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**Slater, Kyle** served as pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Wewahitchka, 1981-1984, Lake Carroll Baptist Church and New Tampa Baptist Church, Lutz

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## Westside Baptist Church

Westside Baptist church was organized by 75 members. This group of determined, dedicated members began meeting in a vacant house. The church immediately called its first pastor, Rev. Gene White. The church council met with three pastors from churches in the Northwest Coast Baptist Association. These pastors were our three sponsors and they were: Rev. Ronald Dave from Dalkeith Baptist, Rev. William Smith from Beach Baptist Chapel in Port St. Joe Beach, and Rev. J. Albert Cornelison, from Lynn Haven Baptist Church. With the help of Dr. James K. Solomon, Associational Director of Mission, these pastors and our church council members, a letter was composed and sent to Northwest Coast Association. The Association was asked to accept Westside Baptist Church of Wewahitchka, Florida as a Southern Baptist Church and asking to join with them and be recognized as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Northwest Coast Baptist Association met October 18, 1977 at the West Florida Assembly Grounds. The delegates from the churches in the association unanimously voted to accept Westside Baptist Church of Wewahitchka into the Association.

Ground breaking for Westside Baptist Church was on Sunday, September 25, 1977 on land located on Morgan Road. The builders began building our new church in February, 1978. Dedication services for Westside Baptist Church were held on Sunday, October 8, 1978.

On October 25, 1981, Bro. Kyle Slater was unanimously called as our pastor and served until 1984, at which time Larry Strickland became interim pastor and served until Bro. William Veale was called on Oct. 1, 1984. Bro. Veale served us until August 1989, at which time he left to go to Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Baxley, GA. Bro. Tommy Doss came to serve as interim pastor until Oct. 1990, when pastor, Bro. Mike Husfelt, became our pastor.

Westside Baptist Church continues to grow and to seek God's direction as we strive to be a light in our community. Bro. Derrick Gerber currently serves as Pastor.

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11 a.m. at Lake Carroll Baptist Church with the Rev. Kyle Slater officiating. Burial will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bush-