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**Simmons, J. J.** served as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Lee.

## Macedonia, Lee (Middle Florida)

completed that year and was dedicated on Sunday, October 21, 1876. The Sunday School rooms of the present Church is the building, which stood at that time, between the present building and the highway.

The new part of the main sanctuary of the present building was constructed in 1927 and 1928 and dedicated on January 26, 1930. This building was made possible through the benevolence of the late W.C. Wells of Madison, whose memory will always be cherished. The Williams Family and E. E. West donated the land for the Church and cemetery. Later, Mrs. C. M. Ragans gave two acres. The pastorium now occupies part of that land. The pastorium consists of seven rooms and was dedicated April 4, 1954. It was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. P.O. Elrod.

As previously stated, Brother H. M. Frier was the first Pastor. He served Macedonia faithfully for more than 20 years. Brother Frier also served as Moderator of the Florida Association for seven years and was a Charter Member of three different churches. (Redland Baptist Church in Lowndes County, GA., Pine Grove (Piney) Baptist Church and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, both churches are in Madison County.)

### Other Pastors include:

T. P. Webb	A. M. Parker	A. L. Croy
F. M. Wells	A. N. Woodard	C. W. Crim
O. J. Revels	A. H. Townsend	E. L. Gurr
John Farnell	J. A. Nichols	A. C. McLain
J. L. Rutherford	Ed. McCullum	R. A. Kelly
S. S. Proctor	R. L. Williams	R. B. Reynolds
R. L. Hacker	M. T. Fowler	Lamar Harris
I. R. Clements	E. A. Milton	Travis English
<b>J. J. Simmons</b>	Ben Perry	Dozier Sapp
S. A. Cross	P. G. Elrod	Ray Etherton
M. T. Fowler	DeWitt Cox	Charles Clemons
S. G. Ward	L. F. Lafferty	Glenn Luttrell
A. R. Powell	Ralph Beasley	Michael Turner
A. W. Smith	John Hutcherson	David Johns

Some 42 Pastors have faithfully served the Macedonians. In January 2006, after a few months of supply. David Johns arrived from Clewiston, Fl as the 43<sup>rd</sup> Pastor, and is currently serving.