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Stanley, R. M. served as pastor of Forest Grove Baptist Church, Alachua, 1931-1932; First Baptist Church, Port Tampa; Hardeetown Baptist Church; and Macfarlane Park Baptist Church, Tampa.

Forest Grove Baptist Church Pastors

Alachua
(Santa Fe River)

Z. A. Crumpton	Nov 1889 - Oct 1890
T. H. Crosby	Oct 1890 - Oct 1891
Z. A. Crumpton	Oct 1891 - Sep 1893
G. S. Crosby	Mar 1894 - Dec 1896
Z. A. Crumpton	Jan 1897 - Sep 1898
William Malphurs	Oct 1899 - Oct 1900
Priso	Sep 1900 - ???
F. M. Hartman	??? - Sep 1905
Priso	Sep 1905 - Aug 1909
Weir	Sep 1909 - Aug 1912
Johns	Sep 1912 - Jan 1913
A. J. Pinholester	Apr 1913 - ???
1915 - 1917	No Records
A. B. West	??? - Oct 1927
J. R. Douglas	Sep 1927 - ???
Grady Herndon	Nov 1929 - Oct 1931
R. M. Stanley	Sep 1931 - Aug 1932
J. L. Morris	Sep 1932 - Jan 1934
W. T. Rycroft	Sep 1934 - Aug 1936
R. D. Bevis	Aug 1936 - Nov 1941
C. A. Warren	Nov 1941 - Nov 1944
A. C. Fowler	Nov 1944 - Nov 1946
Ellis	Nov 1946 - Aug 1947
Keyes	Nov 1947 - May 1948
Edwards	Dec 1948 - Nov 1949
J. W. Keen	Mar 1949 - Dec 1950
Harold Brown	Feb 1951 - Sep 1953
Priest	Jan 1954 - Oct 1954
Safford	Dec 1954 - Jun 1956
Newsome	Jul 1956 - Oct 1958
R. G. Key	May 1959 - Aug 1961
Crim	Feb 1962 - Jan 1963
Ralph Peek	Sep 1964 - Aug 1966
E. M. Marchman	Sep 1966 - Sep 1970
Ralph Peek	Jan 1971 - Oct 1973
Paul McElroy	May 1974 - Nov 1976
Frank Phillips	Oct 1977 - Jul 1983
Ralph Peek	Jul 1983 - Sep 1986
James Lancaster, Jr.	Feb 1987 - Jun 1989
Steve Matchett	Mar 1990 - May 1997
Gary DeBerry	Nov 1997 - Sep 2002
John Parker	Sep 2002 - Sep 2003
Warren Chesser	Sep 2003 - Present

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night, musical program.
First Baptist church of Port Tampa
City, the **Rev. R. M. Stanley**, pastor;
morning, "There Is a Lad Here";
night, "Evangelistic."

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Norris Stanley.
Invocation and welcome, the Rev.
R. M. Stanley, pastor of the Port
Tampa Baptist church; addresses by
Mackler and Senator Pepper; "Roses

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at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at
Curry's Funeral Home, 605 S. Mac-
Dill Ave. The **Rev. R. M. Stanley**,
retired Baptist minister, will offici-
ate. Interment will follow in the
Garden of Memories Cemetery. Pall-
bearers will be Bill Restall, Jack

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Rev. Heard T. Burnett
Macfarlane Park Baptist Church
Cor. Main St. & Lincoln Ave. Pastor **Rev.**
— SUNDAY —
11 A.M.—REV. R. M. STANLEY
Former Pastor, Speaker

Couple Observes 20th Anniversary At High Springs

HIGH SPRINGS, Nov. 5.—(Special.)
—The Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Stanley were hosts to a number of friends Sunday celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary with a luncheon.

Miss June Stanley, their daughter, sang, accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Blitch of Jacksonville. Mr. Stanley read one of his own compositions entitled "Twenty Years—A Game of Hearts." Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Scarborough of Dublin, Ga., parents of Mrs. Stanley, Harry Scarborough of Dublin, Mrs. C. M. Tyre of Eustis, Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Sheffield of Raiford, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Roberts of Worthington Springs, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Arrington, Hardeetown, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blitch of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Paul Smith was hostess this week to the members of the Monday Evening Bridge club. Mrs. H. McL. Grady held high score.

MAYBE they will settle in Tampa permanently, and maybe they won't. But Mr. and Mrs. Norris Stanley don't have to make that decision right away, so for the moment they are just visiting.

Mr. Stanley was Lieutenant Stanley not so long ago. In fact he is still on terminal leave. He and his wife, the former Miss Neomi Inabinet, of Orangeburg, S. C., are visiting his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Stanley, 202 S. DeSoto St., Port Tampa City.

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Hardeetown

resignation was unanimously voted down" and that "pastor's salary was raised from \$200 to \$300 or more per year." How much longer Rev. Martin stayed is not clear.

The pastor who followed Rev. Martin was a man named Thompson. There are no records available of church activities during his pastorate. Rev. R. R. Burke was called November 7, 1926. During the tenure of Rev. Burke the carbide light and a church bell were obtained.

Rev. Chapin was called to "serve the church" temporarily for two Sunday afternoons a month. He was called as regular pastor on October 28, 1928. The records for 1926-44 are almost non-existent; therefore, this section of the history will be sketchy. Rev. **R. M. Stanley** served as pastor, as did Rev. Horace McElroy, during these years. Rev. McElroy served from the Fall of 1933 until the Fall of 1934.

Rev. J. C. Knight followed Rev. McElroy and is reported as pastor of Hardeetown in the Minutes of Harmony Baptist Association in 1936, 1937 1938, and 1939. Rev. Knight also served three other churches in Harmony Association at the same time. They were all quarter-time.

Rev. U. W. Rollins is listed as pastor of Hardeetown in the Association Minutes of 1940, 1941 and 1942. Rev. Rollins was ordained at Hardeetown Baptist Church on July 9, 1940. So far as can be determined, Rev. Rollins was the first pastor to be ordained at Hardeetown. The church went half-time during Rev. Rollins' ministry.

The Associational Minutes of 1943 lists as pastor of the church Rev. T. J. Ellis. During his pastorate, two men were ordained as Deacons. They were Bro. Tyson and Bro. Charlie McElroy.

The Annual Meeting of Harmony Baptist Association met at Hardeetown Baptist Church on October 22, 1941.

R. R. Sledge was called to pastor the church on December 5, 1944, and served until August 9, 1945. E. C. Lerch is listed as pastor in the Associational Minutes of 1946. Rev. Caines was called on November 1, 1946 and remained less than a year, until October 5, 1947. The church reported its first Bible School in the 1947 Minutes of Harmony Baptist Association. It remained without a pastor until March 28, 1948, when Rev. H. H. Long was called. He stayed little more than a year, resigning on July 3, 1949.

In September, 1949, the church called Rev. Bob Barwick, a Stetson student, and under his leadership began to reclaim some of its vigor of pre-war days. In October, 1951, it voted to go full-time. On January 4, 1953, Albert Goss, L. H. Arrington and B. T. Etheredge were elected as Deacons. As the church began to grow, the people began to talk about a church pastorium. The property on which the pastorium stands was given by Mr. Hogue. The men set their sails and went to work. By the winter of 1953, the pastorium was completed. Pastor Barwick resigned in the Spring of 1954 and Rev. W. K. Brown was called March 27, 1954.

Under the leadership of Rev. Brown and some of the laymen, there was an attempt to revive the Training Union which had not existed since B.Y.P.U. in the early history of the church. They were not ready to take the necessary action and this was not accomplished until later. In September, 1954, the six-point record system was adopted for the Sunday School. Rev. Brown resigned on March 6, 1955.

The next man called was destined to remain longer than any other had. Rev. O. B. Hayman came to be pastor on May 8, 1955. The church voted to organize the Training Union on October 1, 1955. B. T. Etheredge was elected the Director.

The church moved into the first new unit of Sunday School rooms on

Harmony 1981

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