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Shockley Springs Baptist Church

Shockley Springs Baptist Church is located at 6935 Old River Road in Baker, Okaloosa County, Florida. In 1946 Reverend Earl H. Merritt from the First Baptist Church of Baker started a Mission at Shockley Springs. On August 9, 1948 a council composed of Reverend Earl H. Merritt, A. V. Reese, Paul McCullough, Joe W. Hough, and Reverend C. L. Perry met with a group of people for the purpose of constituting the Mission into a church. Charter members were Joe W. Hough, D. E. Madden, F. J. Hutto, Minnie Hall, Gracie Madden, C. L. Perry, Ruth Rogers, Lena Hutto, Lorrie Tanner, and Pastor Earl H. Merritt.



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May 2002*

Past pastors were: Earl H. Merritt, C. L. Perry, T. T. Jordan, Railey C. Henderson, Leon Youngblood, Herschel Rutledge, Earl H. Merritt (preached until four weeks before his death in 1987), Lian Smith, John Bovard, Robert H. Hathcock, Steve Allen, J. C. Ray, Toby Aplin, Leon Youngblood, Dennis Cooper.

Several families, the Huttos, Maddens, and Worleys, have served faithfully as officers of the church through the years.

Shockley Springs Baptist Church celebrated their anniversary May 4, 2003. Their pastor is Dennis C. Cooper; song director, Mary Beth Jackson; pianist, Audrey Cooper; Deacons, Vanus Worley, Charles Wadsworth and Robert Welch.

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