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Shepherd, Perry N. (1887-1934) was born in Thomas County, Georgia the son of Alexnder J. Sr. and Lela S. Shepherd. He served as pastor of Olive Baptist Church, Monticello, 1918-1919 and 1927-1930; Hopeful Baptist Church, 1919 and Elizabeth Baptist Church, Monticello, 1923-1926. Shepherd and his wife, Effie Anna Gaddy Shepherd had eight children.



Perry Nesbitt Shepherd

Birth 29 Mar 1887 Thomas County, Georgia, USA

Death 7 Jun 1934 (aged 47) Norman Park, Colquitt County, Georgia, USA

Burial Fredonia Baptist Church Cemetery Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, USA

The Moultrie Observer, June 7, 1934, Funeral Services For Mr. P. N. Shepherd Held At Fredonia

Mr. Perry Nesbitt Shepherd, 41, died at his home in Norman Park Thursday afternoon following an illness of five weeks. His death resulted from typhoid pneumonia. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at four o'clock at Fredonia Church and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Shepherd was a native of Thomas County and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Shepherd. He is survived by his wife and eight children, also his parents and a number of other relatives.

The Cairo Messenger, June 15, 1934, Union Springs News

Our entire community was saddened to learn of the death of our beloved pastor, Rev. P. N. Shepherd, which occurred at his home in Norman Park last Thursday afternoon. He was buried Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family cemetery.

Family Members

Parents

Alexander J. Shepherd Sr 1861–1948

Lela S. Shepherd 1868–1957

Spouse

Effie Anna Gaddy Shepherd 1887–1979

Children

Mattie Louise Shepherd Clem 1911–2003

Daisy Lee Shepherd Mitchell 1914–1997

Rev Hubert Beverly Shepherd 1917–1998

Sarah Ellen Shepherd Taylor 1922–2020

Harry Alexander Shepherd 1931–2017

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confident he will win the race.

REV. PERRY N. SHEPHERD

THOMASVILLE, Ga., June 9.—

Funeral services were held at the Fredonia Baptist Church near here yesterday for the **Rev. Perry N. Shepherd**, 57, of Norman Park, Ga., who died at his home there Thursday, after a five weeks' illness. The **Rev. Mr. Norris** officiated, assisted by the **Rev. T. F. Callaway** and the **Rev. W. H. Wages** of Thomasville, the **Rev. W. J. Chisholm** of Lakeland, Ga., and the **Rev. J. Gorham Garrison** of Ochlocknee, Ga. The **Rev. Mr. Shepherd** is survived by his widow and eight children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex **Shepherd** of Fredonia; five sisters and four brothers.

PASTORS OF OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Monticello (Middle Florida)

William J. Blewett	????
Moses Ward	1888-1890
C.F. Massey	1891-1892
Moses Ward	1893
J.T. Humpfries	1894-1896
Moses Ward	1897-1910
H.H. Parrish	1911-1913
Moses Ward	1914
C.E. Glover	1915-1917
P.N. Shepherd	1918
No Records	1919-1926
P.N. Shepherd	1927-1930
Truman Johnson	1930-1932
W.J. Glover	1933
No Records	1934-1943
Hebert Hawkins	1944-1946
No Records	1947-1949
Floyd Gray	1950-1952
H.D. Taylor	1954-1957
Dewitt Rehberg	1958-1962
T.F. McReyolds	1962-1964
Dewitt Rehberg	1964-1969
James E. Riherd	1969-1972
Frank O'Brien	1973-1974
Elbert Barineau	1974-1988
Jack Collins	1988-2002
Harold Reams	2003-2010
Art Beal	2011-

*Not A Complete List Due to Some Records Lost or Missing and Some Years Overlap

NAME
OF
CHURCH

PASTOR

PASTOR'S
POSTOFFICE
ADDRESS

Florida 1919

Aenon	E. Newberry	Quincy, Fla...
Antioch .....	.....	.....
Apalachicola .....	.....	.....
Arran .....	.....	.....
Chaires	L. A. Roberts...	Spring Hill, Fla.
Corinth	Jas. L. Folsom..	Havana, Fla....
Concordia	Jas. L. Folsom..	Havana, Fla....
Crawfordville .....	.....	.....
Curtis Mill .....	.....	.....
Ebenezer (J) ..	L. A. Roberts...	Spring Hill.....
Ebenezer (L) ..	.....	.....
Flat Creek	F. M. Wells.....	Juniper, Fla....
Gretna	A. E. Emfinger..	Greensboro, Fla.
Greensboro	A. E. Emfinger..	Greensboro, Fla.
Hardaway	C. Frank Wells..	Hardaway, Fla|
Havana .....	.....	.....
Hopeful	P. N. Shepard...	Thomasville, Ga.
Indian Springs..	R. A. Smith.....	Metcalf, Ga. ...
Lake Ellen	J. F. Spears.....	Benhaden, Fla..
Lake Mystic	O. N. Revels....	Bristol, Fla....
Mt. Elon	O. N. Revels....	Bristol, Fla....
Mt. Besor .....	.....	.....
New River .....	.....	.....
Monticello	B. G. Smith.....	Monticello
Olive	P. N. Shepard...	Thomasville, Ga.

Orange .....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove..	C. Frank Wells..	Hardaway, Fla.	D. J.
Providence	F. M. Wells.....	Juniper	W.
Quincy	W. A. Burns...	Quincy, Fla....	T. J.
River Junction..	A. E. Emfinger..	Greensboro, Fla.	O. I.
Salem	J. S. Judah.....	Althea, Fla....	J. L.
Sumatra .....	.....	.....	.....
Sycamore	A. E. Emfinger..	Greenboro, Fla..	M. C.
Sundown	W. S. Kelly.....	Madison, Fla...	J. Q.
St. Marks .....	.....	.....	.....
Tallahassee	B. Stephens....	Tallahassee, Fla.	W. I.
Telogia .....	.....	.....	.....
Woodville	C. Frank Wells..	Hardaway, Fla.	Mrs.

Elizabeth BC, Monticello (Middle Florida)

Pastors' Service Years (*continued*)

1877	George T. Leitner	1902	W. J. Sullivan
1878	George T. Leitner	1903	L. A. Roberts
1879	George T. Leitner/ S. S. Proctor	1904	L. A. Roberts
1880	S. S. Proctor	1905	L. A. Roberts/L. S. Hutchins
1881	A. C. McCants	1906	L. S. Hutchins/ J. P. McCann/ T. J. Evans
1882	John M. Hampton	1907	J. T. Evans
1883	John M. Hampton	1908	J. T. Evans
1884	John M. Hampton	1909	John E. Clemons
1885	F. M. Wells	1910	John E. Clemons
1886	F. M. Wells	1911	J. T. Evans
1887	F. M. Wells	1912	J. T. Evans
1888	F. M. Wells	1913	S. A. Cross
1889	F. M. Wells	1914	S. A. Cross
1890	J. G. Connell	1915	S. A. Cross
1891	J. G. Connell	1916	S. A. Cross
1892	J. P. McCann	1917	W. L. Spear
1893	J. P. McCann	1918	W. L. Spear/G. W. S. Ware
1894	J. P. McCann	1919	G. W. S. Ware
1895	J. T. Humphries	1920	G. W. S. Ware/S. G. Ward
1896	J. T. Humphries/ J.T. Montgomery	1921	S. G. Ward/M. J. Fowler
1897	J. T. Montgomery	1922	M. J. Fowler/ S. J. Loudermilk
1898	J. T. Montgomery	1923	S. L. Loudermilk/ Perry N. Shepherd
1899	J. T. Montgomery/ P. W. Carr	1924	P. N. Shepherd
1900	J. P. McCann	1925	P. N. Shepherd
1901	J. P. McCann/ W. J. Sullivan		

*(continued next page)***PASTOR PROFILE/F. M. Wells served from 1885 to 1889**

Francis Marion Wells (b. 1847; d. 1928), a Georgia native, **who became a distinguished minister of the gospel in the Panhandle of Florida**, served as pastor of the Elizabeth Baptist Church between 1885 and 1889.³⁵ Wells' initial ministry was as an itinerant preacher who rode a circuit of counties including Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla and Liberty. He subsequently went on to serve 40 years at the Providence Baptist Church, Quincy, 1889 to 1928, while later concurrently serving other churches parttime, including: Concordia Baptist Church, 1903; Sunny Dell Baptist Church, 1908, 1912; Flat Creek Baptist Church, 1909-1913, 1916-1919; River Junction Baptist Church, 1913; and the Antioch Baptist Church, 1914-1915. He served as the elected Moderator of the Florida Baptist Association for 15 consecutive years (1900 – 1914) of annual meetings. He and his wife Sarah Catherine Coker had two children, a son, Franklin and daughter, Ruthie.³⁶



Pastors' Service Years *(continued)*

1926	P. N. Shepherd/ E. T. Dawson	1952	W. Richard Wynn/Purvis Lawson
1927	E. T. Dawson/M. J. Fowler	1953	Purvis R. Lawson
1928	M. J. Fowler	1954	Reuben Davis
1929	M. J. Fowler/C. L. Clark	1955	Reuben Davis
1930	C. L. Clark/I. N. Aldrich	1956	James L. Temple
1931	I. N. Aldrich	1957	James L. Temple
1932	I. N. Aldrich/T. W. Branch	1958	Carl A. Webb
1933	T. W. Branch	1959	Carl A. Webb
1934	T. W. Branch	1960	Carl A. Webb
1935	T. W. Branch	1961	Carl A. Webb
1936	T. W. Branch	1962	Carl Webb/Walter E. Bailey
1937	T. W. Branch	1963	Walter E. Bailey
1938	T. W. Branch	1964	Walter E. Bailey
1939	Paul Hendry	1965	Walter E. Bailey
1940	Frank Pickern	1966	Walter E. Bailey
1941	Frank Pickern	1967	Walter E. Bailey
1942	Willie Lee Strawn	1968	Walter E. Bailey
1943	Willie Lee Strawn	1969	Walter E. Bailey
1944	H. M. Hawkins	1970	Walter E. Bailey/D. W. Mitchell
1945	H. M. Hawkins/D. Paul Hendry	1971	Douglas W. Mitchell
1946	D. Paul Hendry	1972	Douglas W. Mitchell
1947	D. B. McConnell	1973	Douglas W. Mitchell
1948	A. M. Parker, Sr.	1974	Douglas W. Mitchell
1949	W. Richard Wynn	1975	Roy S. Hughen
1950	W. Richard Wynn	1976	Roy S. Hughen
1951	W. Richard Wynn	1977	Roy S. Hughen
		1978	H. C. Meador (Interim)

*(continued next page)***PASTOR PROFILE/W. E. Bailey served 1962 to 1970**

Walter Eugene Bailey (b. 1924; d. 2006) was born in Madison County and **served eight years as bi-vocational pastor at Elizabeth Baptist Church** from 1962 to 1970.³⁷

By profession, Bailey was a house painter and, on the weekends, he served as a pastor-preacher. During his 46-years of ministry, Rev. Bailey also served the Ebenezer Church, Monticello; the Ebenezer and Capitola Baptist churches in Tallahassee; and Madison County churches at Mosley Hall and New Hopeful.

Rev. Bailey and his first wife, Erlene, had four sons: Darrell, Wayne, Michael, Stanley; and a daughter, Jettie.³⁸ Sons Darrell and Wayne responded to the call of God and were ordained into the gospel ministry. Erlene Bailey died in 1984 and a year later Rev. Bailey married Ruth Demott Teasley. After Bailey retired the couple became active members of the Elizabeth Church until his death in 2006.



Walter and Erlene Bailey