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Sparkman, W. G. served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, 1910-1914.



Our Pastors ...

Calvary has been blessed with amazingly strong and godly pastoral leadership. God used their shepherd hearts and surrendered wills to build a great church. Many of these leaders accepted the call in spite of the difficult, often seemingly insurmountable, challenges facing the fellowship. These men of character, faith and vision led the congregation on a journey of faithfulness that far exceeded what man alone could accomplish, or even imagine. While God used many men on this journey, there seemed to be one man in each generation that stood out as a stal-

wart of faith and vision. Their vignettes follow. This history would be incomplete, however, if mention was not made of Rev. Selwyn Smith and Rev. Walter Feagins. God sustained these men through some of Calvary's darkest days, using them to keep the journey going when it seemed as if the very existence of Calvary was uncertain. Their capable leadership led the people through a desperate time of division, depression and near financial ruin in the 1930s to become a strong body of faithful believers burning the mortgage note in 1944.

Calvary Pastors

1) C. S. Reynolds	1866 - 1876
2) W. F. Nigels	1876 - 1879
3) C. S. Reynolds	1879 - 1890
4) H. Edwards	1890 - 1892
5) J. W. Tucker	1896 - 1898
6) J. H. Smith	1902 - 1903
7) L.W. Simmons	1904 - 1907
8) C. H. Nash	1907 - 1909
9) W.G. Sparkman	1910 - 1914
10) K. Juniper	1914 - 1916
11) A.W. Lamar	1916 - 1919
12) A. J. Kroelinger	1919 - 1930
13) Norman Liddy	1930 - 1935
14) Selwyn Smith	1935 - 1937
15) Walter Feagins	1937 - 1952
16) O. E. Burton	1953 - 1969
17) Frank Gillham	1970 - 1975
18) William Anderson	1975 - 2002
19) Jerry Tidwell	2002 - 2003
20) William Rice	2004 - present



Vision Leadership ^{Zeal} Obedience

