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**Simms, J. O.** served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Blountstown, 1939.

# FBC Blountstown

the sermon. The service was followed by a luncheon at the W.T. Neal Civic Center. The Centennial Planning Committee was composed of co-chairs Howard Johnson Jr. and Doris Traylor, and Brenda Seay, Latrelle White, church secretary Sandy Marchant and Pastor Throckmorton.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND 100 YEARS

On Sept. 4, 2011, Deacon Frank "Bud" Guilford Jr. preached the first sermon of the Church's second 100 years. A new pastor, Timothy F. Rhoads, began his tenure on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012.

## CONCLUSION

Today, First Baptist Church provides worship services for all ages on Sunday morning and evening as well as Wednesday night prayer service. Current ministries include serving those in need; ministering to shut-ins with comforting visits and by furnishing them with tapes of our worship services; sponsoring camps, community programs, prison ministries and missionaries; and offering choir programs and Bible-study activities for children, youth, adults and senior adults.

Thanks to the leadership of pastors, a dedicated congregation and a faithful and loving Father in Heaven, the First Baptist Church has been richly blessed. As history is recorded over the coming years, may God be glorified by the service of His people.

## Pastors and Their Years of Service

Herman S. Howard 1911

T.F. Hendon 1912

A.L. Loftin 1913-1914

B.B. Blitch 1915

J.S. Judah 1915-1916

H.G. Kenney 1917-1918

E.L. Shuler 1919-1920

W.J. Peters 1921-1922

J.D. Wilkes 1923-1924

W.E. Findley 1925-1926

W.P. Hines 1927-1929

Henry Mangum 1930-1932

H. Bryant 1933

G.E. Everett 1934-1935

A.E. Lightfoot 1935-1939

J.O. Simms 1939

Dewey Mann 1940-1942

Rex Thompson 1942-1944

R.W. Acree 1944-1948

A.E. Lightfoot 1949-1953

Fulton Bryan 1954-1957

George Q. Edens 1957-1966

William E. Green 1966-1971

Samuel Lee 1972-1974

Rea Mangum 1974-1988

David Williams 1988-1993

Mark Rathel 1994-1996

Jerry Chumley 1997-2000

Tom Stallworth 2001-2006

David Throckmorton 2008-2011

Timothy F. Rhoads 2012-

## Choir Directors Through the Years

John Brown

Edwin Strawn

Joseph Sustarsic

Wes Johnson

Linda Adams

Shelly Chandler

Howard Johnson Jr.

Debbie Van Lierop 2001- 2012