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Spicer, T. W. served as pastor of Frist Baptist Church, Altoona and Umatilla Baptist Church.

Altoona-FBC

APPENDIX I

HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALTOONA

The Church was organized under the name of First Baptist Church, Altoona on July 31, 1884. The following October the Church was built on land donated by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Shelton. There were 12 Charter Members and 3 Deacons as follows,

John H. Brantley
Laura Brantley
C. H. J. Rogers
Willie Rogers
S. H. Brantley
Lon Hinson
W. G. Shores
Mary Palmer
E. D. Dykes
D. Palmer
Mollie Dykes
Emma Murrhee

Deacons:
E. D. Dykes
W. G. Shores
E. C. Getch

Money was raised and a building was soon constructed and sufficiently furnished to hold services. A Missionary Society was soon organized and while Bro. Gorbet was Pastor a B.Y.P.U. was organized.

Four new Sunday School rooms were added in 1934 and in 1953 it was necessary to add four more.

During the Pastorate of D. Palmer, 1886 to 1900 Sunday Schools were held and also worship services at Norristown, Bayview, Linadale, Pitman and Sellers Lake. Mission work was started among the negroes at Pitman and a Church was organized at Cassia.

Three members of The Altoona Church were ordained and sent out. Bro's. Dave Blount, P. M. Yeargan, and M. E. Brantley.

New brick front added to church in 1962. Four new concrete block Sunday School rooms built in back of church, 1963.

Pastors, Altoona Baptist Church

S. F. Gore	July 31, 1884	1886
D. Palmer	1886	1900
T. W. Spicer	Unknown	
D. B. Farmer	Unknown	
W. E. Tallant	Unknown	
J. M. Devanon	Unknown	
D. W. Glisson	Oct. 16, 1904	March 17, 1906
W. N. Kingsley	Sept. 9, 1906	Oct. 13, 1907
R. L. Gorbet	Nov. 1908	1915
G. W. Carrell	June 27, 1915	Oct. 5, 1915
J. C. Rogers	Feb. 13, 1916	Sept., 1916
A. A. Stanley	November, 1916	October, 1917
W. L. Martin	April 14, 1918	Sept., 1920
Bro. Crim	April 3, 1921	1921
D. L. Brainard	January 11, 1922	September 1, 1922
P. M. Yeargan	Sept. 26, 1923	Sept. 21, 1924
Rev. Yeoman	Dec. 3, 1924	June, 1925
T. J. Knight	Oct. 21, 1925	Unknown
B. C. Collins	Nov. 3, 1928	Oct., 1932
Rev. Vaughn	Dec. 28, 1932	June 11, 1933
Clovis Brantley	August 11, 1933	September, 1937
J. S. Casteal	Sept., 1937	July 23, 1939
Harold Green	Sept. 27, 1939	1940
Pat Arnold	Nov., 1940	March, 1943
Pat Hill	April, 1943	1944
Forbes F. Fuller	Oct. 4, 1944	Oct. 6, 1946
Cyril Garrett	Nov. 6, 1946	May, 1948
Roy Crosby	July 14, 1948	April 10, 1949
Perley Safford	July 30, 1949	Sept. 27, 1950
G. C. Eubanks	Jan., 1951	July 24, 1955
Tommy Parker	Oct. 9, 1955	Nov. 1961
Leonard Branton*	March, 1962	Present

Pat Arnold and Tommy Parker were ordained here while serving as Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
Delos G. Bickal, Clerk
Altoona Baptist Church

*Allen Bunte served as Interim Pastor, Dec. '61- March '62.

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In the beginning of its organized life, the **Umatilla Baptist Church** was known as the Live Oak Baptist Church. The date of its organization is not known. It has, for many years, reported to the association that it was organized in 1882, but from statements of older residents and from references in the available records it is evident that it was organized much earlier. It was more than 60 years ago that it was located nearer Eustis than Umatilla. Later it moved into a building near the Umatilla cemetery and from there into a school house. In July, 1888, the lot it now occupies was accepted from N. J. Towell and a house was built and occupied in 1889. This building was dedicated, as stated in the records,' "On the third Sabbath in September, 1892, being the first house dedicated since the church began." Work was carried on in that building until Sept. 20, 1914, and then it was decided to add rooms for the Sunday school. With this additional room the work went on until the present house of worship was built in 1925. There is not a complete list of the pastors available, but records show that the church has been faithfully served by the following: Revs. Simmons, J. H. Hyman, S. F. Gove, J. E. King, W. T. Gordon, D. Palmer, T. W. Spicer, D. B. Farmer, W. E. Tallant, J. M. Devanon, Rev. Beck, W. N. Kingsley. A. V. Pickem, J. M. Thompson, W. G. Patterson, E. Lee Smith, J. R. Well, W. W. Williams, A. A. Stanley, A. L. Abercornbe, Wilson Finch, J. L. Jenkins, L. B. Johnson and the present pastor, Michael J. Schultz. The church has a well organized Sunday school which for 15 years has been recognized as a standard school by the Southern Baptist Convention. The church has a membership of approximately 250 people. The seating capacity is 500. The church has the reputation of contributing more per capita for church work than any other Baptist church in Florida. The Rev. Schultz, who recently became the pastor, was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Florida at the age of 13. He is a graduate of Plant City High School, Stetson University, Southern Baptist Seminary, University of Alabama, where he served on the faculty for a number of years, and of the University of Kentucky, where he did graduate work. Umatilla Minister The Rev. Michael J. Schultz, who recently became the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Umatilla, was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Florida at the age of 13. He is a graduate of Plant City High School, Stetson University, Southern Baptist Seminary, University of Alabama and the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Schultz is a Kentuckian. She was born at Port Royal; attended Campbellsburg High School, Georgetown College and the W. M. U. Training School. Brother Schultz has held strong pastorates in Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and was the first pastor of the North Park Church, Orlando, in 1922-23.