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Smith, Glen E. served as pastor of Haines Creek Baptist Church, Leesburg.

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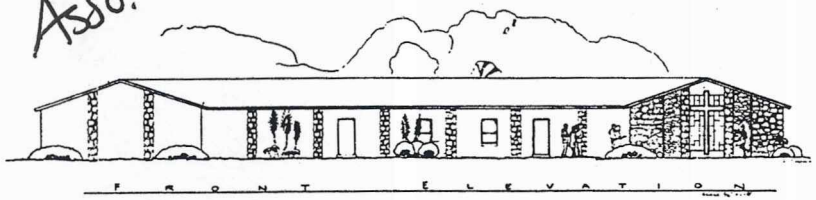

Haines Creek Baptist Church

Haines Creek Baptist Church started as a mission in 1957 on the property where the present sanctuary now stands. Through the vision of First Baptist Church, Tavares, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. K. Fay DeSha, the birth of Haines Creek Baptist Church would become reality. Rev. John Magness of Kissimee, Florida was called as the Mission pastor, his first message coming on the day of dedication of the present sanctuary, April 7, 1962. In 1964 Haines Creek Baptist Mission petitioned First Baptist Church, Tavares for church status. In a most cooperative way First Baptist Church, Tavares, encouraged in this step. On November 15, 1964, a constitutional service was held at which time, what was formerly Haines Creek Baptist Mission became a cooperating Southern Baptist Church called Haines Creek Baptist Church.

The most recent building addition, after educational space had been provided, the sanctuary enlarged, a vestibule added, was the present fellowship building. The indebtedness for the fellowship building was retired in 1984. The church immediately purchased two acres of land north of and connected to the present property. This indebtedness was retired in mid 1986. Present planning projects the building of more educational space and a proposed sanctuary to seat approximately 550.

During the past five years there have been 165 additions to the church bringing the membership to its present level of 284 members. Growth has been steady but strong in Sunday School enrollment and average attendance. Our youth program has become an effective part of our total ministry. The missions organizations have more than doubled in the past five years as well as our very effective music ministry. While the total gifts to the church have increased significantly, gifts to all missions causes have grown from 6 to 17 percent. Through its newly developed Literacy Missions Ministry Haines Creek Baptist Church has truly developed into a practical missions minded church.

As we approach the year of our silver anniversary, the hymns sung during that 1964 constitutional service take on significant meaning. "The Church's One Foundation" is Jesus Christ her Lord reminds us that no other foundation, on which we build, will stand. "To God Be the Glory" reminds us of what God has done and is doing and we praise His Name. "Trust and Obey" reminds us that, if we are to become what the Lord desires us to be as His Church, we must keep our eyes on Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

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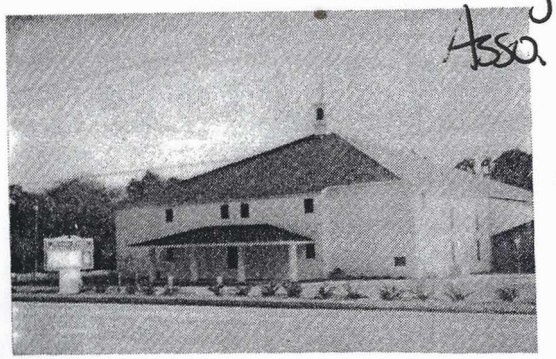

HAINES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Through the vision of First Baptist Church, Tavares, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. K. Fay DeShea, the birth of Haines Creek Baptist Church became reality.

Started as a mission in 1957, the property on which our church now stands was purchased. In 1962 the building that served as our sanctuary until May of this year, was completed. Rev John Maagness of Kissimmee, Florida, was called as mission pastor; his first message coming on the day of the dedication of the sanctuary, April 7, 1962.

In 1964, Haines Creek Baptist Mission petitioned First Baptist Church, Tavares for church status. In a most co-operative way, First Baptist Church, Tavares, encouraged this step.

On November 15, 1964, a Constitutional Service was held, at which time, what was formerly Haines Creek Baptist Mission, became a co-operating Southern Baptist Church called Haines Creek Baptist Church. The Constitutional message was delivered by Rev. C. L. Hargrove.

Construction on the present sanctuary began October, 1994 and was dedicated in May, 1995. The former sanctuary is being renovated into office space and a choir room. Construction is currently under way for a two story educational building.

Rev. Glen E. Smith became pastor of Haines Creek Baptist Church in 1984. Rev. Kent Taylor became associate pastor in 1992.