

North Florida, Tallahassee Our Story

Founded in 1963 North Florida Baptist Church has been on an exciting journey for many years. Our history includes a bold beginning as Pastor Rayburn Blair started this work with a handful of people back in 1963. The evidence of growth and vision is clear. Even more clear is the reality that God has a plan for Our Kingdom Future.

1963 – Temple Baptist Church’s first service is preached by Founder/Pastor Rayburn Blair at the Jefferson Street Community Center.

1965 – Ground is broken on the first church buildings that eventually would include the main worship center at 3000 North Meridian Road.

1966 – First services are held in a new auditorium; first classes are offered at the new North Florida Christian School.

1973 – As the church grows, a beautiful new sanctuary is built to enhance the worship experience.

1976 – Committed to spreading the Good News of the Gospel, the church broadcasts its services on a local television station (WCTV).

1984 – To provide physical and spiritual nourishment to men in need, the church begins the Haven of Rest Rescue Mission.

1988 – Church members raise the funds necessary to purchase the ministry’s own television station (TV65BG).

1992 – Randy Ray is called as Pastor, moving from Nashville to Tallahassee with his wife Jan and sons Nathan, Matthew and Paul.

1993 - Church auditorium is completely remodeled creating a new look for the ministry.

1997 – Even while making substantial capital improvements, the church models good stewardship and becomes debt-free.

1999 – To reach the lost in Tallahassee, hundreds of church members dedicate themselves to the FAITH Evangelism outreach program.