

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 Plant City

The following men served as pastors of the Midway Baptist Church: Rev. E. L. Todd, 1900-1901; Rev. J. W. Johnson, 1902-1910; 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.