

# Taylor 1986

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. W.O. Williams was a business man in Perry for nearly 30 years. He retired in 1940. About two years before his retirement, Mr. Williams was converted. As this fine man and his wife began to think about their material blessings, and to consider how they could use some of those earthly possessions to further the cause of Christ, they arrived at a fine conclusion. They would build a 30' by 40' frame building on the property which they owned on Center Street, furnish it with pews, piano, heater, hymnbooks and give it to the Baptists in that area as soon as they organized it into a regular Missionary Baptist Church.

Thus, on October 5, 1941, a New Testament Missionary Baptist Church was duly organized with seven charter members. The church was named "New Home Baptist Church". A pastor was then called, which was Rev. Edward McCollum. The doors of the church were left open for a short time for charter members, and under the ministry of Bro. McCollum there were 28 charter members.

Through the years, the church has worshipped in three sanctuaries: the original one, given by the Williamses; the church facing Center Street, occupied in 1949; and the present one facing U.S. 27, occupied in 1962.

Thirteen pastors have served the church since its beginning. During the first 25 months of her history, three pastors served. They were Rev. Edward McCollum, Rev. A. H. Townsend, and Rev. S. G. Ward. The fourth pastor, Rev. Alva Horton, served the church for 19 years, until poor health forced him to resign and take a smaller church. The following have served as pastors since 1963: Rev. Edward Harvey, Rev. David Pickern, Rev. Roy Rigdon, Rev. Don Sietman, Rev. Michael Hunt, Rev. Charles Houston, Rev. Bill Anderson, Rev. Ed Gardner and the present pastor, Rev. William H. (Bill) Jenkins.

We pay a sincere tribute to every minister who has pastored the New Home Baptist Church. We also pay a sincere tribute to the great multitude of men and women who have served in any capacity whatsoever, in furthering the cause of Christ through this church.

Several men have been licensed and ordained to the ministry, as they entered God's service from this church. They are Rev. Olin C. Horton, Rev. William Terrell, Rev. Kenneth Gaskin, Rev. Leon Akins, Rev. John Dorman, Rev. Byron Tedder, Rev. Jerry Durden and Rev. Jimmy Moore.

New Home offers several ministries to our community. They are: the Bus Ministry; the Tape Ministry; the T.V. Ministry on Sunday Morning at 8:00 A.M.; and the Deaf Ministry, available in every service for the hearing impaired. In March of this year (1986) under the leadership of Rev. Jenkins, the church launched into a building program to construct a "Family Life and Recreation Center" to be used in God's Service.

New Home Baptist Church is truly a "Growing Church for a Growing People".



REV. ROY RIGDON

## Perry Pastor Will Conduct Revival Here

A fall revival will be held at North Bay Baptist Church beginning Monday and continuing through Nov. 9, at 7 each evening.

Visiting evangelist is the **Rev. Roy Rigdon**, pastor of the New Home Baptist Church in Perry. He is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

Jack Elder will be leading the music with congregation, group, choir, and special music nightly. Accompanists are Mrs. Thelma Nield, pianist and Miss Vicki Stringfellow, organist.

A nursery will be provided for each service. The **Rev. John G. Dodson**, pastor extends a invitation to the public to attend. The church is located at 1210 Virginia Ave. in Lynn Haven.

## Rev. Ford Lists Topics For Sunday

"Keeping Life's High Moments" will be the sermon Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at St. Andrews United Methodist Church

and are scheduled weekly except for Dec. 4. . . .

**Rev. Roy Rigdon** of DeFuniak Springs has accepted the call of Shady Grove Baptist Church, located seven miles north of Bonifay. A Baptist Bible Institute student, **Rigdon** resigned as pastor of Bridge Creek Baptist Church.

## BBI Students Accept Posts

The **Rev. Roy Rigdon** of DeFuniak Springs has accepted the pastorate of Shady Grove Baptist Church, seven miles north of Bonifay.

A Baptist Bible Institute student, he has resigned at Bridge Creek Baptist Church where he had served 18 months. Before entering the ministry he was a mortician's assistant.

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Rigdon** and their daughter have moved into the Shady Grove pastor's home, and he will commute to classes five days a week.

The **Rev.** H. Clayton Sanders

## Rev. Roy Higdon To Hold Revival

The Rev. Roy Rigdon, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in DeFuniak Springs, will be evangelist for a revival beginning Monday at the Bayou George Baptist Mission.

Services are to begin daily at 7:30 p.m., continuing through April 12, according to the Rev. Milton Creel, pastor.

James Mitchem will be song leader. The church is located on the Bennett Road, two blocks from Highway 231.

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Roy Matthew Rigdon was called Home on Friday, August 19, 2022.

Roy was born on September 10, 1939, in DeFuniak Springs, FL, to the late Matthew and Martha Ann Adams Rigdon. Mrs. Rigdon died during childbirth and Roy was adopted into the family of Hampton and Fannie Montgomery, of Red Bay, FL.

He graduated from Walton High School, DeFuniak Springs, in 1959. He later surrendered to preach in 1965, enrolled at the Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, FL, and graduated in 1968. He also received a doctorate degree in Theology from the North Carolina College of Theology, and an honorary doctorate degree in Sacred Literature from Bethany Divinity College & Seminary.

His first pastorate was at Bridge Creek Baptist Church, Ponce de Leon, FL. He also pastored at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Bonifay, FL, and New Home Baptist Church, Perry, FL. He served as Assistant Pastor at North Side Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs, FL, and Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church, Ponce de Leon, and was the founder and director of Mt. Zion Youth & Adult Camp, Ponce de Leon. He was well known for preaching at revivals and Camp Meetings. Rev. Rigdon moved to North Carolina in 1983 and served as interim pastor at various churches in North Carolina and Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Riley-Rigdon; daughters, Martha Jo St. Marie, Beth Pressley (Donnie), Lori Taylor (Tom), and Robin Riley; son Rory Rigdon (Melody); 16 grand, 16 great-grandchildren, and several cousins living in Florida.