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Wells, Charles Franklin (1882-1969) was born in Madison, Florida, the son of Francis and Sarah Wells. He was a circuit-riding preacher in Pioneer Florida and served as pastor of Hardaway Baptist Church, 1912, 1917, 1919; Sycamore Baptist Church, 1912, 1914; Telogia Baptist Church, 1915-1916; St. Marks Baptist Church, 1917; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1918-1920; First Baptist Church, Crawfordville, 1920; Lake Ellen Baptist Church, 1920; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Jefferson County, 1920; Sundown Baptist Church, 1920; First Baptist Church, Woodville, 1920; and Lake Mystic Baptist Church, Bristol. Wells and his wife, Sadie Mae Morgan Wells had seven children.



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					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	Total Increase.	By Letter.	By Expulsion.	By Death.	Total Decrease.				
Aeon	L. A. Roberts.	Spring Hill.	Fla.	W. E. Gray.	Tallahassee	Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	43			Third
Antioch	S. J. Revell.	Hosford	Fla.	C. W. Mount.	Wetumpka	Fla.	11	14	1	1	4	1	103			Second
Arran	Alexander Cox.	Smith Creek.	Fla.	J. R. Vause.	Arran	Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	75			Fourth
Chaires	L. A. Roberts.	Spring Hill.	Fla.	C. J. English.	Chaires	Fla.	1	1	1	1	1	1	15			Fourth
Concordia	J. N. Thompson.	Havana	Fla.	D. L. Maxwell.	Concord	Fla.	36	40	8	1	9	161	31			2nd-4th
Corinth				J. D. Turner.	Hosford	Fla.	6	5	1	2		82	6			First
Crawfordville	J. W. Stanford.	Lanark	Fla.	H. N. Walker.	Crawfordville	Fla.	6	12				46	1			First
Curtis Mills				Carl Brown.	McIntyre	Fla.	6	9				22				Fourth
Ebenezer (J)	Moses Ward.	Dixon	Ga.	R. L. Rainey.	Drifton	Fla.		3				30				Fourth
Ebenezer (L)	L. A. Roberts.	Spring Hill.	Fla.	M. Barrineau.	Tallahassee	Fla.	3	3				24				Second
Elizabeth	T. J. Evans.	Aucilla	Fla.	J. M. Kinsey.	Aucilla	Fla.		11				113				Fourth
Fanlew (Delph)	R. S. Clifton.	Wacissa	Fla.	S. Elder.	Fanlew	Fla.	3	15	3	3	3	12	3			1st&3rd
Flat Creek	F. M. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	M. N. Smith.	River Junct'n.	Fla.	5	5	3	1	1	92	1			First
Fort Braden	James Holland.	Ocklocknee	Fla.	M. Chamber.	Holland	Fla.						24				Fourth
Greensboro	G. W. Stubbs.	Brinson	Ga.	J. C. Brewer.	Greensboro	Fla.	4	8	8	8		61	8			First
Gretna	W. H. Lambert.	Quincy	Fla.	S. B. Timmons.	Quincy	Fla.	30	30				56			30	
Havana	J. N. Thompson.	Havana	Fla.	T. L. Edwards.	Havana	Fla.	2	13	4			4	20			1st&3rd
Hardaway	C. F. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	R. L. Bradley.	Hardaway	Fla.	2	4	1	2		45	1			Second
Hopeful																
Indian Springs	E. T. Moore.	Ga.	J. A. Miller.	Lloyd	Fla.	3	9	12		1		1	50			Second
Lake Mystic	S. J. Revell.	Hosford	Fla.	C. N. Revell.		2	1	2	2			1	87			Fourth
Lake Ellen	Alexander Cox.	Smith Creek.	Fla.	A. W. Coggins.	Arran	Fla.	2	2	1			1	58			Every
Monticello	B. A. Geiger.	Monticello	Fla.	S. R. Robertson.	Monticello	Fla.	1	3	4	1		2	36			Third
Mount Eban	James Holland.	Ocklocknee	Fla.	E. J. Langston.	Smith Creek	Fla.	1	1	1			4	40			First
Mount Desor				M. O. Strickland.	Bochoppy	Fla.	3	7	3	2		6	67			
Moseley Hall																
New Prospect																
Orange	S. J. Revell.	Hosford	Fla.	J. K. Dyson.	Orange	Fla.	1	1				17				First
Olive	Moses Ward.	Dixie	Ga.	C. S. Hatchett.	Monticello	Fla.		3	2			3	47			
Providence	F. M. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	W. H. Dean.	Juniper	Fla.	6	8	11	1	2	14	184	6		Third
Quincy	F. M. Wells.	Quincy	Fla.	T. J. Farr.	Quincy	Fla.	9	22	5	4		9	150			Second
River Junction	F. M. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	J. H. Keown.	River Junct'n.	Fla.	2	2				28	2			Every
Salem	H. R. Howard.	Apalachicola	Fla.	J. L. Roberson.	Carrabelle	Fla.						140				1st&4th
Sunny Dell	F. M. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	J. R. Smith.	Quincy	Fla.	1	1	33			25	51	32		Fourth
Sun Down	R. F. Hocker.	Ebb	Fla.	Mrs. V. L. Hagerman.	Ebb	Fla.			1			1	10	1		Third
St. Marks	Alexander Cox.	Smith Creek.	Fla.	J. N. Graham.	St. Marks	Fla.	2	10		2	12	48	10			Third
Sycamore	C. F. Wells.	Juniper	Fla.	C. Stringer.	River Junct'n.	Fla.	2	13				13				Third
Tallahassee	J. D. Adcock.	Tallahassee	Fla.	W. H. Rugeley.	Tallahassee	Fla.	6	21	27	15	1	17	253			Every
Telogia				T. M. Newton.	Telogia	Fla.	6	11	17			1	17			Fourth
Woodville	J. E. Clements.	Arran	Fla.	Mrs. M. E. Merritt.	Woodville	Fla.		2		1		1	40			First

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Arran	Rufus Tucker	Arran, Fla.	J. R. Vanse	Arran, Fla.	20	5	0	25	0	3	3	6	87	0	19	2d & 4th
Apalachicola	J. L. Folsom	Apalachicola	D. B. Maddox	Apalachicola	4	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1st & 3d
Antioch					0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	19	0	2	4th
Chaires	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	W. D. Boyd	Chaires, Fla.	16	1	1	18	0	0	5	5	161	0	11	1st & 3d
Corinth	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	T. M. Newton	Hosford, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	135	12	0	2d & 4th
Concordia			C. H. Darsey	Amsterdam, Ga.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2d
Crawfordville	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	Sterling Forbes	Crawford's Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Curtis Mill			John Trice	McIntire, Fla.	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	30	0	1	3d
Ebenezer (J)	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	T. R. Freeman	Nash, Fla.	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	2d
Ebenezer (L)	L. A. Roberts	Spring Hill, Fla.	D. Barineau	Tallahassee, Fla.	12	1	0	13	0	1	3	4	113	0	9	1st
Flat Creek	J. Frank Grant	River Junction	Mrs. A. L. Shelf'r	River Junction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Greensboro			J. C. Brewer	Greensboro, Fla.	12	8	0	20	0	0	6	6	107	0	14	1st & 3d
Gretna	J. Frank Grant	River Junction	S. B. Timmons	Quincy, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hardaway			R. I. Bradley	Hardaway, Fla.	30	40	0	70	0	0	0	10	111	0	60	Every Sunday
Havana			T. L. Edwards	Havana, Fla.	30	40	0	70	0	0	0	10	111	0	60	Every Sunday
Hopeful	P. N. Shepard	Thomasville, Ga.	T. C. Wheeler	Metcalfe, Ga.	4	3	0	7	0	2	5	7	5	0	0	2d
Indian Springs			J. R. Miller	Lloyd, Fla.	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	64	2	0	1st & 3d
Lake Ellen	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	W. R. Langston	Arran, Fla.	12	2	0	14	1	0	0	1	49	0	13	2d
Lake Mystic	O. N. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	W. D. Bateman	Bristol, Fla.	18	1	1	20	0	3	0	3	117	0	17	4th
Mt. Elon			J. J. R. Langston	Smith Creek, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mt. Besor			M. O. Strickland	Sopchoppy, Fla.	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	5	57	4	0	1st & 3d
New River	S. J. Revels	Bristol, Fla.	B. B. Sumner	Villas, Fla.	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	24	0	5	3d
Monticello	B. G. Smith	Monticello, Fla.	J. H. Shuman	Monticello, Fla.	5	20	0	25	2	3	21	27	146	2	0	Every Sunday
Olive	P. N. Shepard	Thomasville, Ga.	C. S. Hatchett	Monticello, Fla.	3	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	101	0	2	1st
Pleasant Grove	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	Dave J. Mears	River Junction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4th
Providence			W. H. Dean	Juniper, Fla.	18	1	0	19	34	1	8	42	167	23	0	3d
Quincy	W. A. Burns	Quincy, Fla.	T. J. Farr	Quincy, Fla.	1	20	0	21	0	4	9	13	220	0	8	Every Sunday
River Junction	J. Frank Grant	River Junction	O. E. McKown	River Junction	1	10	0	11	1	1	4	6	49	0	5	2d & 4th
Salem			J. L. Roberson	Carrabelle, Fla.	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	
Sumatra			John McCraney	Sumatra, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sundown	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	J. I. Hagerman	Ebb, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Scamora	J. Frank Grant	River Junction	M. C. Stringer	Greensboro, Fla.	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	38	0	6	4th
St. Marks			Frank Linton	St. Marks, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tallahassee	B. Stephens	Tallahassee, Fla.	J. N. Rodgers	Tallahassee, Fla.	35	64	0	99	0	3	27	30	477	0	69	Every Sunday
Telogia			A. D. Holley	Telogia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Waukeenah			R. P. Tomberlin	Lloyd, Fla.	5	25	0	30	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	
Woodville	C. Frank Wells	Woodville, Fla.	Mrs. M. E. Merritt	Woodville, Fla.	9	16	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4th

Charles Franklin Wells

Birth 8 Dec 1882

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, USA

Death 15 Jan 1969 (aged 86)

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, USA

Burial

Oakland Cemetery

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, USA [Show Map](#)

Gravesite Details

Burial Date 3/26/1969, Place of Death Tallahassee, Fl., Ref: Cemetery Records

Family Members

Parents

Photo

Francis Marion Wells

1847–1928

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Sarah Catherine Coker Wells

1855–1913

Spouse

Photo

Sadie Mae Morgan Wells

1893–1956 (m. 1913)

Children

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Francis Montague Wells

1914–2001

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Sarah Bernhardt Claxton Wells Kilpatrick

1916–2003

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Mary Evelyn Wells Dawkins

1919–1998

Charles Edward Wells

1922–2000

Photo

Ruth Wells Olinda

1924–2019

Photo

Grace Carolyn Wells Barber

1925–2003

Standing on the Promises

100 Year Homecoming

First Baptist Church Woodville

Over the past 100 years many changes have taken place in our world. We have survived two world wars, a depression, and a turbulently troubled society in transition. One thing, however, has remained constant – First Baptist Church Woodville has been the light of the Gospel to this community.

It was April of 1908 when God brought together 18 men, women and children to form First Baptist Church Woodville under the direction of Bro. W.D. Levy. According to the church minutes, the first message preached in the church was from Proverbs 14:20. The theme of the message was that rich people have many friends, whereas the poor often get ignored. He went on to share that most people believe “that’s the way life is.” But he went on to explain from the following verses that life isn’t meant to be that way. God himself is closely involved in the way we treat poor people.



During the period of time when the church was established, the community was not made up of white-collar businessmen. Rather, it was hard working, blue-collar folks. Most of Woodville, in those days, was wooded with few business establishments. In that day, the church was marked by a simple faithfulness that seeded the later explosion of growth. Bro. Levy resigned in 1909.

During that era, our country had entered into World War I and the church needed to call a pastor who would teach the gospel of the Prince of Peace. Bro. J.E. Clemonts answered the call.

In that day, the average tithe to the church was 25 to 50 cents. The collection was used primarily to pay the normal church expenses. This encompassed the pastor’s salary and missions giving, including the Baptist orphanage. It wasn’t always easy, but there was enough to add a bell tower to the building in 1915.

In 1918, World War I had ended and prohibition became the most prominent battle which engaged the churches. Bro. **C.F. Wells** was called to lead the congregation at that time.

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Rev. Frank Wells	
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Rev. Rufus Tucker	
Rev. A. C. Camp	
Rev. Obie Revells	1929-1941
Rev. Edward Roehl	1941-1942
Rev. A. C. Pickern	1943
Rev. Hendley F. Jelks	Sept. 1946-Dec. 1946
Rev. Homer Duggar	1946-1947
Rev. T. J. Larkin	1947-1948
Rev. Hendley F. Jelks	1948-1949
Rev. Sexton Hall	1953-1958
Rev. S. A. Coxwell	1958-1972
Rev. Albert Locke	1973-1976
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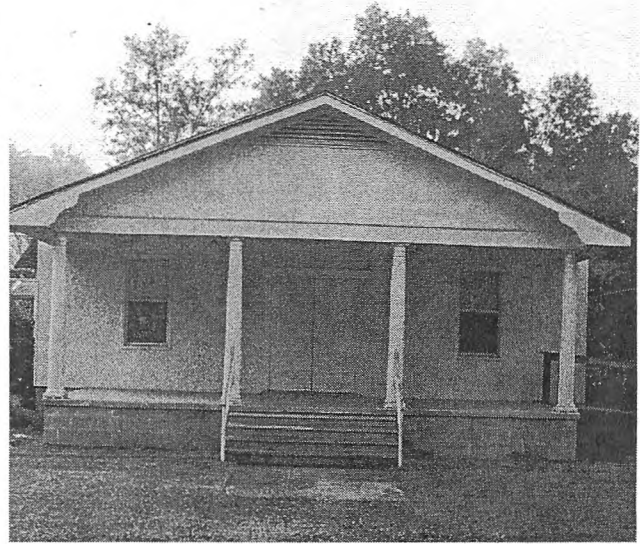
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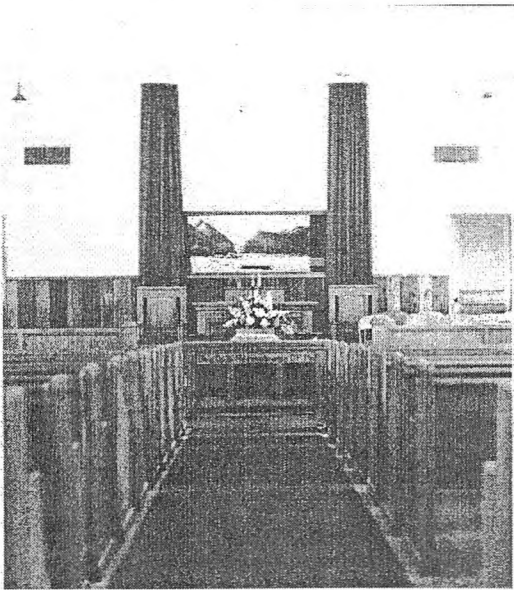
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Looking at the church's needs at that time, the church members saw a need for a pastorium and began discussions about building one. A committee was appointed to confer with other churches and seek their help and cooperation. In the meantime, the church purchased its first organ for \$175.00. However, there was also a need for materials to work on the church's steps and for painting the church. The cost of these materials would have put the church \$100.00 in debt. But seeing the need, one member donated the money for the project. Bro. Wells finished his tenure with First Baptist Church in 1926.

In the years 1926 through 1929, as the stock market fell and the world entered into the Great Depression, our community needed a light of faith. During this period, the wood frame church facing west in Woodville called Bro. J.R. Camp to serve as its pastor. At this time, the pastor's monthly salary was \$300.00 plus \$75.00 for transportation expenses. Even though the members of the congregation had little money in their possession, the church community tithed faithfully to support God's work.



The Great Depression continued into 1930 and the church voted to reduce the pastor's salary to \$200.00. At that time, the church called Bro. E.D. Johnson to be the new pastor. Bro. Johnson accepted the call, but only remained for one year.



In 1931, Bro. O.N. Revell accepted the call to become the next pastor. At that point, the church once again re-evaluated the pastor's salary and voted to raise the compensation to \$250.00. During his time as pastor, attempts were made to purchase a piano. A plan was developed to cut some trees around the church and apply the proceeds of the lumber toward the piano. However, after further discussion, it appeared that there would be no profits from the lumber, as the cost of removing the tops of the trees from the church yard would be too high. Therefore, the trees remained.

Pastors from 1934 until 1945 included: R.M. Hall (1934-1936), O.N. Revell (1937), J.A. Connell (1938), E.W. Anderson (1940), W.T. Davis (1941-1943), and J.W. Evens (1944). During these years, the church concentrated on remodeling the facilities and expanding membership.

Our Pastors

The following is a list of the Pastors of our church since it was established on April 4, 1904.

Rev. A. V. Reese	1904-1913
Rev. Frank Wells	
Rev. Stanford	
Rev. Rufus Tucker	
Rev. A. C. Camp	
Rev. Obie Revells	1929-1941
Rev. Edward Roehl	1941-1942
Rev. A. C. Pickern	1943
Rev. Hendley F. Jelks	Sept. 1946-Dec. 1946
Rev. Homer Duggar	1946-1947
Rev. T. J. Larkin	1947-1948
Rev. Hendley F. Jelks	1948-1949
Rev. Sexton Hall	1953-1958
Rev. S. A. Coxwell	1958-1972
Rev. Albert Locke	1973-1976
Rev. Walter Chapman	1977-1980
Rev. Charles Morris	1981-1990
Rev. Robert Walker	1991-1998
Rev. John Whaley	2001-Present

First Baptist Church, Crawfordville

Thank you for this information. I have done some follow up on F. M. Wells and C. F. Wells in the Florida association minutes (you can find these online at our website FloridaBaptistHistory.org). I did the search from 1907-1920, both Wells are listed in the minutes in several different ways. F.M. served quite a bit as moderator and they both served on different committees. At the end of each booklet there is a list of churches and the pastors where you will find the churches they pastored at.

In 2023 we are planning to focus our annual journal on the Florida Baptist Association as the first missionary Baptist association in Florida. F. M. Wells served as an associational missionary 1907, 1909-1911 and 1913-1914. If we can gather enough information on his work and life he might be a possible subject to do an article or include in an article in the journal. If you have any documentation on F. M. Wells that would help us with this we would appreciate receiving it. Please note we have to have some type of documentation on some of the information. We can include you as a reference, but it is better to have something other than just the information from a family member.

Blessings,

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From: Tim Olinda <timolinda@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7:30 PM

To: society2@floridabaptisthistory.org

Subject: Rev. Charles Franklin Wells

Hello again,

My grandfather was Rev. Charles Franklin Wells. He was born on December 8, 1882, in Madison, Florida. His father Francis was 35 years old, and his mother Sarah was 27 when he was born. He was a deacon at Providence Baptist in Quincy when his father was the pastor, and was probably ordained there as well. He married Sadie Mae Morgan on May 27, 1913 in Liberty, Florida They had 7 children in 11 years. Their children were born in Aaron, Crawfordville, Tallahassee, Woodville, Bristol, and Telogia. The family would live near a church on the circuit, and he would travel to the other locations, so he probably had

churches in each of these towns. He died on January 28, 1969 in Tallahassee, Florida, at the age of 86 and was buried there. He and his father were both circuit-riding preachers in Pioneer Florida. The attached photo is of Rev. C.F. Wells and his wife before 1956, when she passed away.



Sent from my iPad

On Dec 6, 2021, at 10:56 AM, society2@floridabaptisthistory.org wrote:

Mr. Olinda,

Thank you for contacting the FBHS with information about your grandfathers. We would appreciate any documented information and any photos of your grandfathers so we can add the information to our files. Unfortunately we do not have much in our file on Charles Franklin Wells (see attached). Since you mentioned him going by Frank C. Wells I did a little more digging and found he was the Frank Wells that served at FBC, Crawfordville and I am updating his bio on the website. We look forward to hearing from you. I will sign you up for our newsletters.

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Subject: Wells Preachers of Florida

Greetings!

My grandfather, Charles Franklin Wells, and his father, Francis Marion Wells, were both Circuit-riding preachers in the Florida panhandle. F.M. Wells helped start the First Baptist Church of Perry, Florida, and retired to Providence Baptist in Quincy, Florida from 1892-1920. He ministered in many smaller churches before that time. C.F. Wells (my grandfather) also ministered in many small churches in Florida. Charles Franklin Wells is listed on your site for the church at Lake Mystic. (He sometimes went by Frank C. Wells.) Sadie Mae Morgan married C.F. Wells. I believe her father, John Thomas Morgan deeded the land that the church was built on, and Lake Mystic was part of his property before becoming a park. C.F. Wells also published a "Book of Poems" in the 1920's. I can send you a PDF if you are interested. I also have photos if you would like them for your website. Francis Marion Wells knew W.T. Cash (State Librarian), who may have written articles or a book about him as a Florida pioneer. His journal as an itinerant preacher may be part of the the W.T. Cash collection at FSU. I would be interested in searching for more information you may have in your collection on my Wells Preachers and some of the churches they ministered in there in Florida. Thank you for your help!

Tim Olinda, Middletown, Delaware

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