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Simpson, W. D. served as pastor of Magnolia Baptist Church, Altha, 1885, Harmony Baptist Church, Providence Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Sneads and Sardis Baptist Church all of Grand Ridge

MAGNOLIA CHURCH PASTORS

1878--Rev. Steve Revells
1880--Rev. Lawrence
1881--Rev. Bush
1885--Rev. W.D. Simpson
1888-1895--Rev. John Stewart
1912-1917--Rev. John O'Connors
1918--Rev. D.W. Newman
1923-- Rev. Dan McCalpin
1923-1925--Rev. Roscoe Hall
1925--Rev. C.E. Morris
1927--Rev. E.H.S. Beale
1928-1932--Rev. Ancil Nichols
1933-1937--Rev. C.J. Hinson
1938-1943--Rev. W.T. Davis
1945-1959--Rev. H.E. Nichols
1959-1976--Rev. Otis Walden
1976-1977--Rev. Richie Wright
1978--Rev. Ancil Nichols (recalled)
1979--1982 Rev. Gene Carlan
1982--1984 Rev. Olin Brock
1984--1986 Rev. Armand Jalbert
1986--1992 Rev. Micheal Sullivan
1992--1996 Rev. Roderick L. Martin
1996--1997 Rev. Douglas Gibson
1997-- Rev.*Jodie Robinson

TABULAR STATE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR
Bethlehem.....	D. A. Skipper.....	John Harper, Marianna, Fla.....
Bethesda.....	J. J. White.....	J. M. Davis.....
Cedar Pond.....	.....	W. H. Pyke, Neal's Landing, Fla.....
Chipola Lake.....	.....	N. L. Cornell, Wewahitchka, Calhoun.....
Circle Hill.....	R. Kidd.....	E. J. Moody, Haywood's Landing.....
Campbellton.....	T. E. Langley.....	J. T. Baldwin, Campbellton, Fla.....
Ephesus.....	J. W. Johnson.....	Moses Christmas, Campbellton, Fla.....
Ebenezer.....	D. A. Skipper.....	John G. Morris, Vernon, Washington.....
Ecoufina.....	.....	W. A. Grimes, Ecoufina, Washington.....
Friends ip.....	.....	L. Dekle, Greenwood, Fla.....
Greenwood.....	T. E. Langley.....	T. G. Alsabrook, Greenwood, Fla.....
Grassy Point.....	.....	Henry Anderson, Ecoufina, Washington.....
Hickory Level.....	D. A. Skipper.....	S. Pumphrey, Marianna, Fla.....
Magnolia.....	R. C. B. Lawrence.....	Z. T. Messer, Chipola, Calhoun county.....
Memphis.....	M. Brookins.....	Thos. Butler, Dothan, Henry county.....
Mount Olive.....	H. Simpson.....	J. H. Gable, Ocheese, Calhoun county.....
Orange Hill.....	J. W. Johnson.....	R. M. Peel, Orange Hill, Fla.....
Paradise Grove.....	R. C. B. Lawrence.....	J. T. Allen, Haywood's Landing, Fla.....
Poplar Spring.....	John Stuart.....	J. R. Dykes, Marianna, Fla.....
Providence.....	W. D. Simpson.....	W. H. Nobles, Haywood's Landing, Fla.....
Pilgrim's Rest.....	D. A. Skipper.....	James Bailey, Campbellton, Fla.....
Rehoboth.....	J. J. White.....	W. J. Smith, Big Creek, Ala.....
Rocky Grove.....	John Stuart.....	C. Dykes, Marianna, Fla.....
Sardis.....	W. D. Simpson.....	A. J. Sims, Ocheese, Washington.....

Harmony Baptist Church

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HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1886--. 3 miles south of Grand Ridge, Jackson County.

Constituted 1886. Services in unpainted, rectangular, frame building, erected and dedicated 1886. A quarter-time church, meeting 4th Sunday. Present membership, 33. Active organization, Sunday School. First settled pastor, Rev. W.D. Simpson, 1886-99. Present pastor, Rev. C.D. Rish, 1936--. General Delivery, Grand Ridge.

(CHURCH RECORDS), 1890--. 1 vol Showing minutes of business meetings, pastors, membership roll, baptisms, deaths; financial records. Custody of Lee Carroll, Route #1, Grand Ridge.

(SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS), 1928--. 1 vol. Showing pupils, officers, teachers, attendance. Custody of Lee Carroll, see supra.

Sardis Cemetery, Jackson County, Florida

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Surveyed November 15, 1999

Typed by: Betty James Smith

Directions: In Sneads, FL., from Hwy 90 turn on Hwy 286 south. Go 3.4 miles. Turn left on dirt road and go between .2 and .3 mile. Turn right on dirt road, which goes between house and fence line. Go .3 mile and cemetery is on your right. From the road it is located about 600 feet in a field and in a oak tree grove. It is on private land. There are no signs of the old church. Number of graves unknown as all the wood markers have rotted.

Sardis Church changes name to Shady Grove Church - Oct. 29, 1916

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1825-1975-1982

Sardis Baptist Church, about three miles south of where Sneads is located in the vicinity of what is now Mill Springs, was organized 1825. According to Doak S. Campbell (in Florida Baptist Association 100th Anniversary) Bethlehem, and Sardis Churches in Jackson County were among the original churches that constituted the Florida Baptist Association. The minutes of the fourth annual meeting of the Association shows they requested letters of demission to participate in organizing West Florida Baptist.

There is no record or information of the date Sardis Baptist Church was moved to Shady Grove. The church building was a log structure and it was badly decayed about 1895 approximate time present building was erected.

Prior to April 23, 1904 J.M. Blount was church clerk. Mr. Blount lost his home by fire and it has been said by old members the church records were burned.

Rev. T. J. Culverson was pastor April 23, 1904. No records beyond the above date. Preaching days were fourth Sunday and the Saturday before. Members of West Florida Baptist Association Churches held monthly conferences.

Next date, September 22, 1906, W. W. Oliver, W.J. Johnson, P.A. Simpson and J.M. Blount appointed a committee to negotiate with W.H. Boone for the purchase of one acre of land where the church stood. Purchase was made for \$50.00. Mr. Boone giving \$10.00 of said amount and making deed, December 31, 1906.

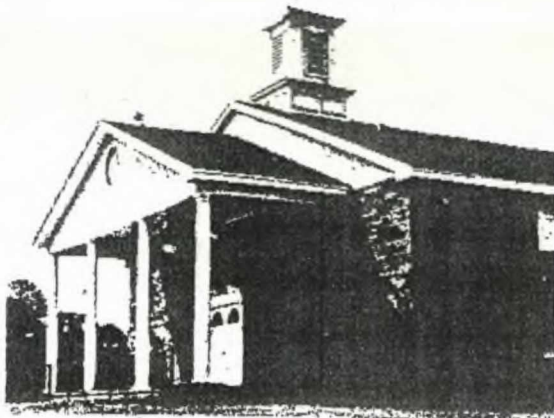
January 26, 1907 - Arthur Blount was elected church clerk.

April 2, 1907 - accepted Bro. Culverson's resignation.

April 25, 1907 - called Rev. W.D. Simpson as pastor for the balance of church year.

August 27, 1907 - called B.F. Dunaway as pastor.

Chapel 1987



Centennial Celebration of the
First Baptist Church of Sneads

The First Baptist Church of Sneads was organized in 1887, according to the minutes of West Florida Missionary Baptist Association's 44th Annual Meeting held at Magnolia Baptist Church, located in Calhoun county, Florida on October 12-13, 1887.

The Rev. W. D. Simpson served as the first pastor and Mr. J. A. Hoover was the first clerk. There were sixteen (16) chartered members. According to records, the First Baptist Church of Sneads was affiliated with the Rocky Creek Missionary Association. For the first few years services were held in the "Locky House", later called "The Burke House". Then the Methodist Church of Sneads, which is said to have been organized in 1884, offered the use of their building on a quarter time basis until the Baptist could erect a building of their own, they used the facilities for a few months.

On January 13, 1887, Sneads Baptist Church purchased a parcel of land from Mr. & Mrs. William B. Bryan. According to research a building was erected on the site during the year 1887 and this building was used as a meeting place until January 1978, when they moved into their present building.

As far as they are able to ascertain, all records of the First Baptist Church of Sneads for the period from 1890 to October 1913 were destroyed by fire.

Under the leadership of Rev. G. T. Hunt, who served during a period of the middle forties, the church adopted the unified budget system (there first annual budget was for \$2,000.00), three new deacons Glen Hinson, Cecil Lanier, and Adell Demont were ordained, the church moved from quarter time to half time, they held their first Vacation Bible School, and added an educational building, complete with kitchen and bathroom facilities, into the back of the sanctuary.

Under the direction of Rev. Charles L. Wattenbarger they moved from half time to a full time church, the first music program under the direction of the late Mrs. Pearl Watson was organized. The first pastorium was erected on a lot donated by Deacon Glen Hinson and his wife, Wardine Blair Hinson. It was a wood frame construction with white asbestos shingle siding. They were also led to re-design the interior of the Sanctary which included the