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**Scott, C. E.** served as pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Grand Ridge 1904-1906.



PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Grand Ridge, Florida

1865 - 1994

Providence Baptist church was formerly organized in 1865. They still have associational church minutes that mention the church as far back as the 1890's.

According to news items of the community, Providence was an active church in the 1800's.

They have in their records names of some of the pioneer families which were: Wester, Dykes, Carpenter, Hill, Neel, Nobles and Hewett families. Land was donated for a church by Mrs. Carpenter.

Records show that the Indians were living in this area and attending some of the services. At that time services were held in an Arbor type church, with just a top and log benches.

Providence was the only Baptist Church between Cypress and Sneads. The first building was a log cabin located three-fourths mile east of the present church.

A larger building was built on the present site. It was typical of churches build in those times. It have one room, was unpainted and had wooden shingles. This building burned in a woods fire in 1926. An large oak tree just to the left of the present auditorium still bears the marks where it was damaged in that fire. The pulpit, which is still used, was build by Bro. **C.E.**

**Scott**, who was pastor from 1904-1906. Along with a few pews, it was all that rescued from the fire.

The church was rebuild sometime between 1926 and 1936. This building was used until 1960, when the present auditorium was build. Five Sunday School rooms had been build in 1957 and the new auditorium was build in from of them three years later.

In 1962 Wildwood Baptist Church burned and some members joined with Providence. Wildwood community started rebuilding their church, but in late 1965 due to financial problems decided by vote of church to disband. The building, in a state of incomplection, was deeded to Providence. This was completed as a pastorium in 1965.

In 1965, the Fellowship Hall and five Sunday School rooms and rest rooms were built. Again, in the early 1970's, more Sunday School rooms were added. During the 1970's many new items were added to the sanctuary. Such as the organ, a new communion table and flower stands, pew cushions, and carpet.

In 1981 they voted to build a new children's wing. Ground was broken at Homecoming in 1982. The facility was completed and dedicated at the Homecoming services the following year. it was named in honor of Dave Lipham, who served the church faithfully for many years.

A new pastorium was built adjacent to the church in 1984, and the old pastorium sold. The balance of the note on the new pastorium was paid after the sale of the old pastorium.

The church still has some descendants of the pioneer members serving actively in church today.

Providence has recorded thirty-five pastors who have served at the church since 1892. Many of the records burned in the fire so the exact number is not known.

As of March 1994 the church voted to enter into a building program for the purpose of building a new sanctuary, remodeling the present sanctuary into a fellowship building and turning the present fellowship building into offices and Sunday School rooms.