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**Shoemaker, A. D.** served as pastor of churches in Alabama and Florida including First Baptist Church, Crestview, 1918.

J. D. Wilkes (1917 - )

In 1917 about twenty dedicated Baptists of the community of Crestview and the Rev. J. D. Wilkes, pastor of the Milton Baptist Church, organized the church that was to become the First Baptist Church of Crestview. Mr. Wilkes became the first pastor.

In November, 1917, the church held a revival with the Rev. Pitt M. Jones, the most forceful and conscientious speaker in Florida at the time, as speaker. During this revival church membership increased considerably. (Okaloosa News, Nov. 2, 1917)

History of First Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida  
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A. D. Shoemaker

The Rev. A. D. Shoemaker served the church as pastor for a short time following Mr. Wilkes.

# Foley

FOLEY, Ala., Nov. 28.—(Special) Thanksgiving day was observed here by services at all of the churches, either at the usual morning or evening hours. A general holiday was taken by all business places and the day was spent in rest and recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kemp, of Pensacola, were Thanksgiving day guests of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Paulson, Mr. Paulson and the elder Paulsons.

Rev. A. D. Shoemaker, Baptist pastor here for the past year or more, will give his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, having accepted the charge of a church in Repton, Ala. Rev. and Mrs. Shoemaker and their two children will be missed in their circle of friends and admirers here.