

Alafia, Lithia

SOME PAST AND PRESENT CHURCH LEADERS 1850-2000

PASTORS AND DATES OF SERVICE

1851-1868 J.M. Hayman (circuit riding preachers)

A. Wilson

1870 John W. Hendry

1877-1883 E.J. Hull

1883-1884 I.A. Redd

1884-1885 J.W. Hendry

1885-1886 E.J. Hull

1887 David Robertson

1887 Henry Messer

1888-1893 J.M. Hendry

1893-1894 Peter Brown

1894 W.M. McDonald

No conference from Oct. 1894 to Nov. 1895, preaching was occasional

1896-1897 W.D. Payne

1897-1898 No pastor - visiting preachers

1898-1900 B.H. Grey

1900 Vickers

1901-1902 J.W. Johnson

1903-1905 P.O. Miller

1905-1911 No information

1911-1913 J.B. Simmons

1913-1914 G.W. Long

1914-1918 Irvin Walden

1919-1920 G.A. Martin

1920-1924 W.P. Rivers

1924-1926 J.L. Yeomans

1926-1927 Owen Rimes

1927-1928 B.B. Tatum

1928-1929 J.H. Bethea

1929-1930 B.B. Tatum

1930-1931 J.H. Johnson

1931-1933 T.H. Medlin
Rawlins

1933-1935 D.J. Edwards

1936-1937 F.D. Gant

1938-1939 Clarence Connell

1939-1942 Gordon Halbert

1942-1944 B.S. Sutton

1945-1946 J. Edwards
1946-1947 Ben Yeargan
1947-1949 Roy Fobes
1949-1950 George Alderman
1950-1952 Charles Sutton
1952-1953 Arlo Wilson
1953-1955 J.Z. Crofton
1955-1961 Ed Townsend

1961 *First full-time*

1961-1962 Ed Townsend
1962 T.E. Connally (Interim)

1963 Jack Whidden

1964-1967 J.R. Brooks

1968 Harry DeVane (Interim)

1968-1978 Joe Hallam

1978-1979 C.A. Tate (Interim)

1979-1981 C.A. Tate

1981-1984 Wayne Weeks

1984 Terry Holland (Interim)

1984-1993 *Billy Sanders*

1993-1998 Don McLaughlin

1998-1999 Phil Nason (Interim)

1999-2000 Erle McMichen (Interim)

2000-2002 Larry Westman

2003-2007 Erle McMichen

Nov. 2007 Waylon Carlisle (Interim)

2008-2018 Waylon Carlisle

Jan. 2019 Glenn Rininger (interim)

Because of a growing, and changing community, many changes have been made in the organizational structure of the church, to meet the growing needs of the people. A department for the non-hearing people has been started, and five deaf people have united with the church.

God has richly blessed the Midway Baptist Church. Today the property is valued at more than \$100,000, and became debt-free in 1971. Plans are being made to increase recreational facilities for all age groups in the church, and community. A basketball-tennis court is almost completed.

Through the seventy-five years of the history of this church, each pastor had a significant roll, as leader, in the spiritual growth of the church. Not only the pastors, but each member has had a part in its growth.

Through the ministry of the Midway Baptist Church, five of its members have been ordained to the gospel ministry. They are: Rev. Mike J. Shultz, Rev. R. L. Lampp, Rev. Walter I. Lampp, Rev. W. M. Lampp, and Rev. Lonnie Norris. Several young men, who grew up in this community, and were members of this church, have been ordained to the gospel ministry since moving to other cities. Some serve as deacons in other churches, some dedicated laymen and women, serving God faithfully, because seventy-five years ago a group of people had a vision of what God could do with a local church in the Midway community.

Four of our young men paid the supreme sacrifice in giving their life in the service of our country for the cause of freedom. These are: Lacy Ginn, Gene Hull, Bill Jerkins, and Carlos Knight.

The following men served as pastors of the Midway Baptist Church:
Rev. E. L. Todd, 1900-1901; Rev. J. W. Johnson, 1902-1910; *Plant City*
Rev. L. M. Chitty, 1911-1912; Rev. S. W. McLellan, 1913-1918;
Rev. W. E. Cooper, 1920-1922, again in 1928; Rev. Bascom Sutton, 1923-1924;
Rev. W. P. Rivers, 1925-1926; Rev. W. D. Cowart, 1930-1931;
Rev. J. T. Rawlins, 1931-1932; Rev. R. N. Rimes, 1932-1933, and 1935;
Rev. C. L. Berry, 1934; Rev. W. I. Lampp, 1937-1938;
Rev. T. U. Fann, 1939-1940; Rev. J. B. Young, 1941-1943;
Rev. D. D. Townsend, 1944-1946; Rev. E. T. Earnest, 1947-1950;
Rev. Robert W. Lawson, 1951-1952; Rev. Lewis Futch, 1953-1954;
Rev. T. F. O'Steen, 1955-1956; Rev. Henry Robertson, 1956-1960;
Rev. Paul E. Parrish, 1961-1962; Rev. W. H. Bledsoe, 1963-1965;
Rev. Hubert Barnes, 1966-1969; Rev. John J. Dorough, Oct. 1970-present.