

Rush, Warren served as pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Florida Association. Visit our website [floridabaptisthistory.org](http://floridabaptisthistory.org)

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## PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Tallahassee

The Mission's Committee of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida found, under the leadership of the Holy spirit, a great need for a church in the Indian Head Acres area. On December 9, 1953 the church voted to sponsor this effort. In January of 1955 the church called Earl Sapp as part-time pastor of the mission. Meetings were first held in private homes, then in a block building on Lafayette St. In 1954 the present church property was acquired in the amount of 2.42 acres.

August of 1955, Bro. Warren Rush was called as permanent, full-time pastor. As the church grew, the basement of the Masonic Lodge, next door was rented for Sunday School classes. The Mission was constituted into a church and named Parkway Baptist Church on November 5, 1956, with 29 charter members. November 5, 1961 was the ground breaking for the educational facility and temporary auditorium. In 1962 the current auditorium was completed with seating capacity of 1000 including the balcony.

### PASTORS:

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| Jan. 1955 - Aug., 1955   | Rev. Earl Sapp           |
| Aug., 1955 - Sept., 1977 | Rev. Warren H. Rush      |
| Jan., 1978 - Jan. 1979   | Dr. Jerry N. Castleberry |
| Oct., 1979 - Nov. 1981   | Rev. Charles Pinkerton   |
| Aug., 1982 - Aug. 1986   | Rev. Jay Bolejack        |
| March, 1987 - Mar. 1991  | Rev. Charles Groover     |
| Sept., 1991 - present    | Rev. Ray Hester          |