

Sardis, Worthington

1917 January 6, 1917 to July 6, 1918
Rev. E. C. J. Dickens was pastor. This date also bears record of the first organization of B.Y.P.U. work. "Baptist Young People's Work". The name never did fit Sardis as we had all ages in one union, from about 8 to 80 years old. However, it has always proved a power plant for God and Christian training.

1918 The epidemic of Flu swept through our nation in 1918, and the records state of the church being draped in black in the passing of its members.

In a report on Education given by Wiley Williams and W. D. Holder to the Central Baptist Convention in 1918 is the following: "If we do not want our children to be hewers of stone and drawers of water, we must at least give them a common education. Do not leave your child's education up to the school teachers and Sunday School teachers".

Rev. J. L. Norris was pastor from August 31, 1918 to October, 1920.

1919 In 1919, the church voted to call the church roll at each conference. Members failing to answer for three consecutive meetings were placed on the inactive list until they returned to conference and explained their way of living.

In September, the church pledged to give \$500.00 in a period of five years to the Seventy Five Million Dollar Campaign. H. C. Peeples was chairman of the drive, and the following assisted: Mrs. W. R. DuBose, Mrs. Bell Roberts, Mr. L. G. DuBose, and Mrs. S. W. DuBose.

1920 - 1921 July 31, 1920 R. B. Roberts gave the church four swinging oil lamps. Prior to this the hand oil lamps were kept filled and burning by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DuBose and their son, Irvin.

Rev. H. E. Ridenour, Sr. was pastor from December, 1920 to September, 1922. This is the first time the church extended a pastoral call for an indefinite time.

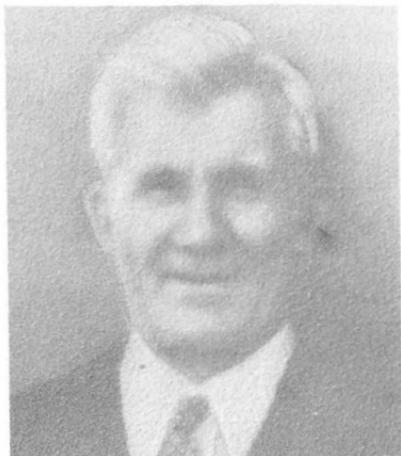
FBC, Lake Butler (Santa Fe River)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>S. S. Supt.</u>
1963	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1964	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1965	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1966	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Bill White
1967	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant
1968	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant
1969	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant

Prior to 1882 we have no record of the pastors, even though all the associational minutes show we were organized in 1869 with 9 charter members. The pastors are as follows:

1882-1886 B. R. Mosley
 1886-1888 A. Crosby
 1889-1894 S. S. Proctor
 1895-1900 R. F. Rogers
 1901-1902 F. J. Fowler
 1903 Stephen Crockett
 1904-1905 T. J. Evans
 1906-1907 A. C. Odom, Jr.
 1908 H. C. Peelman
 1909 B. A. Geiger
 1910-1913 George A. Blount
 1914 S. S. Proctor
 1915-1919 L. A. Rawls
 1920 W. C. Armstrong
 1921 G. W. S. Ware
 1922-1923 W. G. Doyle
 1924-1926 **H. E. Ridenour**
 1927-1934 E. A. McDowell
 1935-1939 L. O. Sheffield
 1940 L. A. Sheppard
 1941-1942 Edwin Harwell
 1943 L. E. Furguson
 1944-1948 Ray Y. Walden
 1949 Fred Hindsley
 1950-1951 Henry G. Nettles
 1952-1959 Allen E. Young
 1960-1961 Milton W. Wyche
 1962-1969 H. G. McLeroy

1923 - 1924 Rev. J. D. Hacker was pastor from October, 1922, to November, 1924. March, 1923, was the beginning of the Layman's Movement or Brotherhood.



Rev. H. E. Ridenour



Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dubose
Music Director and Clerk



Mr. & Mrs. S. W. DuBose
and Irvin



C. A. Scaff
Church Clerk
for 11 years



1925 Rev. **H. E. Ridenour** served the second time as pastor from December 6, 1924 to September 28, 1925. Prayer meetings preceeded the revival conducted by Rev. John Dicks. This was one of the most soul lifting revivals in Sardis history with fourteen professions of faith and eight by letter.

Ocklawaha Bridge

PASTORS

Samuel Thomas Stanaland	1867	Robert Furman Rogers	1916
J. P. Parker	1875-1882	Hawley E. Ridenour	1917-1918
W. J. Hughes	1883-1889	R. Strickland	1919
Harmon C. Martin	1889 - 1898	Gus Padgett	1920-1922
Benjamin I. Hull	1899	J. C. Boatwright	1923-1924
T. N. Spicer	1900-1901	R. E. Burke	1925-1926
J. P. Reaves	1902-1904	P. M. Yeargan	1927-1928
Z. A. Crumpton	1905-1906	James L. Moore	1929-1934
Newton B. Plummer	1907-1909	Almer Kelly	1935
Robert Furman Rogers	1910	James L. Moore	1936-1942
J. Haraldson	1911 (1st half)	David M. Gardner, Jr.	Oct. 1942-1943
Edward Madison Henderson	1911 (2nd half)	Harold Mitchell	Oct. 1943-Aug. 1945
W. L. Martin	1912	Walter R. Faust	1946-1947
R. J. Garbet	1913	J. R. Vasser	1948-1950
Benjamin I. Hull (Uncle Ben)	1914-1915	Walter I. Lampp	Dec. 24, 1950-

SUNSHINE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1935-38. Defunct. 1 mile south of Highway 14, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Gainesville, Alachua County.

Constituted 1935. First services in unpainted, rectangular, frame building, 1935. First settled and only pastor, Rev. H.A. Ridenour, Sr., 1935-38, Route #2, Box 162, Gainesville; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

H. Ridenour

Rites Held

GAINESVILLE (By Staff Writer) — A Spanish-American War veteran and former Alachua County minister died Wednesday at Tuskegee, Ala.

Funeral services were held here yesterday for The **Rev. Hawley E. Ridenour**, 96, who came to Gainesville in 1914 and had served as pastor of Baptist churches in Waldo, Orange Heights, Lake Butler, Melrose, Fairbanks and Gainesville's east side.

He had also served as moderator of the Santa Fe River Baptist Association for a number of years.

Among his survivors are one son, The **Rev. Hawley E. Ridenour Jr.**, Marianna and a sister, Mrs. Ida M. Wooster, St. Petersburg.