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Spaghn, W. G. served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Malone (1947-1948).

FBC, Malone (Chipola)

In 1997, the following things were done: a new metal roof was put on the fellowship hall and major repairs were done to the heating and cooling system in the church. Two smaller units replaced the old unit in the downstairs educational wing.

In 1998 new carpet was installed on the church porches and steps.

In 1999 a new heating and cooling unit was installed in the fellowship hall and new lights were installed on the front entrance to the church. New choir robes were purchased and were worn for the first time at the 1999 Christmas Cantata.

Much has been written about the church building in this history, for the church building is the place for public worship. But the organized body of Christians under the leadership of the Holy Spirit is really the church. Each past and present member of this church has played a key role in the church. But some have taken leadership positions in the church - pastors, deacon, Sunday School superintendents, Sunday School secretary, treasurer, brotherhood director, music directors, pianist, etc.

Those who have served as pastor or interim from 1912 to the present are as follows:

Rev R. H. Folmar	1-28-1912 - late 1912
Rev. J. W. White	late 1912 - 1915
Rev. A. R. Loftin	1-2-1916 - 9-1916
Rev. J. W. Kesterson	10-15-16 - 11-3-17
Rev. P. M. Jones	11-3-17 - 12-19-20
Rev. R. W. Stuckey	4-3-21 - 8-12-23
Rev. J. M. Blankenship	10-14-23 - 4-15-27
Rev. R. W. Tomberlin	11-23-27-8-31-30
Rev. H. O. Hughes	9-14-30 - 5-25-32
Rev. G. E. Everett	7-15-32 - 12-24-33
Rev. Sheppard Byran	5-13-34 - 7-26-35
Rev. Almer Kelly	10-13-35 - 12-28-36
Rev. Lays Frink	3-17-37 - 10-26-37
Rev. W. B. Archer	11-13-37 - 2-1-43
Rev. H. F. Jarvis	5-3-43 - 1-14-46
Rev. N. M. Rollins	3-26-46 - 3-25-47
Rev. W. G. Spaghn	7-21-47 - 10-24-48
Rev. Joe L. Kiser	6-10-49 - 12-31-53
Rev. Roscoe Hall	1-1-54 - 12-31-63
Dr. E. L. Scruggs (interim)	11-1963 - 9-1964

He was the first interim - until this time, different ministers were called upon to preach when needed on a given Sunday. In the early days, many times, it was a trial sermon.