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Sisemore, J. W. (1913-1982) was born in Hulen, Oklahoma the son of Jesse Carl and Janie Melissa Dayton Sisemore. He graduated from Moody Bible College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Colorado, Texas and Florida including First Baptist Church, Port St. Joe. Sisemore and his wife, Mary Sue Damron Sisemore had two sons.



BAPTIST CHURCH HAS MADE HISTORY

The First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe was organized in the Methodist Church in February, 1922, with the Rev. E. D. Johnson of Apalachicola and W. A. Bryan of Youngstown presiding.

A most beautiful and impressive institution was witnessed by the following charter members. Mrs. W. J. Daughtry, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKeithen, R. A. Costin, Mr. and Mrs. Orin L. McCranie, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. L. Owens, Mrs. Josie Pridgeon and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bandy.

The newly organized Baptist church worshipped one Sunday a month in the Methodist Church until plans were completed for a Baptist Church building by the appointed building committee, R. A. Costin, E. D. Johnson and Mrs. Connell.

R. A. Costin opened his home to the pastor called, E. D. Johnson, who so graciously carried on the building of the church. While the building was under construction, a revival, conducted by the Rev. McRae of Apalachicola, was held under a tent on the lots now occupied by LeHardy's Pharmacy. After the completion of the church the Rev. J. H. Senterfitt of Marianna was invited to hold a revival meeting which brought a number of additions to the church. The following have served as pastors: E. D. Johnson, L. E. Goodgame, F. H. Bancroft, Roscoe Hall, D. F. Hickman, J. T. Gore, D. F. Grayton, D. W. Hodges and the present pastor, J. W. Sisemore.

Dr. J. W. Sisemore came on the field in November, 1937, moving some two thousand miles to take a church that had made history for itself. The church then became a full time church and the work began to move forward, due to the great progress of the city. The church adopted a definite budget and started paying its bills promptly and maintaining a balance in the bank at all times. The Sunday School has grown to such an extent that it became necessary for several of the classes to meet outside. The Training Union is growing by leaps and bounds. The Adult, Intermediate and Junior Unions have just been organized and the work of these Unions is exceptionally good.

The membership of the church has practically doubled.

Construction is now well under way on a new two-story brick building which is to be 50 by 80 feet and cost \$7,000.00. This new structure will be on the same lots that the old building was on, Third Street and Baltzell Avenue. This church will have its opening August 14.

THE CHRISTIAN TITHER

We can still find those who tell us that the New Testament does not teach tithing. If it does not, what did Jesus mean when he said in Matt. 23:23, "Ye tithe mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith; but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone?" Luke 11:42 gives the same teach-

ing in substance. Then if we take Hebrews 7:8, "And here men that die receive tithes; but there is One, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth." What are we to infer but that as Abram paid tithes to Melchizedek so the Christian pays tithes to Christ? The whole seventh chapter of Hebrews enlarges upon this teaching and makes clearer the Christian's obligation.—A. B. Cannady, Crescent City, Fla., August 2, 1938.

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Rev. J. W. Sisemore Is New Pastor of Line Avenue Church

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New pastor of the Line Avenue Baptist Church is **Rev. J. W. Sisemore**, coming here from Port St. Joe, Fla.

Rev. Sisemore succeeds **Rev. H. T. Sullivan**, who resigned his pastorate to return to college.

The new pastor is expected to arrive with his family today and will be in the pulpit for both services tomorrow.

Rev. Sisemore is the son of **Rev. J. C. Sisemore**, pastor of the Buchanan Street Baptist Church.

He was reared in Amarillo, attended public schools here, and gained his theological schooling in the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

He has been in the ministry six years, serving as pastor of a church in Colorado Springs, Colo., two years before going to Port St. Joe, Fla., where he has been four years.

He recently assisted in conducting a revival series in his father's church here.

Rev. Sisemore has a wife and two sons. **Mrs. Sisemore** is the former Miss Mary Sue Damron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J. R. Damron** of 3100 Polk Street, Amarillo.



REV. J. W. SISEMORE

Mrs. Sisemore also attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mary Sue Sisemore

July 18, 1916 — March 25, 2011

Mary Sue was born in Melvin, Texas July 18, 1916. She was attended Amarillo High School where she met her future husband Jack Sisemore Sr,. His father was her pastor. After graduating in 1934, she went to Canyon in 1935. Together, they continued their education and attended the Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Her husband's first pastorate was in Colorado Springs, Colorado and from there they moved to a church in Fort St. Jo, Florida, 30 miles east of Panama City, Florida. They returned to Amarillo to pastor Line Avenue Baptist church in Amarillo in 1941. In 1956 she and her husband were instrumental in the founding of Olsen Park Baptist Church. Mary Sue has resided here ever since. She was the epitome of a good pastor's wife. Mary Sue had a vivid memory and was extremely articulate at telling stories of the past. She always had time to do a good deed and give a kind word. Even into her nineties, she was nurturing and caring, to everyone, never meeting a stranger. To know her was to love her. The family wished to extend a special thanks to the wonderful caring staff at Bivin's Assisted Living Center and Hospice Care of the Southwest. She was preceded in death by, her husband Dr. Jack Sisemore Sr. on October 18, 1982; two brothers, Joe and Homer Damron. Survivors include her two sons, Jack Sisemore and Jesse Sisemore and wife Nancie all of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Trent, Brett, Andrea, Trish, Angie, and Berkley; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

<https://www.schoolerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/mary-sisemore>

Jackson Walton Sisemore

Birth 24 Aug 1916 Hulen, Cotton County, Oklahoma, USA

Death 18 Oct 1982 (aged 66)

Burial Memory Gardens Cemetery Amarillo, Randall County, Texas, USA

Family Members

Parents

Jesse Carl Sizemore 1891–1982

Janie Melissa Dayton Sizemore 1895–1970

Spouse

Mary Sue Damron Sisemore 1916–2011 (m. 1935)

Siblings

John Theophilus Sisemore 1913–1993

Martha Jo "Jodie" Sizemore Reavis 1926–1970

Children

Jesse Joe Sisemore 1936–2019

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110059080/jackson_walton-sisemore

neers meet at 8:30 in the evening.

Rev. J. W. Sisemore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Port St. Joe, Fla., will preach at both serv-

Rev. Ross is returning from Ohio and Illinois where he has been the principal speaker in a youth's convention. **Rev. E. R. Foster**, the pastor, states that **Rev. Ross** is a man



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Father and two sons are conducting the revival meeting now in progress at the Buchanan Street Baptist Church.

Rev. J. C. Sisemore the pastor, preaches each week-day morning at 10 o'clock, and **Rev. J. W. Sisemore**, the evangelist, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Port St. Joe, Fla., preaches each evening at 8. The musical program is under the direction of **John T. Sisemore**.

The visiting minister will preach Sunday morning at 10:45 and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be a baptismal service Sunday night.

The revival series continues through next week.

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