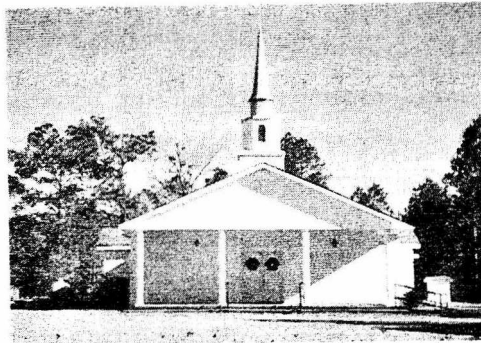


Union Hill Baptist Church

In 1898 Beulah Missionary Baptist Church was formed from its parent church Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. The congregation met first at Bellview school house located between the present Union Hill Church and Mt. Olive Church.

The land was given by Beulah Wilcox and the church was named



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after him but he died before deeding the land to the church. His wife later remarried and would not deed the land.

The minutes for Beulah Church from 1898 to 1904 indicates Union Hill Baptist Church was formed August 28, 1904 and organizers were: E. E. English, E. O. Mitchell, Etta

Mitchell, Rev. W. R. Deese, Martha Deese and Joseph Deese. The Beulah Church minute book continues as Union Hill Church from 1904.

Church minutes for 1912 indicates a new building was under construction. The original church building was sold in 1915 for \$21.50. The church roll for 1912 listed 63 members. The present church building was constructed in 1953 and the old building was sold for \$300. The educational building was added in 1950-1960. From 1961 to 1965 the church was remodeled inside and a choir loft

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was added. In 1970 the church purchased a used piano from Ponce de Leon School and purchased an organ in 1972.

On February 4, 1976 a baptistry was installed. In 1997 a renovation of the education/fellowship hall was completed and in 2002 stained glass windows were installed. The pastors since 1904 are: W. R. Deese 1904-1906, J. W. Bryant 1906-1909, J. B. DeShazo 1909-1912, Lonnie Womble 1912, A. B. Womble 1912, J. B. DeShazo 1913-1916, W. H. McIntosh 1916, B. F. Blount 1917-1918, S. W. Locke 1919, C. E. Locke 1920, J. B. DeShazo 1921, C. A. Cozart 1922, J. H. Holland 1923, E. B. Riddles 1924-1925, A. B. Halstead 1926-1929, M. Simmons 1930-1940, G. M. Turner, 1941, H. E. Draughn 1943-1946, B. F. Blount 1947, Albert Matthews 1948, Jack Davis 1949-1952, J. A. Cornelison 1952-1959, Roger Jarrell 1959, Joe Speight 1960, C. L. Wattenbarger 1961, W. F. Bullington 1961-1965, John W. Shy 1965-1969, Fred Hatcher 1969-1972, **B. H. Reeves** 1973-1987, Fred McCoy 1987, Greg Allen 1988-1989, Paul Cartmill 1989-1992, Marcus Caraway 1992-1995, Huey Hughes 1996-1999, Chester Padgett 1999-2000, 2000-2001 vacant, Jack Andrews 2001-2002, Chad Reister 2002-2004.

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