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Shirley, B. L. served as pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Holt, 1946 and Oakdale Baptist Church, (Now Valley Road) Crestview.

Our History

August 1958, a group of Crestview residents decided to be the founders of a new Baptist church to fill a need in the community. Ground breaking began later that month and by late November of that year, Oakdale Baptist Church's first services were held. Oakdale Baptist Church's first pastor was B.L. Shirley. Under his leadership, the new church decided to pursue sponsorship from a larger church until Oakdale Baptist Church was ready to stand on its own. In April of 1959, Woodlawn Baptist Church decided to sponsor Oakdale as a mission. April 25, Oakdale Baptist Church held its first baptism at First Baptist Church of Crestview. As the church was growing, the members of Oakdale decided to buy a larger plot of land for a new building project. Early 1961, the current building was completed. July 4, 1962, Woodlawn met and decided to release Oakdale Baptist Church on its own. Throughout the years, Oakdale Baptist Church has experienced many building projects directly related to its growth. In January 2005, Oakdale decided to change its name to Valley Road Baptist Church.

In all of Oakdale/Valley Road's history, it has had 16 full-time and six interim pastors. Its first pastor was B.L. Shirley and its current pastor is Harold Morris.

Holt

Pleasant Home Baptist Church Pastors
(Sources: Available PBBA and SRBA Minutes; Church History)

| | | | |
|------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1902 | John Walton Senterfitt | 1968 | Harold A. Anderson |
| 1903 | John Walton Senterfitt | 1969 | Harold A. Anderson |
| 1904 | Ingraham Spence | 1970 | Harold A. Anderson |
| 1905 | John Walton Senterfitt | 1971 | J.H. Jordan |
| 1906 | Irvin Lafayette Taylor | 1972 | John H. Jordan |
| 1907 | John Thomas Mapoles | 1973 | John H. Jordan |
| 1909 | Dan Anderson | 1974 | John H. Jordan |
| 1910 | Dan Anderson | 1976 | Michael Jones |
| 1911 | Elisha Tanner Pitts | 1977 | Michael Jones |
| 1912 | Elisha Tanner Pitts | 1978 | Ben Walters |
| 1913 | Elisha Tanner Pitts | 1979 | Benjamin Walters |
| 1914 | A.W. Langley | 1980 | Benjamin Walters |
| 1916 | A.W. Langley | 1981 | Benjamin Walters |
| 1922 | C.L. Perry | 1982 | Benjamin Walters |
| 1924 | Charles Carey Eiland | 1983 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1928 | James B. Ward | 1984 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1929 | James B. Ward | 1985 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1930 | Hernando DeSoto Wilson | 1986 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1933 | J.J. Cooper | 1987 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1934 | J.J. Cooper | 1988 | M. Lon Roberts III |
| 1940 | J.L. Henderson | 1989 | Mark McCullough |
| 1940 | Alvin C. Higdon | 1990 | Mark McCullough |
| N/D | R. Grover Key | 1991 | Jack Goldfarb |
| N/D | George Pugh | 1992 | B. Smith |
| 1945 | John Smith | 1993 | Gregory Robarbs |
| 1946 | B.L. Shirley | 1994 | Gregory Robarbs |
| N/D | Ralph J. Notes | 1995 | Gregory Robarbs |
| 1950 | Theodore Smith | 1996 | Gregory Robarbs |
| 1952 | Theodore Smith | 1997 | Gregory Robarbs |
| 1953 | J.C. Shell | 1998 | Gregory Robarbs |
| 1954 | J.C. Shell | 1999 | Mark Oaks |
| 1955 | Clettus Columbus Morris | 2000 | Mark Oaks |
| 1956 | Clettus Columbus Morris | | |
| 1957 | Clettus Columbus Morris | | |
| 1958 | Harvey G. Thornton | (Addendum) | |
| 1959 | Eric Arrant | 1947 | Elisha Tanner Pitts |
| 1960 | L.J. Stewart | 1949 | Theodore Smith |
| 1962 | L.J. Stewart | N/D | P.M. Scott |
| 1964 | Charles B. Sansom | N/D | James Sutley |
| 1965 | Charles B. Sansom | N/D | J.C. Floyd |
| 1966 | Charles B. Sansom | N/D | W.W. Clifford |
| 1967 | Charles B. Sansom | N/D | Grover C. Eubanks |