

FBC, Southport aka Grassy Point (Northwest Coast)

These early years of the 1930's, the church people wanted to do some remodeling to the old church building, but one of the members was against making the changes. She made some very serious threats, so rather than cause confusion, the people decided not to do anything at this time. Shortly thereafter, according to the remembrances of some of the members, lightning struck the corner of the church building and did quite a bit of damage, so some work had to be done to the church anyway. A door was put in on the corner of the building and a porch was built there.

In September, 1937, Bro. C. M. Hall was called as Pastor, he served a little while . J. W. Sullivan (Wiley), one of the original member of the church in 1874, died in October 8, 1939. Then Bro. Wattenbarger came and helped out when he could this was in the early 1940's. Since we had no pastor and we had several to be baptized from a recent revival, Bro. J. C. Alexander of Panama City came over and held our baptism ordinance for us. The baptismal service was held in the creek at what was known as the Sand Banks. The following Sunday in Sunday School, after a discussion, it was decided to write to Bro. **C. G. Rish** of Wewahitchka to see if he would come over and help out. As a result, Bro. Rish was call as pastor October 6, **1940**. Bro. W. D. Kyser was ordained a Deacon of the church on August 31, 1941. Bro. Rish and Bro. Alexander were in charge of the Ordination service.

It was August, 1941 when the church voted to call Bro. W. T. Davis; there were 23 members present with 19 voting to call Bro. Davis. He lived in Clarksville, Florida and would drive back and forth for the services and stay over night with some of the members. Bro. Davis served until September, 1944.

Bro. Wattenbarger came to help the church make out a yearly budget in 1944, which was to begin in October. Bro. Wattenbarger was working with the Home Missions Board at this time. The budget for the year 1944-45 was:

Pastor Salary	\$360.00,	Cooperative Program	\$25.00,	Sunday School and
B. T.U Literature	\$40.00,	Children's Home	\$12.00,	Incidentals \$8.00