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Simmons, Earl served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bayard (formerly Juliette Wing Memorial Baptist Chapel), 1967-1968.

FBC Bayard
FBC St. Augustine Rd
Bartram, Jay



History of Pastors

The first sermon was delivered by Charles C. Dilworth, Pastor of First Baptist Church of South Jacksonville, which served as the sponsoring congregation. From 1925 to 1932, records do not indicate a permanent pastor. During those early years, as was common with mission churches, the pulpit was likely filled by itinerant preachers, association missionaries, or visiting supply pastors.

1932 – J.M. Moore	1952-54 – Milton C. Wyche
1933-36 – A.S. Jones	1955-57 – Floyd W. Thomas
1937 – George A. Jeffers	1958-59 – Frank D. Williams
1938-39 – H.A. Carlton	1960-63 – A.M. Anderson
1940-41 – Gorden Reeves	1964-65 – Charles J. Sharron
1942-45 – A.S. Jones	1966 – No Pastor
1946 – No Pastor	1967-68 – Earl Simmons
1947 – Russell Carter	1969-71 – William Price, Jr.
1948 – No Pastor	1972 – No Pastor
1949 – G.A. Bray	1973-2017 – Harper Bumpers
1950-51 – No Pastor	2018-Present – Gary Poplin