 1920, USN 1917-1918. taught in public schools of MS. PhD Southern Seminary. Pastored Louisville, KY, Hattiesburg, MS. Pres MS Woman’s College 10/14/1946, retired 7/1/1956. buried Louisville, MS. m Sarah Allman 8/27/1929. findagrave has death date as 8/29/1958; Dr. Irving E. Rouse

William Fred Sliger


Boca Raton News 3 March 1972, p5: Dr. William Fred Sliger has accepted the call as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boca Raton. P Rev. Sliger, a native of Chattanooga, TN, resigned as associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in Johnson City, TN to accept the Boca Raton pastorate. He will conduct services this Sunday. P He is a graduate of Carson Newman College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His former ministry included First Baptist Church, Miami Gardens; and First Baptist Church, Boynton Beach.”


John Temoshchuk

Obituaries published February 17, 2005.

John Temoshchuk, longtime Georgia pastor, died Jan. 27 in Yulee, Fla. He was 76. P Born of parents with Ukrainian heritage, Temoshchuk served as pastor at churches in Germany, Florida, Kentucky and Georgia for nearly 40 years. During that time he pastored College Avenue Baptist Church in Douglas, First Baptist Church in Blackshear and First Baptist Church in Screven. P Temoshchuk served as moderator and vice-moderator of Piedmont Okefenokee Association and as
president of the Blackshear Ministerial Association. He was also a trustee for Baptist Village. Following his retirement in 1990, Temoshchuk served as interim pastor at First Baptist Jesup, First Baptist St. George, and First Baptist Woodbine. He is survived by his wife, Madelyne; daughter, Dawn Temoshchuk of Orlando, Fla.; and son, Jon Michael Temoshchuk of Jacksonville, Fla.

Orlando Sentinel. April 18, 1989 DELAND — Stetson University has named the Rev. James Smith, chaplain at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, as one of four Ministers of the Year for 1989. Smith was cited for his outstanding service to the Christian faith, his congregation and the university, during the annual Baptist Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the university's office of church relations. P Others who also received the award were the Rev. Bill W. Coffman, Arlington Baptist Church, Jacksonville; the Rev. Harold O. Taylor, First Baptist Church, Davie, and the Rev. John Temoshchuk, Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church, Silver Springs.

Fernandina Beach News Leader obit. 2 February 2005, A2. JT 76; d Th, 1/27 at home in Yulee. Pastored for 42 yrs. FL, SE GA, and Augsburg, Germany. Satsuma (FL) BC; FBC Screven, GA; UHBC T'hassee; Calvary BC, Augsburg; FBC Blackshear, GA; College Avenue BC Douglas, GA; Ocklawaha Bridge BC, Silver Springs, FL. Retired 1990. Interim after retirement at FBC Jessup, GA; FBC St. George, GA; Five Points and North 14th Street BCs, Fernandina Beach, FL; and Woodbine BC, GA. Survived by wife Madelyne, children Dawn and Michael, sister Tanna Dawson of Ft. Lauderdale, several nieces, a nephew, several cousins in Ukraine....


George Ervin Gatlin ("Erv"), Ed. D., 80, committed musician, churchman and family man, of Leesburg, Florida, died Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Dr. Gatlin was born in Tallahassee, FL on February 19, 1932 to Ira Lee and Jessie Etta McKeown Gatlin. He graduated from Leon High School in 1949 and earned three degrees from FSU.

Dr. Gatlin began his ministry of music career at the age of 14 at Lakeview Baptist Church. He served in other Tallahassee churches before moving his family to Leesburg in 1965 when he joined the faculty of Lake-Sumter Community College; as revival musician throughout the Southeast; and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, [Betty] Jean Keaton Gatlin of Leesburg, FL; daughter, Margaret G.(Dale) Smith of Gaithersburg, MD; sister, Mary Etta Sullivan of Panama City, FL and grandson, Darion (Leigh) Smith of Harlan, KY.

Burial will take place in Tallahassee at a later date.

The family requests memorials to extend Dr. Gatlin's commitment to music in Lake and Sumter counties by making contributions in his memory to the Lake Sumter Community College Foundation, Inc. 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL 34788.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL. Tallahassee Democrat, Aug. 29, 2012
My brother Blake is searching for his family. He was born Nov. 26, 1973 at Bay Memorial Hospital in Panama City, FL. My grandparents, Mr. J.B. & Lenora Ansley, handled the adoption through their church. We were adopted by Travis and Jan Taylor.
History of FBC Southport, FL:  Bro. Reynolds resigned as pastor in Nov 16, 1952 and on this day the church called Bro. J.B. Ansley as pastor.
1953, Bro. Ansley and his wife Lenora worked for the church, he grew up in Southport, he resigns Jan 1, 1953.
Springfield BC, PC, FL.  The Church was officially organized and named The Springfield Missionary Baptist Church at a meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.S. Outlaw in the evening of December 8, 1943.  On February 8, 1945, J.B. Ansley was called to be the first full-time Pastor. On May 21, 1951, under the leadership of Ira L. Hill,...
Obit: Carrie Ansley Waters, 93, passed away in her sleep at 3:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at Beverly Emerald Shores Nursing Center in Callaway. [b 1907] Mrs. Waters resided in Bay County her entire adult life, spending time between her home in Springfield and her daughter's home in Tallahassee for 21 years before entering the nursing home 18 months ago. Mrs. Waters is predeceased by her husband, Rufus Waters and her siblings, Leslie D. Ansley, Frank Ansley, J.B. Ansley; and her twin brother, Benjamin Thomas Ansley She is survived by her daughter, Marguriete Belyeu; son-in-law, Myron H. Belyeu; and Jason, her only grandchild, of Tallahassee; her sister, Edith Ansley Braud and brother-in-law, C. W. "Chuck" Braud of Panama City; sisters-in-law, Jessie Ansley of Springfield and Faye Ansley of Palatka; two nieces and two nephews, and resident friends and outstanding caregivers at Beverly Emerald Shores. Pastor Scott Tyman of the Panama City Seventh-day Adventist Church will officiate at funeral services in Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 25. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.
Benjamin Thomas "Tom" Ansley.  B: 1907, Bonifay, Holmes Co, FL; D: Nov. 16, 1998, Palatka, Putnam Co, FL.  h/o Lillie Belle as shown on tombstone (although newspaper obit says she is Willie Faye Ansley.)
Benjamin Thomas "Tom" Ansley, 90, died Monday, November 16, 1998, at Putnam Community Medical Center after a long illness.  The Bonifay, FL native had lived in Palatka since 1948, coming from Panama City, Fla. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Palatka and had retired after 25 years with Hudson Pulp and Paper.  He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Willie Faye Ansley of Palatka; sisters, Carry Waters of Tallahassee and Edith Brand of Panama City; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.  Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 11 a.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Palatka with Pastor Charlie Gall and Pastor Jamie Litchfield officiating. Burial will follow in Palatka Memorial Gardens.  Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka is handling arrangements. (Palatka Daily News Obituary dated 17 Nov 1998.)  Parents: George Thomas Ansley (1880-1935), Maggie Leavins Ansley (1883-1963), Spouse: Lillie Belle Byrd Ansley (1908-1984), Children: George Donald Ansley (1935-1980)* Siblings: James Frank Ansley

Middle FL Missy Bapt Assn: JB Ansley on Annuity Comm 1968-9 and to preach doctrinal sermon. msgr from Cherry Lake, Mrs. JBA. Fall ‘67, R/M JBA w/them for 1st time.