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Sasser, Ralph G. (1922-1999) was born in Davisville, Florida the son of Percier Gordon and Martha Lenora Sasser. He served as pastor of Pine Barren Baptist Church, Davisville. He and his wife Ellafaire Luker had three children.

1950 property value is listed at \$1,324.25. Minutes reflect that Mr. D. Kilpatrick was pastor. Mr. Beck and Mrs. Jarvis retained their positions and Agee Dove is treasurer. Messengers to the association meeting were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Steele. Membership had grown to 107.

Rev. James A. Rogers was pastor in 1951 at a salary of \$1677. There were 100 members. In the only change in positions, Mrs. Agee Dove succeeded Mrs. Jarvis as clerk.

In 1952, there were 80 resident members; 20 non-resident. Mr. W. M. Ward is listed as having died during that church year. Mr. Rogers remained pastor.

He was succeeded by Mr. L. J. Watson, Mr. Ralph Sasser, Mr. W. W. Leverett, and Mr. Harvey Lee English.

In 1960, Mr. Carnie E. Smith pastored the church that now had 174 members. His annual salary was \$3,125. There were 17 baptisms. Raymond Norris was superintendent of the Sunday School that had a total enrollment of 127. Billy Reeves directed the Training Union that had 77 enrolled. Church value was listed at \$9,600.

Minister of music was Dewitt Dove and Mrs. R. H. Spence headed the W.M.U. Treasurer was R. H. Spence; clerk, Mrs. Herman Hassebrock.

Messengers to the association were Mr. N. E. Davis, Mrs. Dewitt Dove and Mrs. Hassebrock.

In 1961, Mr. Emory Rogers was pastor and membership was up to 182. Messengers were Mrs. Raymond Norris, Mrs. Dewitt Dove, Mrs. Ernest Bartley and Mrs. George Darby.

Association minutes list Mr. Jasper Ward, a deacon, as deceased.

Property value was listed as \$3,600 for the pastor's home and \$7,600 for the church.

In 1962, a deed for the church and cemetery was given by the St. Regis Co. through the efforts of The Davisville Community Club, no other deed being on record for the ownership of the church, land and cemetery.

Rev. Marion McKinley is listed as pastor in 1964, '65 and '66 at a salary of \$3,640. There were 185 members in '64 and 194 in '65 and '66. All three years there were 75 members in the Sunday School. Mr. F. C. Faircloth was superintendent. Mr. Earl Stabler is listed as "other minister in the church" that first year.

Messengers in 1964 were Mrs. Dewitt Dove, George Dardy and Mrs. Ernest Dartley. Mr. Henry Davis is listed "in memoriam." In 1965, Annette Hassebrock, Ruth Norris and Laura Cook were messengers. Mrs. Bertha Smith died in 1965, Mr. Albert Albritton in '66.

Chairman of deacons was Agee Dove in 1964, Dewitt Dove in 1865. For the three years, Mrs. Fernie Faircloth was treasurer; Mrs. H. J. Hassebrock clerk for two and was followed by Mrs. Ernest Bartley.

From 1961 through 1966, minutes show that Dewitt Dove was minister of music.

There is no listing for 1967, nor is there a pastor listed for 1968. In that year however, there was a listing of \$4,500 for salary. Total property value was \$12,000.

Messengers were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Silcox, and Mrs. R. Norris.

Mrs. Evie Ward, Mr. Lige Ward, Mr. J. K. McLeod and Mr. Liventon Hayes are listed "in memoriam."

With 200 members, Mr. Faircloth continued as Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Bartley as clerk. Chairman of deacons was Herman Hassebrock and Mrs. Opal Faircloth was treasurer. Music director was W. E. Cook.

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Davisville

Ralph Gordon Sasser

Birthdate: September 26, 1922

Birthplace: Davisville, Escambia, FL

Death: November 28, 1999 (77)

Place of Burial: Atmore, Escambia, AL, United States

Immediate Family:

Son of Percier Gordon Sasser and Martha Lenora Sasser

Husband of Ellafaire Luker

She is preceded in death by Her husband Dr. Ralph Gordon Sasser, who served as a Baptist minister and a Psychologist. He was the director of the Mental Health Center in Crestview, Fl.

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