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**Shaw, David** served as pastor of First Baptist Church at Bluewater Bay, Niceville, Blue Angel Baptist Church (aka Millview) and Woodbine Baptist Church, 1996-1997).

(Choctaw) 1994 ✓

## Historical Events

- Bluewater Bay First:** Became independent of Valparaiso First Baptist Church, the mother church. Became jointly aligned with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.
- Florosa:** Supports the Iglesia Bautista Hispana, Spanish Mission, and ordained its pastor, Rev. David Rivera.
- Forest Heights:** Paid off Florida Baptist Convention loan in a six month period and is debt free.
- Korean:** Wright Baptist Church donated building to Korean Mission in May.
- Ocean City:** Ocean City Church became a "Cell Based Ministry" church. These cells consist of 12 to 15 adults with a Cell Shepherd who oversees its ministry. These cells meet every week in member's homes and perform the ministry of the church. Our goal is to establish one new cell per month in 1995.
- Rocky Bayou:** Secured architect and began clearing ground for new educational building. Committed to build it debt-free. Fund raising was begun with over \$250,000 given.
- Village:** Made extensive renovations and remodeling this year, beginning with the addition of a new parking lot and expansions of our nursery and church library/media center. Also purchased new hymnals, new sound system, new carpeting, new pew covers, new doors, new furniture for the foyer, as well as new choir robes.

## Choctaw 1994 First Baptist Church at Bluewater Bay, Niceville

The First Baptist Church at Bluewater Bay was begun as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Valparaiso, Florida, in 1984. Five families from the mother church began to meet at the high school. They soon moved the place of worship into the community, using the conference center and the Happyland Nursery School. Others from the community joined in.

The first pastor, Rev. Pete Hicks, was called in September 1985. After the church met in his home for a time, construction was completed on the church building on Range Road in Niceville. It was dedicated in 1986. The church was chartered on June 7, 1987, with 76 members. The educational building was dedicated on March 13, 1988.

When Pastor Hicks left in 1990, Rev. James Jordan, retired chaplain, served as interim pastor until Rev. David Shaw assumed the pastorate in 1991. After this brief period of service, Richard Martin, Director of Missions for the Choctaw Baptist Association, served as interim pastor until January 1993. Under his leadership the church began a new direction and sense of mission.

In January 1993 Dr. Haywood Day became the pastor. Rebuilding and redefining has been the recent focus of the church. For the summer of 1994, Andie Camden, a junior at the University of Kentucky and former member of Valparaiso First Baptist Church and Niceville First Baptist Church, was hired as Minister of Youth. It was a summer of activity for the youth and a successful Vacation Bible School.

Recently the church voted to allow members to designate their missions contributions to either the Cooperative Program or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, while

## Millview/Blue Angel Baptist Church

In 1943 members from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church answered the plea of Mrs. Emma Smith to begin a mission in the Millview community. The group, which included Eugene Salvant,

Mamie Roberts, Hattie Bailey, Leonice Brewton, and Eileen Andrews, met on Mrs. Smith's porch. They were soon joined by Rev. Richard Beal, Emmaline Bailey, and Ernest Blum.

Charter members from the community included Emma Smith, Mattie Nix, Lil Helton, Granny Strehle, W.H. and Minnie Lee Strehle, Laura Medlock, Gib Smith, and Mrs. Bill Billing.

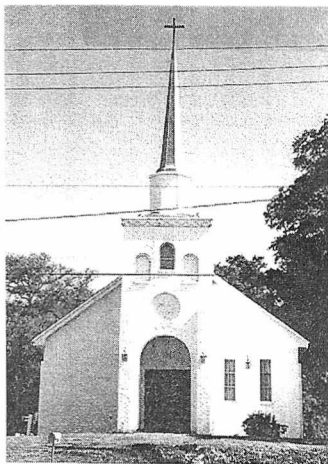
The Sunday afternoon porch services were soon forced indoors by the winter cold. The group then met in the dairy barn of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Medlock. The first building (now a fellowship hall and kitchen) served the congregation until the sanctuary was built. A third building provides education space.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church originally sponsored the mission. The group was later sponsored by Myrtle Grove Baptist Church. The mission organized as Millview Baptist Church in 1958 and joined the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association in 1959.

Pastors have included Richard Beal, Leo Roberts, Ernest Roberts, Leroy Joseph, Frank Wilson, C.E. Autry, James Benefield, Hugh Smith, Sidney Jones, **David Shaw**, and Chaplain Hoyt Swann.

In 1990 Millview Baptist Church reverted to mission status and joined with Blue Angel Baptist Mission, sponsored by Bellview Baptist Church. The two congregations merged and met in Millview's facilities. The church was organized and incorporated as Blue Angel Baptist Church in February 1996. It is located at 10900 West Highway 98.

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*Blue Angel Baptist Church  
(formerly Millview Baptist  
Church)*

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WOODBINE BAPTIST CHURCH

Woodbine Baptist Church was established as a mission of Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown, Florida on May 4, 1986. The mission began meeting in the Library of Pace High School. The church purchased five and one-half acres of land, including a house in which the first services were held at its present location on October 26, 1986.

The mission was constituted as a church on July 10, 1988, cooperating with the Santa Rosa Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. The first sanctuary, seating approximately 150 persons, was constructed and occupied in 1989. A house and ten acres of land next to the present facilities were purchased in 2002.

Pastors who have served the church include: Walter B. Owens (1986-89), Jack Goldfarb (interim 1989), John Bracken (1989-92), Joe Gwyn (1993-96), David Shaw (1996-97), Boyce Evans (1997), Ken Griffin (1997-99), and David Lewis (2000-present).

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