

**Rutledge, Herschel** served as pastor of Shockley Springs Baptist Church, Baker and Southside Baptist Church, Crestview.

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**Shockley Springs Baptist Church**

Shockley Springs Baptist Church is located at 6935 Old River Road in Baker, Okaloosa County, Florida. In 1946 Reverend Earl H. Merritt from the First Baptist Church of Baker started a Mission at Shockley Springs. On August 9, 1948 a council composed of Reverend Earl H. Merritt, A. V. Reese, Paul McCullough, Joe W. Hough, and Reverend C. L. Perry met with a group of people for the purpose of constituting the Mission into a church. Charter members were Joe W. Hough, D. E. Madden, F. J. Hutto, Minnie Hall, Gracie Madden, C. L. Perry, Ruth Rogers, Lena Hutto, Lorrie Tanner, and Pastor Earl H. Merritt.



*Shockley Springs Baptist Church,  
May 2002*

Past pastors were: Earl H. Merritt, C. L. Perry, T. T. Jordan, Railey C. Henderson, Leon Youngblood, Herschel Rutledge, Earl H. Merritt (preached until four weeks before his death in 1987), Linn Smith, John Bovard, Robert H. Hathcock, Steve Allen, J. C. Ray; Toby Aplin, Leon Youngblood, Dennis Cooper.

Several families, the Huttos, Maddens, and Worleys, have served faithfully as officers of the church through the years.

Shockley Springs Baptist Church celebrated their anniversary May 4, 2003. Their pastor is Dennis C. Cooper; song director, Mary Beth Jackson; pianist, Audrey Cooper; Deacons, Vanus Worley, Charles Wadsworth and Robert Welch.

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## Southside Church To Hold Revival

News-Journal Bureau

CRESTVIEW — The Southside Baptist Church will hold a week-long revival starting Sunday with the pastor, the Rev. Herschel C. Rutledge as speaker.

Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekly services will be at 7 p.m.

The nursery will be open for all services.

ENGAGED—Miss Marlene Patricia Rutledge, whose engagement to Daniel Lavelle Luke has been announced by her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Herschel C. Rutledge of Rayne, La. Mr. Luke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Luke of Laurel Hill. The ceremony will take place June 3.