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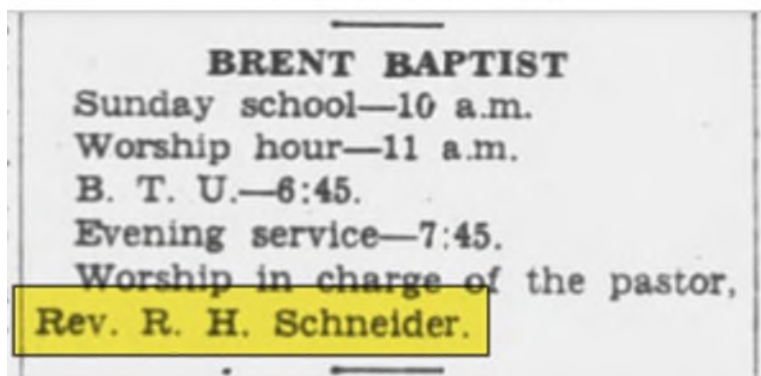
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R. H. Schneider served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Century, 1939-1940 and Brent Baptist Church, Pensacola.

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HISTORY OF CENTURY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Century First Baptist Church was founded in 1904 with 25 charter members. The land was donated by Alger Sullivan Lumber company who also sold us lumber at a discount for our first building. When founded, the church was a member of the Escambia County Association in Alabama but joined Pensacola Bay Baptist Association September 14, 1913.

Services were held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month until 1947 when it became full time under the leadership of Rev. B. A. Hawkins. The first pastorium was purchased about 1949. It was later sold and the present pastorium built.

In April of 1981 the church called Rev. Jerry W. Keese as interim pastor, a position he held for 13 months when he was called unanimously to become pastor. In the fall of 1981 improvements were made in the adult section of the education building and in 1982 extensive renovation and remodeling was done in the sanctuary and educational building. Also, the church grounds were landscaped and walkways poured. Sam Stanton was called as Associate Pastor/Music Director in 1982 and served for two years. Delmer Tew was called as Music Director in the Spring of 1982 and is presently serving.

Today the Church's mission giving is at its highest level. The church has three active choirs and church attendance and giving is at its best level in many years.

Pastors who have served Century First Baptist are:

1904	Rev. Hunter	1944	Supplies
1905	Rev. Sims	1945	Rev. Charles L. Phipps
1906	Rev. Lindsey	1946	Rev. E. W. Adkinson
1907-1909	Rev. McMurray	1947	Rev. Nail
1910-1912	Rev. W. B. McCreary	1947-1949	Rev. B. A. Hawkins
1913-1914	Rev. J. W. Jones	1950-1951	Rev. James B. Ansley
1915-1920	Rev. J. J. Nelson	1952	Dr. James H. Christie
1921-1922	Rev. W. D. Bosdell	1953-1954	Rev. Henry D. Fant
1923-1930	Rev. A. C. Shell	1955-1956	Rev. B. A. Hawkins
1931-1933	Rev. G. C. Eubanks	1957	Rev. W. D. Peacock
1934-1938	Rev. Q. E. Wells	1958-1968	Rev. Evon Ingram
1939-1940	Rev. R. H. Schneider	1968-1977	Rev. Ralph Lee
1941-1943	Rev. Alvin Higdon	1978-1981	Vernie Whittaker

1981-present Rev. Jerry Keese