

HISTORY OF THE LADY LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

The exact date and details of the organization of the Lady Lake Baptist Church is not known. It is believed to have been organized in 1882, under the name of Equity Baptist Church, and was located about one mile East of the present location. Mrs. R. D. Mathews of Fruitland Park remembers a church of this name, at this location.

The present church auditorium was started June 10th, 1884. The late Mr. E. H. Reynolds made this notation in his diary dated June 10th, 1884, "today the first lumber was piled for building the church", but no further mention of how long the building was in progress. Mr. Reynolds owned a sawmill near Lady Lake and cut and prepared the lumber to build the church.

Through the years the records have been destroyed, and nothing is known of the early activities of the church, nor of it's first pastor. It is presumed that services were continued in the Equity Church until this church building was completed. When the name was changed, or when the building was first occupied is not known. However, from information obtained from the Organizational Minute of the Lake County Baptist Association it is known that the Lady Lake Baptist Church was included as a charter member of the Association coming from the Alachua Association with an enrollment of 30 members with J. H. Martin as Pastor.

For many years the church had only morning services on the first and third Sunday of each month. On October 19, 1947, the church voted to have two services on the first and third Sunday of each month. Rev. V. A. Higgs was Pastor at that time and his salary was \$40.00 per month. On December 26th, 1948, the church started having full time services. Rev. H. W. High was pastor and his salary was \$10.00 each Sunday.

The present pastorium was built about the same time as the church, 75 or 80 years ago. For many years it was the home of Mrs. L. N. Withers. Mrs. Withers deeded the house to the church for use as a pastorium after her death. In April, 1930, the church came into possession of the house and has been using it as a home for their pastors. Even though the house is old, it is quite comfortable.

An educational building, under the leadership of Rev. Bob Carnes, was started in May, 1957. This building is located just behind the auditorium and consists of eight class rooms, a pastor's study, kitchen (not complete) and two rest rooms.

There is no complete list of the pastors who have faithfully served the Lady Lake Church, but have the following incomplete list:

No record-----	1882-1923	Rev. W. P. Wheeler-----	1941-1943
Rev. J. H. Martin-----	1924-1925	Rev. L. B. Johnson-----	1944
No record-----	1926	Rev. J. W. Johnson-----	1945-1946
Rev. R. J. Blackmon-----	1928-1929	Rev. V. A. Higgs-----	1947
Rev. L. W. Simmons-----	1930	Rev. H. W. High-----	1948
Rev. H. B. Reynolds-----	1931	Rev. Eugene Baxley-----	1949-1950
Rev. J. B. Webb-----	1932	Rev. Hoke Shirely, Jr.---	1951-1953
No record-----	1933	Rev. T. M. Pinner-----	1953
Rev. G. Brant-----	1934-1935	Rev. George Painter-----	1954-1955
No record-----	1936-1938	Rev. Wayne Chastain----	1955
Rev. M. E. Brantley-----	1939	Rev. Bob Carnes-----	1956-1958
Rev. W. Lavender-----	1940	Rev. Page Williams-----	1958-1960
		Rev. Jack Rowland, Jr.---	1960-

Reynolds To Preach First Stuart Sermon

STUART. — The Rev. H. B. Reynolds, new pastor of the First Baptist Church here from Mulberry, will preach his first sermon today at 11 a. m. as pastor of the local church.

A fellowship hour will be held at the church after Sunday evening services. An inter-denominational invitation has been extended. The Rev. Reynolds moved to Stuart last week with his wife and three-year-old daughter.

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church. On April 2, 1949, the congregation voted to build a necessary addition to the church, and this was soon done. On April 27, 1949, Rev. H. B. Reynolds became the pastor. However, he was called away from Miami and resigned as of July 31. On Aug. 14, 1949, Rev. P. T. Taylor came to the pulpit.

Bird Road Baptist

Goulds Baptist Seeks Pastor

The **Rev.** Waldo E. Wood, superintendent of city missions for the Miami Baptist assn., has been appointed acting pastor of Goulds Baptist church until a regular pastor can be selected. He was assigned to the church, it was announced, by the steering committee of the association. He will succeed the **Rev. H. B. Reynolds**, who recently resigned.

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STUART—In their first Ministerial Alliance meeting of the new year, Martin County ministers Monday elected the **Rev.** J. P. Gaines as the new secretary replacing the **Rev. H. B. Reynolds** who resigned from the Baptist Church Jan. 1.

The church will also begin a series of revival services at 7:45 p. m. Guest preacher will be Dr. John L. Waldrop, pastor of West End Baptist, Atlanta. The **Rev. H. B. Reynolds**, graduate of Southwestern Theological seminary, will lead the singing. The revival will continue through Feb. 24 with services scheduled for 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. each day.

Pastor Of Mulberry Will Move To Stuart

STUART—The **Rev. H. B. Reynolds**, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mulberry, has accepted the call of the local Baptist Church and will arrive here in two weeks to assume his duties as pastor.

The **Rev. Reynolds** will bring his family—a wife and one daughter—with him. He is replacing the **Rev. L. E. Thomas** who left in October to accept pastorship of the Baptist Thomas Memorial Church in Bennettsville, S. C.

PASTORS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES

- Avondale—T. W. Callaway, D. D., 3575 Oak Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Baldwin—W. S. Matheny, Baldwin, Fla.
 Bayard—I. M. Moore, Yukon, Fla.
 Brandy Branch—J. E. Safriet, 1734 E. Duval Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Beverly Hills—Geo. W. Kinard, 757 Lynton Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Brentwood—M. C. Stith, Brentwood Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Callahan—J. D. Poindexter, Callahan, Fla.
 Calvary—A. C. Shuler, D. D., Calvary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Central—W. S. Stalvey, 334 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Dinsmore—H. W. Edmondson, 14 W. Third Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Ephesus—G. E. Jones, 40 E. Twenty-first Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Euclid Avenue—L. A. Rawls, 4242 Melrose Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Fernandina—T. J. Herring, Fernandina, Fla.
 Franklin Street—L. Bert Joyner, 1236 E. Fifteenth Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Grace—W. Ira Sanders, 1824 Wamboldt Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Grand Park—Ivan Bohannon, Rt. 4, Box 451, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Hilliard—J. D. Poindexter, Callahan, Fla.
 Hogan—Chas. W. Burdges, Rt. 7, Box 517, South Jacksonville, Fla.
 Jacksonville First—F. C. McConnell, D. D., First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Jacksonville Beach—N. B. O'Kelley, 3570 Hedrick Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Johnson Park—I. M. Moore, Yukon, Fla.
 Liberty—M. F. Mobley (Supply), Jacksonville, Fla.
 Live Oak—Chas. A. Sikes, Dinsmore, Fla.
 Lowery Memorial—C. E. Saunders, 3010 Waller Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Macclenny—A. Walters, Macclenny, Fla.
 Main Street—Thomas Hansen, Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Margaret Street—W. C. Sale, 720 Margaret Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Marietta—W. D. Cone, Rt. 4, Box 453-B, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Mt. Olive—A. S. Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Norwood—C. E. Lubin, 104 E. Fifth Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Ocean Way—Harry M. Liechty, care Cohen Bros., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Orange Park—J. M. Lloyd, 2356 College Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Phoenix—Geo. A. Jeffers, 606 E. Sixtieth Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Riverside—J. R. Rosser, D. D., Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Riverview—S. C. Baker, Rt. 3, Box 509-D, Jacksonville, Fla.
 South Jacksonville—A. D. Woodle, South Jacksonville, Fla.
 Talleyrand Avenue—H. B. Reynolds, Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.
 Thomas Creek—Chas. A. Sikes, Dinsmore, Fla.
 Woodlawn—Ben F. Green, 423 Broward Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Woodstock Park—B. H. Waugh, 2123 Silver Street, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Yulee—G. E. Jones, 40 E. Twenty-first Street, Jacksonville, Fla.