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Stogner, Steve served as pastor of Inwood Baptist Church, Winter Haven, 1993-1995.

Inwood, 1947-1997 (Ridge)

Inwood began supporting Rev. H. T. Ward as pastor of the 40th Street Mission Project. This support continued until the mission was organized as a church on April 12, 1970. Today this church has become the Good News Baptist Church. Rev. Harold Dann, former pastor of First Inwood, is the present pastor.

Rev. McAllister resigned as pastor in 1960. Bro. I. E. Enlow served as interim pastor until the church called Rev. J. W. Campbell in March 1961. In the fall of 1968 the church purchased two lots adjacent to the old pastorium on 31st Street and built a new pastorium into which the Campbells moved. The old pastorium next door to it was then sold. In 1972, under Rev. Campbell's leadership, the church erected a new educational building. In 1973, an explosion of the water heater destroyed the building housing the fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, and a few Sunday School classes. As a result, the church began construction on a new kitchen and fellowship hall in March 1975. This new addition was dedicated on May 25, 1975. This building constitutes the present day kitchen and fellowship hall. On Homecoming day, November 18, 1979 the church burned the mortgage on the church sanctuary and church van.

In October of 1980, Rev. Campbell retired as pastor of First Baptist Church of Inwood. In appreciation for his nineteen years of faithful service to First Baptist Inwood, the church voted to give the pastorium on 31st Street to the Campbells. A gift of the deed was presented to Rev. Campbell at that time.

Following Rev. Campbell's resignation, Rev. T. F. O'Steen served as Interim pastor until the church called Rev. E. Lewis Crenshaw as pastor in July 1981. Under Rev. Crenshaw's leadership the church called Mrs. Dona Elwell as Minister to Children in 1984. Mrs. Elwell serves First Inwood in that capacity today. Rev. Crenshaw served the church until August 1984. Following Rev. Crenshaw's resignation, Rev. Jack Sutherland served the church as Interim pastor until the church called Rev. Jackie Hayes in May of 1985.

During Rev. Hayes' pastorate the church had grown to the point of needing additional staff. The church called Terry Henderson as Minister of Music in March of 1986. Bro. Terry assumed the position of Church Administrator in 1991 and continues to serve First Inwood in those capacities. The church called Rev. Vernon McAllister as part-time Senior Adult Pastor in 1988. Rev. McAllister served the church until his death on August 29, 1996. The church called Rev. Doyle Eldridge as Associate Pastor/Minister to Children in November of 1988. Rev. Eldridge resigned in May of 1991. The church called Rev. Bobby Pletcher as part-time Minister to Youth in June of 1990. In June of 1991 Rev. Pletcher assumed the added responsibilities of Associate Pastor and became a full-time minister of the church. He serves First Inwood in this capacity today. By the end of 1989 the church had grown to such a point that additional space was needed for worship and education. On December of that year the church purchased eighteen acres of land on the corner of Spirit Lake Road and Thornhill Road for the purpose of relocating the church in the Southwest quadrant outside the city of Winter Haven. The church initiated a "Possess the Land" program and the land was dedicated on March 11, 1990. Rev. Hayes resigned in March of 1992. Rev. Marion Seiver served the church as Interim pastor beginning on June 7 of that year.

The church called Rev. Steve Stogner as pastor on June 6, 1993. During his pastorate the church called Rev. Bobby Maynard as part-time minister to young adults in June of 1994. In that same year the church retired the debt on the eighteen acres of land. The mortgage on the property was burned during the service on October 30, 1994. In January of 1995 the church called Rev. Dana Hoffman as part-time Minister to the Deaf. Rev. Stogner resigned as pastor of Inwood in April of 1995 and the church called Rev. Hank Frisbee to serve as Interim pastor in June of that year.

The Church issued a call to Dr. Gregory J. McBride on June 22, 1997. Dr. McBride's family moved to Winter Haven that same month and serves the church presently as Senior Pastor. That same month Rev. Bobby Maynard resigned as Minister to Young Adults to accept a position as pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Auburndale.