

## **Florida Baptist Historical Society Biography Collection**

**This link provides the specific resource information which documents and undergirds the biographical resource information on a specific Florida Baptist pastors, church staff or significant laity leaders.**

The link you have chosen connects to the specific individual's resource files that provide the basis for information which the Historical Society has used to develop the respective biographical profile. The sources attached may include copies of articles gleaned from back issues of the *Florida Baptist Witness* and other news publications. Other resources include books, historical journal articles and church histories that are cited as documentation for the biography.

Visit our website at [FloridaBaptistHistory.org](http://FloridaBaptistHistory.org)

**Shipp, J. Mark** a former missionary served as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Pace.

### Fellowship Baptist Church, Pace

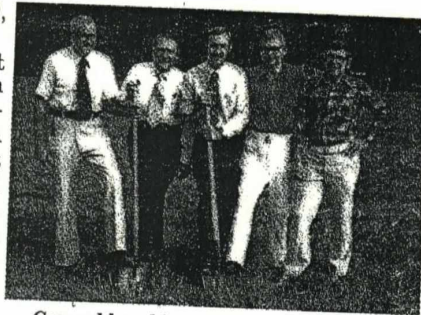
Fellowship Baptist Church began Sunday, May 27, 1977. Forty-two people gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Ted House's of Pace. The group adopted the name Fellowship Baptist Chapel. 32

The first official service was at the home of Mrs. Lucy Parsons. Facilities were rented on Highway 90 in Pace. The first pastor was Ronald Wales. H. H. Strickland accepted the call of pastorship on July 2, 1978. He and wife, Irma Jean, along with their three children Karen, Joel and Hope, moved to Pace in August 1978.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new building were September 10, 1978 at 5223 Highway 90 in Pea Ridge. The building was occu-

33  
pied on October 29, 1978.

Growth brought the need to begin a new building program in 1981. A thirty by forty foot addition was added to the existing building to provide space for classrooms and a fellowship hall.



Ground breaking ceremonies, Sept. 1978

The Church accepted the sponsorship of the West Florida Baptist Institute in May 1989. The school purchased property at 6812 Lillian Highway, Pensacola in August 1989 and opened the fall semester. Many local pastors have received their education at WFBI. The outreach ministry of the school now reaches into nine foreign countries through its Spanish print ministry consisting of Sunday school materials and textbooks. The full-time school president is H. H. Strickland.

Missionary J. Mark Shipp became the pastor of Fellowship in June 1994. Denny Harris was pastor for one year. Tim Shelton became the fifth pastor in May 1998 and has remained until present.

Submitted by: H. H. Strickland, 4217 Queens Ct., Pace, Florida 32571.

Brief history

Heritage of Santa Rosa County, FL

Page 5 32 -33