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Shepherd, L. A. (also Sheppard) served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Butler, 1940, Sardis Baptist Church, Worthington Springs, 1946-1948 and First Baptist Church, Chattahoochee, 1953-1957. He also served as chaplain to the Florida State Prison, Raiford.



necessary maintenance money be spent on the old auditorium and all remaining money be placed in a "New Auditorium Fund" and frozen for that purpose only. Two other faithful deacons, C. L. Herring and C. C. Harbin were early promoters of the idea of the new auditorium being flat on the ground so that they and many others could attend services without the ordeal of climbing the 18 stairs to the present sanctuary. A BTU class, sponsored by C.L. Herring, set up a fund soon after the death of Mr. Herring in September 1957, and called it "The Charlie Herring" fund to be used on this long-range project. That fund had reached several hundred dollars when work was begun on the new sanctuary, which now stands facing the Herring residence on Main Street.



L. HERRING... Faithful deacon. Sunday School Sup't., BTU Director and Church Property Chairman for many years. Planted the trees on Baptist Square.

FBC
Chatahocee

The many improvements to church property continued to add to the total value, which reached the \$100,000 mark by 1950. A fine electronic organ was presented to the church by the J. C. Gissendaner family and added much to the music department of the church.



REV. LESLIE A. SHEPHERD
PASTOR 1953-57

During the five years of service of Rev. L. A. Shepherd as pastor, 1953-57, gifts to all causes increased to over \$30,000 per year and gifts to missions reached \$5000.00. Church membership passed the 800 mark in 1955 with a Sunday School enrollment of 575. Plans were being discussed for a new educational building to replace the old frame structure.

Rev. John R. Martin of Trenton, Florida, was called on the field in early 1958. In March of that year a groundbreaking ceremony for the new 48 X 93 foot two story brick veneer educational building, was held. G. B. Kirkland headed the building committee, assisted by Joe. L. Daniell, J. C. Gissendaner, D. S. Parkman, Murry Whiddon, P.D. Clark, C. L. Daffin, Dorris Devane and E. J. Langley. Eulie Pelham supervised construction.

Sardis Worthington Springs

100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Year	Pastor	Clerk	Treasurer	Sunday School Superintendent	Training Union President	W. M. U. President	Brotherhood President
1877	---	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1878	---	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1879	J. G. Taylor	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1880	W. S. Perry	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1881	W. S. Perry	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1882	William F. Malphurs	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1883	William F. Malphurs	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1884	J. J. Clark	Thomas H. Bethea	---	---	---	---	---
1885	J. J. Clark	Thomas H. Bethea	---	---	---	---	---
1886	J. J. Clark	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1887	J. J. Clark	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1888	J. S. Proctor	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1889	S. S. Proctor	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1890	S. S. Proctor	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1891	S. S. Proctor	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1892	Noah Wainwright	W. B. Dees	W. B. Dees	---	---	---	---
1893	J. J. Clark	J. I. Dubose	J. I. Dubose	---	---	---	---
1894	J. J. Clark	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1895	G. W. S. Ware	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1896	G. W. S. Ware	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1897	G. W. S. Ware	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1898	G. W. S. Ware	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1899	S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1900	S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1901	S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1902	S. S. Proctor	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1903	G. W. S. Ware	H. C. Peeples	H. C. Peeples	---	---	---	---
1904	G. W. S. Ware	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1905	G. W. S. Ware	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1906	G. W. S. Ware	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1907	G. W. S. Ware	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1908	J. T. Evans	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1909	J. T. Evans	W. L. Blair	---	---	---	---	---
1910	S. W. Sheffield	W. R. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1911	S. W. Sheffield	W. R. Dubose	---	---	---	---	---
1912	S. W. Sheffield	A. C. Crews	---	---	---	---	---
1913	S. W. Sheffield	L. G. DuBose	---	---	---	---	---
1914	S. W. Sheffield	L. G. DuBose	---	---	---	---	---
1915	S. W. Sheffield	L. G. DuBose	---	---	---	---	---
1916	S. W. Sheffield	L. G. DuBose	---	---	---	---	---
1917	E. C. J. Dickens	L. G. DuBose	---	---	---	---	---
1918	J. L. Norris	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1919	J. L. Norris	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1920	H. E. Ridenour	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1921	H. E. Ridenour	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1922	J. D. Hacker	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1923	J. D. Hacker	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1924	J. L. Hacker	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1925	H. E. Ridenour	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1926	John Dicks	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1927	John Dicks	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1928	John Dicks	C. A. Scaff	---	---	---	---	---
1929	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1930	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1931	E. G. Diamond	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1932	E. G. Diamond	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1933	E. G. Diamond	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1934	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1935	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1936	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1937	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
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1943	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1944	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1945	John Dicks	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1946	Rev. L. A. Shepherd	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1947	Rev. L. A. Shepherd	R. B. Warren	---	---	---	---	---
1948	Rev. L. A. Shepherd	Blanche Brown	---	---	---	---	---
1949	Rev. L. A. Shepherd	Blanche Brown	---	---	---	---	---
1950	Rev. Vernon Clyatt	T. H. Waters, Jr.	---	---	---	---	---
1951	No Pastor	T. H. Waters, Jr.	---	---	---	---	---
1952	C. L. Carroll	C. D. Newbern	---	---	---	---	---
1953	C. L. Carroll	C. D. Newbern	---	---	---	---	---
1954	C. L. Carroll	C. D. Newbern	---	---	---	---	---
1955	C. L. Carroll	C. D. Newbern	---	---	---	---	---
1956	No Pastor	C. D. Newbern	---	---	---	---	---
1957	M. D. Lampp	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
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1961	R. G. Key	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
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1963	No Pastor	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
1964	J. Hugh Long	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
1965	C. C. Moody	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
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1970	T. B. Ellerbee	Page McGill	---	---	---	---	---
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W. B. Dees

Mattie E. P. Dubose

FERRY F. GORMAN

FBC, Lake Butler (Santa Fe River)

Year	Pastor	Clerk	S. S. Supt.
1963	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1964	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1965	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	C. D. Geiger
1966	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Bill White
1967	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant
1968	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant
1969	H. G. McLeroy	A. L. Driggers	Buren Dunavant

Prior to 1882 we have no record of the pastors, even though all the associational minutes show we were organized in 1869 with 9 charter members. The pastors are as follows:

1882-1886 B. R. Mosley
 1886-1888 A. Crosby
 1889-1894 S. S. Proctor
 1895-1900 R. F. Rogers
 1901-1902 F. J. Fowler
 1903 Stephen Crockett
 1904-1905 T. J. Evans
 1906-1907 A. C. Odom, Jr.
 1908 H. C. Peelman
 1909 B. A. Geiger
 1910-1913 George A. Blount
 1914 S. S. Proctor
 1915-1919 L. A. Rawls
 1920 W. C. Armstrong
 1921 G. W. S. Ware
 1922-1923 W. G. Doyle
 1924-1926 H. E. Ridenour
 1927-1934 E. A. McDowell
 1935-1939 L. O. Sheffield
 1940 **L. A. Sheppard**
 1941-1942 Edwin Harwell
 1943 L. E. Furguson
 1944-1948 Ray Y. Walden
 1949 Fred Hindsley
 1950-1951 Henry G. Nettles
 1952-1959 Allen E. Young
 1960-1961 Milton W. Wyche
 1962-1969 H. G. McLeroy

Prison Farm Chaplain to Talk to Club

The **Rev. L. A. Shepherd**
Guest of Optimists;
Camp Visit Planned.

The **Rev. L. A. Shepherd**, chaplain of the Florida State Prison Farm at Raiford, will be the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Optimist Club at 1 P. M. today in the George Washington hotel.

"The Last Mile" is the subject chosen by **Rev. Mr. Shepherd**, the title having been taken from "the last mile" condemned prisoners walk to the "death house" at Raiford. The prison chaplain will relate a number of experiences with condemned prisoners and will point out that the way to eventually eliminate "the last mile" is to pay more attention to the "first mile." He will endeavor to show that guidance and service to underprivi-

leged youth, such as is being rendered by the Optimist Club and other civic groups, is one of the most effective deterrents of crime.

The program has been arranged by Leo T. Bowles and in addition to the address, the club will sing Optimist songs under the direction of Mrs. Ann Livingstone. President Cyril **A. Marx** will preside.

Tonight, members of the club will enjoy their annual outing at Echockotee, the Boy Scout camp at Orange Park. The event has been designated "Optimist Night" and an interesting program has been arranged for the Optimists, their wives and families, by Dr. Thomas H. Lipscombe, chairman of the club's Boy Scout committee. Dr. Lipscombe has been assisted by Carl Middleton, Gregory Wotschalk, the **Rev. R. E. Philbin** and James R. Joyner. The program at the camp will be directed by Scout Executive M. G. Boswell, Assistant Executive H. E. Bedenbaugh and others on the camp staff.

The Optimists will arrive at the camp at 6 P. M. and inspect the woodwork shop, which has been sponsored by the Optimist Club for the past three years as a major project. The shop has been completely equipped with wood-working machinery donated by the club.

At 7 P. M. the guests will have supper with the Scouts. The campfire program, which will be held in the new recreation pavillion in event of rain, will follow. Games, stunts and songs will be featured and the guests will be invited to participate in the program.

Reservations for supper should be made with Dr. Lipscombe by noon today.