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Stuart, C. T. served as pastor of Piney Grove, Baptist Church, Cottondale in 1916.

Piney Grove, Cottondale (Chipola)

The first record of church minutes were written in April 1891. The first pastor serving was Bro. J.W. Johnson. In February 1892 a Standing Committee was elected to tend to the church business at that time.

In 1892, Bro. D.W. (Dan) Creamer was elected as pastor and John Jefferson Ebnezer Washington Taylor was elected Clerk of the church.

In 1893, Rev. S.W. Locke was elected pastor and served for three years. Also in 1893 the church sent delegates to the association in August.

In 1896, Bro. J.W. Johnson served as pastor again. About 1896 the church finally agreed to observe the service of foot washing once a year on the Friday before the last adjournment of the pastoral year. They also set up the rules a member must follow.

In May 1897, Bro. Charley Locke was ordained at Piney Grove Church and then was called to preach there the same year.

Bro. William Sapp served as pastor for one year in 1898.

Bro. Loudermilk was called and he preached for the next two years, 1899-1900. During his tenure the church began talking about a new church.

In April 1900, Bro. John Walker came and served about 8 months. A meeting was called to get a committee to see about securing a plot of ground for a church and a grave yard.

Then in 1901-1903, Bro. William Sapp was called again to serve the church as pastor. They continued to work on ways to earn money for the new church for the next couple of years.

In 1903, the church approved taking bond for title from George Tharpe to build the church house on. Mr. Tharpe donated the land but the pine trees were to be cut off the land in order to build on it.

On August 21, 1904 the church called Bro. Adams to serve as pastor. At the same conference they approved a plan for the church building to be built.

In December 1904, Bro. Carter was called to serve as pastor, he served the until sometime in 1906.

In May the land was deeded to the church and the building was completed. They moved into the new frame church during this month and at the business meeting for that month, the cost of the new church was quoted as $181.03. The amount that have been raised was $140.71 so they had to finish paying the debt. The actual date that the church moved into the frame building was May 16, 1906.

The next preacher who served Piney Grove Church was Bro. W.H. Bryan. He was called in late 1906 and served until 1910. An interesting note is that his salary for the one weekend a month services was $6.08. It was the amount they collected at those services. Sometimes he was given vegetables and produce from the families.

In 1911, Bro. C.L. Burns came as pastor and served until 1914.

Bro. C.T. Stuart served as pastor in 1916. In 1917, Bro. L.M. Jones served as pastor. He was followed by Bro. C.S. Locke who served in 1918. The Association letter dated 1918 stated that the church had 168 members at that time.

In November of 1919, Bro. Samuel Carter came to serve as pastor and served until 1925.

In November, 1926, Bro. C.E. Locke came to serve the church as pastor and served for three years.

In 1929, Bro. E.B. Riddles came to the church. He served for either 2 or 3 years. During his tenure as pastor the church began to discuss adding Sunday School rooms to the side of the church.

In 1931, the records show that the church was involved in Cooperative Program. Mr. J.W. Holley donated a quarter acre of cotton for the Cooperative Program. And in 1932 the church had begun to support an orphange in Pensacola.

In September 1933, the church called Bro. B.R. Camp to serve as pastor. In September 1935, the church called Bro. F.L. Dykes as pastor. In December 1936, the church voted to have half-time services.

In 1937, Bro. C.L. Rooks was called as pastor. And the church was again discussing the need for Sunday School rooms. At the end of Bro.