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Sherouse, D. B. (or D. E.) served as pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Sharron, 1939-1940 and Bostwick Baptist Church, Palatka.

On July 17, 1955 at 2:00 p.m. the Mission had its Organizational Service. Those who served on this program were: Moderator, Dr. H. K. Masteller, Resolution to Organize, Bro. Paul Forsythe, District Missionary, Bro. Marvin V. Stedham, Sermon, Rev. Gordon L. Brooks, Prayer and Song Service, Rev. V. J. Major. The Church name became the Tabernacle Baptist Church. At the time the Mission was organized into a church there were 177 members. Sunday School enrollment was 166 and Training Union 104.

The newly constituted Church vowed to give ten percent of its budget to World Missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the present time the Church has 568 members with Sunday School enrollment of 351 and Training Union enrollment of 156.

Since the Church's organization in 1955 a new Sanctuary has been erected and the original building converted into Educational and Fellowship facilities. Two more educational buildings have also been completed, the most recent being dedicated to the Lord July 1972. The Church has also built a Pastorium facing Pine Street in 1959.

The following have served as pastor: Earl Willis, 1955-1958; Jeff Stiles, 1958-1960; Edgar Tillman, 1961-1963; B. E. Humes, 1964-1966; Lorace Cothron, 1967-1968; J. Hugh Long, 1970; Lance Cothron, 1971 to the present. A total of 574 have been baptized into the membership of the church.

God has blessed the Church in many ways over the years, but the greatest blessing is the many people who have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the ministry of the Church.



SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Salem Baptist Church of Sharron, in Clay County, was organized into a Church on Saturday, November 15, 1885 at Sharron school house at three p.m. by Rev. James Hickey of Green Cove Springs, Florida. Rev. James Hickey led the church in a worship service, after which they proceeded to a business meeting to organize into a church. Rev. James Hickey was elected Moderator Protem, and Bro. J. M. Tolar was elected as Clerk Protem. The Church Covenant was read, after which the doors of the newly organized church were opened to those who wished to join the church. The following joined: Mr. W. H. Lassiter and his sister, Mr. S. E. Lassiter, Mr. R. S. Hogarth and sister, Adeline Hogarth, Mr. J. M. Tolar, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. M. E. Mahoney, Mrs. Elizzie Sullivant, Mr. R. B. Sullivant, and Mrs. Celia Weeks.

It appears that whenever this church met in conference that a roll of all male members was called, and if one was absent the church would send a committee to inquire as to the reason for his absence. Members were dismissed for missing meetings, disorderly conduct and many other reasons.

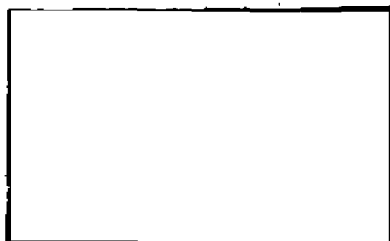
At a conference on Saturday, September 20, 1980 the church requested the clerk to prepare an Associational Letter to the Santa Fe River Baptist Association. Bro. J. M. Tolar and Bro. A. Burney were appointed as delegates to the Association. In May 1891, on a motion the church agreed to apply for admittance into the St. Johns River Baptist Association. The following were sent as delegates to represent the church: Bro. R. S. Hogarth, Bro. B. F. Doolittle, alternates: Bro. G.A.M. Rains, and Arthur Burney. The Annual Minutes of the St. Johns River Baptist Association for the 1981 meeting does not mention Salem Baptist Church in its Petitionary Letter report as joining. The first time that Salem Baptist Church is mentioned as being in the St. Johns River Baptist Association is in the 1976 Annual Minutes with Rev. R. R. Moseley as pastor. According to our records taken from our Annual Minutes the following have served as pastors at Salem: Rev. J. F. McBride 1896-1899; Rev. L. R. Thomas, 1900; Rev. J. F. McBride, 1901; Rev. Charles Conway, 1902; Rev. D. W. Glisson, 1904; Rev. L. T. Ivey, 1912-1913; Rev. **D. B. Sherouse**, 1939-1940.

Salem Baptist Church is located about a mile west of the intersection of Sharron and Hogarth Roads, about five miles north of the Putnam County--Clay County line. The community was once a lumber and timber center, shipping timber to the mills in Green Cove Springs until the timber played out. The Salem Baptist Church still meets on the Fifth Sunday for worship services and fellowship.

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH HISTORY FOR ANNUAL MINUTES

This is a list of the Churches that have already had their history in the Annual Minutes and a tentative list of the years that we want to have the other histories. If you would like to have your church history appear at another time we will be glad to arrange it.

1970 Peniel
1971 Woodlawn
1972 Peniel; San Mateo, First; Ancient City
1973 Crescent City, First; Hastings, First
1974 Beulah, Paran, Pomona Park, First; Welaka, First
1975 Palatka, First; River Road, Southside, Palatka
1976 Lemon Heights; Hillcrest, Satsuma
1977 Francis, Midway
1978 Mt. Olive, East Palatka, First
1979 Calvary, St. Augustine
1980 Bostwick
1981 Tabernacle
1982 Trinity, St. Johns, Whitecastle
1983 Bunnell, First, Georges Lake, First
1984 McDowell, Bethany
1985 New Hope, College Park, Interlachen, First
1986 Palm Coast, Providence, Calvary, Palatka



BOSTWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

The work in the Bostwick area appeared to have its beginning in 1890 when the St. Johns River Baptist Association met at the Evergreen Baptist Church of Clay County. Acting on the recommendation of the Mission Committee, they voted to send Rev. D. L. Kendrick to work the west side of the St. Johns River in the vicinity of Bostwick. In the 1898 Annual Meeting of the Association Bostwick Baptist Church petitioned the Association for membership, with Mr. L. C. Williams as messenger. In the 1899 Annual Minutes of the Association, Bostwick Baptist Church appeared in the statistical pages as a member with Rev. W. H. Minton as pastor and Mr. L. C. Williams as clerk.

In the Putnam County Historical Sites, copied from the FLORIDA STATE GAZETTER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, Vol I. 1886-1887, Bostwick had a population of 75. The Jacksonville, Tampa, and Key West Railway ran through the town. Bostwick had a Baptist Church, public school, a saw mill, and two stores. It was only a way station but had daily mail service. The first settlement was established here in 1882. Land sold from \$3 to \$8 per acre. Davis & Webster ran a saw and planing mill, Rev. M. L. Dyes was pastor of the Baptist Church, Parker & Caraway were grocers, P.T.L. Quees was postmaster, general merchandise, and real estate. The following had orange groves: John Hancock, Wm. Melton, J. Sweat, Geo. Knowles, Wm. Register, and J. Williams.

Some of the early pastors to serve Bostwick Baptist Church were: W. H. Minton, 1898-1899; Charles Conway, 1900; W. H. Minton, 1903; D. W. Glisson, and J. F. McBride are listed for 1904; J. F. McBride, 1905-1913. We have no copies of the Annual Minutes of the Association from 1914-1918. In 1919 T. J. Knight was listed as pastor; J. F. McBride, 1931; L. T. Ivey, 1922.

In 1923 the church body elected to become Independent. During that time W. E. Wall, H. L. Durden, along with others served as pastor. It continued to be an Independent church until 1943 when, under the leadership of Alfred Sapp, the church voted to return to the Southern Baptist Convention, although in the 1936 Annual Minutes, W. S. Matheny was listed as pastor.

The original church was located about a mile east of the Bostwick cemetery, on property deeded for the purpose of a cemetery and a church. Later the present building was built from materials from an old school building purchased from the county when the present old school building was built. From 1937 until the present time the church has been served by fifteen pastors. They were: E. W. Tucker, **D. E. Sherrouse**, Percy Summers, W. E. Hall, C. C. Harris, Alfred Sapp, Nathan Wilkinson, J. S. Murphy, W. M. Dyess, Bobby Collins, D. E. Willis, J. A. Eason, John Ingram, V. J. Major, and Gene Janda. Mr. L. C. served as Church Clerk from 1889-1911 and Mr.