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Shows, William G. (-1948) was a native of Alabama. He served as pastor of Damascus Baptist Church, Niceville, White House Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Lemon Heights Baptist Church, Palatka, and Kingsley Lake Baptist Church, Jacksonville. Shows and his wife, Margaret Shows had three sons and four daughters.

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in the sunday school building.

Although the church had been meeting in the new building for a few years, the baptistry was never completed. Rev. Cozart and the church finished the baptistry and the first baptismal service was held on June 11, 1972 for the five young people who had made profession of faith during Vacation Bible School.

On October 18, 1972, the church voted to build an extention to the present education building to include a kitchen and fellowship hall. This was completed and first used on November 4 1973 for the homecoming celebration.

In June, 1973, the church voted to install new carpet in the auditorium. Later that year, plexi-glass panels were added to the windows of the auditorium to seal them and help out out the glare.

Rev. Cozart resigned on September 30, 1974.

On February 9, 1975, Rev. Larry Shrum was called as pastor. During the time of his ministry upholstered pews were added to the auditorium. Not only were they more comfortable, they also added to the beauty of the auditorium.

Rev. Shrum resigned February 22, 1981.

On May 27, 1981, Rev. Hubert F. Couch was called the second time as pastor. Later that year the church purchased an electronic organ and installed a sound system.

Several improvements were added in 1982: new tables and chairs were purchased for the sunday school rooms and fellowship hall; the pulpit area was enlarged, making the choir section larger and providing room for the new organ and piano; new pulpit furniture was installed.

On December 25, 1983, the church voted to purchase a 1978 Plymouth van to serve the church in a bus ministry.