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Simpkins, C. E. served as pastor of Eden Baptist Church, Brooksville, Drexel Baptist Church, Tampa, Land O' Lakes Baptist Church, and Fort McCoy Baptist Church, Marion County, 1964-1975. He and his wife, Rose M. Simpkins had seven children.

Eden, Brooks ville

in full and the members rejoiced, giving God the Glory.

As we celebrate the first 150 years, we look to God for guidance and pray that hearts, minds and spirit will continue to seek and follow His direction. We pray that we will be forever mindful of God's marvelous Grace.

Information in this report came from the minutes of the Alachua Baptist Association, newspaper articles and memories of many of our members.

Past preachers are: John Tucker, Daniel Simmons, R.G. Wooley, H. McGlon, J.B. Haroldson, McClammy, Fountaine Hazee, R.E. Bell, W.M. Bostick, W. j. Hughes, H.H. Strugis, George Frederick, Paul Willis, J.W. Brice, Hill, L.W. Simmons, J.C. Rogers, J.W. Tucker, M.A. Kelly, L.A. Webb, W.E. Kinmore, G.A. Martin, J.H. Patten, G.H. Calvin, Isom Beasley, H.A. Jordan, W.S. Wade, J.L. Hampton, H.J. Killibrew, E.D. McCollum, W.A. Rector, C.D. Garret, J.D. Bowen, J.P. McLendon, C.E. Simpkins, Carten McGinnis, John Henry, W. Stamey, Ray Woodard, Hubert Couch, Allen Taylor and Lerry Strickland.

Pastor: Larry Strickland, **Associate Pastor:** Bill Burriss

Present Deacons

Keith Looper, Chairman

David Amsler

Tim Amsler

Tony Bailey

Carroll Cason

Harry Fehrman

Pittman Jernigan

Gene McCall

Ted Sprouse

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**Two Share Honors
At Birthday Party**

Mrs. O. S. Price and Miss Jean **Simpkins** shared honors at a birthday supper Monday night given at the Price home at Drexel. Miss **Simpkins** is the daughter of The **Rev. C. E. Simpkins**, pastor of the Drexel Baptist Church.

Guests included The **Rev. Simpkins** and his family, the E. G. Kelley family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ward, Miss Annie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Allen and son, Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Dorséy and daughter, Pamela Jane.

and third \$2. Mail your entries to The Florida Recipe Contest, The Tribune, Tampa Fla. Please do not enter recipes which have been published previously.

And hot cakes for breakfast. And buttermilk biscuits for dinner. He's suddenly smitten with buttersoaked corn, too, and potatoes whipped with cream. And everything else rich and wonderful.

Now you might have enough character to cook and then sit by with dry toast, but my virtues aren't that vigorous.

Victory does not seem to lie ahead. Yesterday, for instance, the youngest member wanted some of those.

Lake Carron, The **Rev. J. I. Terry**; morning and night services.
Land O' Lakes, The **Rev. C. E. Simpkins**; morning and night services.
Lutz, The **Rev. George E. Cro-**

SIMPKINS, Rose M., 95, of Tampa, FL went to join her husband, **Rev. C.E. Simpkins**, Sr. and her son Charles (Denny) **Simpkins** on Saturday, September 14, 2002. Also preceding her in death, were grandsons, Dwight Kelley, Timothy Grantham, and Steven Clark and granddaughters Theresa **Simpkins** and Brandy Theis. Born in Waycross, GA she formerly lived in Tampa, Lake Lindsey, Ft. McCoy, and lived in Tampa for the past 17 years. She was a homemaker and former member of Eden Baptist Church and current member of Ft. McCoy Baptist Church. Living children include 2 sons, James (Jake) **Simpkins** of Tampa and Eddie **Simpkins** of Brooksville; 4 daughters, Dorothy Grantham (and husband **F.E.** Grantham) of Temple Terrace, FL, Faye Kelley of Apopka, FL, Jean Weatherford of Tampa, and Barbara Clark of Brandon; 30 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 1:30-2:00 pm at Lake Lindsey Cemetery. Graveside

In 1975 Rev. C.E. Simpkins became very ill, so Rev. Robert W. Brown was called as Associate Pastor in March 1975. Rev. Simpkins returned to us in a wheelchair on November 2, but resigned December 31, 1975 due to ill health. He had served as pastor for 11 years. He went home to be with the Lord in 1977.

On February 18, 1976, we called Rev. Franklin W. Jessup, Sr. was called to be our pastor. Under the leadership of Dr. Jessup, the fellowship hall was completed in 1979 without incurring any debt. The entire church worked together with funding and labor, and even children "bought a block" to help with the construction. He served as pastor for 13 years, resigning in 1989.

PASTORS

Our records of the pastors who served First Baptist Church through incomplete. The following are the pastors that have been identified:

*Fort McCoy
Marion City*

From 1849 through 1886:

Rev. Stanley – Grahamville
Rev. Williams - Citra
Rev. Williams - Ft. McCoy
Rev. Billie Carlton - Island Grove
Rev. Hall – Melrose
Rev. Holt - Island Grove
Rev. H.C. Martin - Ft. McCoy

From 1887 through 1909:

Rev. Zack Crumpton – Fellowship
Rev. H.C. Martin – Fellowship
Rev. Priso - Fellowship
Rev. Thompson - Island Grove
Rev. R.F. Rogers – Lynn

From 1910 through 1973:

Rev. Rogers
Rev. Strickland
Rev. W.L. Martin
Rev. Ed Boyer
Rev. McCullars
Rev. Straham
Rev. Franz
Rev. S.R. Lane
Rev. Dedman
Rev. Scarborough
Rev. Gus Padgett (four periods 1919-34)

Rev. L.R. Love 1930-32
Rev. Denman 1936-?
Rev. D.E. Smith 1940-41
Rev. J.J. Dorough 1944-?
Dr. Bell 1945-?
Rev. Harold Mitchell 1947-?
Rev. H.C. Harvey 1948-?
Rev. L.L. Batts 1949-?
Rev. Theo Farr 1950-?
Rev. L.E. McRae 1951-54
Rev. B.B. Hicks 1955-57
Rev. Clyatt 1958-?
Rev. P.G. Safford 1959-64
Rev. C.E. Simpkins 1964-75
Rev. Robert Brown (Asst. Pastor) 1975
Dr. Frank Jessup 1976-89
Rev. George Pizzi (Interim) 1989-90
Rev. Don Burgess 1990-96
Rev. Ted Burrell 1996-2008

First Baptist Church had part-time or bi-vocational pa
Rev. Gus Padgett's grandson William Padgett is one o
minister of the gospel.

A partial list of church clerks are as follows:

Clerks 1938 and before:

Wesley Thompkins Rev. H.C. Martin
J.S. Grantham