

# Oak Grove, Wauchula

## PASTORS

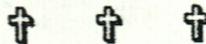
Jeremiah M. Hayman	1895 Organizer	Jim N. Rainey	1927
W. D. (Buddy) Payne	1895-96, 1899, 1903	Henry W. Smith	1929
A. Theodore Farabee	1897-98, 1907-08	J. Newell Hendry	1930-42
T. J. Sparkman	1900	Alton Roberts	1943-44
T. W. White	1901, 1911	George W. Dunn	1947-49
R. Y. Walden	1902	F. E. (Bill) Moffitt	1950
Eddie Todd	1903	Dwight C. Spillman	1951-54
J. W. Hendry	1904	W. B. Johnson	1955-57
E. C. (Ezra) Bostick	1905-06	Clyde Burke (interim)	1958
J. A. Atkins	1909-10	George E. Crowell	1959-68
H. C. Harris	1912	L. T. Fagan, Sr.	1969-70
Steve W. McClelland	1913-20, 1924	Cooper Marshall	1971-78
Sydney L. Albritton	1921-22, 1945-46	Perry Tomlinson (interim)	1978
R. Cannie Alderman	1925-26	Jimmy R. Williams, Sr.	1979-1999
		James R. Davis	2000 - present

## DEACONS - 2015

Wendell Cole  
Alan Lang

Steve Parsons  
Duck Smith  
Dan Smith

James Stark  
Matt Warren



**NOTE:** Minutes of Oak Grove Baptist Church from 1895 to 1930 were destroyed by fire. We are thankful that through the years church historians have been able to put together the history from memories of Mrs. Elvie Williams, Aunt Vi Norris, and a consultation with the Florida Baptist Historical Society. The Historic Annuals reflect data from the church dating back to November 12, 1895. It has been concluded that Rev. Jeremiah M. Hayman was instrumental in leading and establishing Oak Grove as a constituted Baptist church and leading the people to call a Pastor.

In November of 1895, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist was received into the Manatee Baptist Association. In 1897, the Association was divided and the new Association was named Peace River Baptist Association. Around 1963, by request of the Southern Baptist Convention, the word "Missionary" was removed from the name, thereby establishing the name, "Oak Grove Baptist Church", and is now a member of the Orange Blossom Baptist Association.