ed at 100 North Eighth Avenue in Pensacola. In May 1970, the church was notified by the State of Florida of the possibility that the state would purchase the property to make a right-of-way for Interstate 110 into downtown Pensacola. The property was purchased in November 1974 for $200,000.

Eighth Avenue Baptist Church

Pastors who served Eighth Avenue were Peter Lord, John P. Dixon, Thomas B. Welch, Raymond Atwood, and William E. Armstrong. Music leaders were Robert L. Parrish, Glenn Bradley, Larry Bailey, Frank Bradley, and Howard Inge. Mrs. Roy (Doris) Inge served as church clerk from 1960 to 1974. Sunday School leadership was given by Frank E. Bradley, Adrian L. Arnold, B.H. Wehmeier, and Roy C. Inge. Mrs. Ruth Hamm served as librarian for several years.

Treasurers were W.M. Benton, J.R. Bishop, S.S. Sneed, C.D. Peoples, Adrian L. Arnold, and Mrs. Vera Ferguson. In addition, other lay leaders were C. Ned Robinson, W. E. Boyette, Earle Burleson, Floyd Bryson (who served several years as Training Union Director), Betty Cole, Mrs. Lucille Williams, John Weimorts, Mr. and Mr[illegible] Willard Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bailich, and Miss Eva S[illegible]

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Emmaus Baptist Church

The congregation of Emmaus Baptist Church is pictured here at "Our First Service" at the Holiday Inn in May 1996. Pastor J.O. and First Lady Gloria Gatson have faithfully served the church since its beginning and were honored by the officers and members of the church on the weekend of October 7-9, 2005. The theme of the celebration was "Your Latter Will Be Greater: The Best is Yet to Come."

"Our First Service" May 1996

Friday night's event held at Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church included a worship service and special tributes. On Saturday evening, a semi-formal celebration banquet was held in the Blue Room of Olive Baptist Church. The event included special music and special presentations. The Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon special worship services with presentations were held at Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Gatson has been described by his congregation as "one who has labored most faithfully to preserve the souls of God's people." Sharing his call and commitment is his wife, Gloria Gatson, lovingly referred to by the church as their "First Lady."

Submitted by: Emmaus Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. Written by: Judith R. Jolly, Florida Baptist Historical Society.

Farm Hill Baptist Church

Farm Hill Baptist Church, located at 111 Madrid Road in the Farm Hill community, is a small congregation of "good faithful people." It began as a mission of Cantonment First Baptist Church in August 1962. Bro. Roger Miller was the mission pastor.

On Saturday, September 8, 1962, the foundation was dug for the first unit of the building; and on Sunday, October 7, 1962, services were held in the new building. Dinner on the grounds followed the morning worship service, and a dedication service was held at 1:30 that afternoon. By November 28, 1962, the building was completed. All materials and labor had been donated, and all bills were paid. The balance in the treasury was 18 cents.

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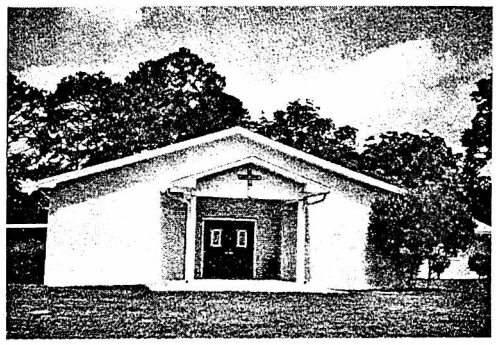


Farm Hill Baptist Church, June 27, 2004

Other mission pastors included Rev. Raymond McElhaney and Rev. C.D. Fant (interim). Under Rev. Fant's ministry, the mission was constituted as a church on November 22, 1964. A new sanctuary was dedicated on the last Sunday in March 1968, and an educational building and fellowship hall now complete the facilities.

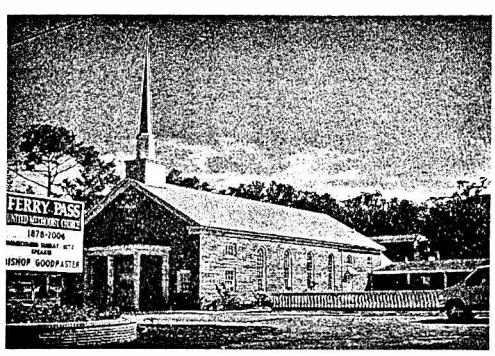
Pastors have included Rev. Wayne Orcutt, Rev. F.C. Dobson (interim), Rev. Walker Goad, Rev W.C. Chavers (interim), Rev. Emory Rogers, Sr. (interim), Rev. Gene Trawick, Rev. Terry Vaughan, Rev. David Rogers, Rev. Elwood Gafford (interim), and Rev. Darrell Black, whose ministry began in December 2004.

Lay leaders have included deacons Bennie Malone, Fillmore Enfinger (who was ordained to the ministry at Farm Hill), Floyd Sims, Robert Morris, Ralph Lodge, Johnny Carlisle, Drannon Vines, and Roy Eubanks.

Submitted by: Robert Morris, Madrid Road, Cantonment, Florida.

Ferry Pass United Methodist Church

On October 8, 2006, a homecoming celebrating 128 years of worship for Ferry Pass United Methodist Church was enjoyed by the present congregation with many old friends, family and past members.



Present Church, 7300 North Davis Highway, Pensacola

The day started with a continental breakfast and fellowship. Rev. Nancy B. Warner was joined in the pulpit by District Superintendent Rev. Michael G. Roberts and Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster of the Alabama-West Florida Conference United Methodist Church. The message was given by Bishop Goodpaster.

A history of the church was on display, with pictures of the first church (which was destroyed by the 1916 hurricane) to the present church. Also displayed were pictures of members, pastors, weddings, choirs, and many events through the years.

A lunch was enjoyed by all following the service. (See *The Heritage of Escambia County, Florida-Volume I* for church history and photo of first building.)

Submitted by: Mildred Parker and Roberta Fleming, church historians.

First Baptist Church of Pensacola

The original site of First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida is identified by a historical marker in the 100 block of East Government Street in the historic district of