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Suiter, Laurin A. served as pastor of First Baptist Church, South Daytona 1975-1977.

HISTORY SPEAKS . . . .

OUR STORY

The First Baptist Church of South Daytona was begun as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Daytona Beach. Led by Rev. Vernon Brown of the mother church, the mission was opened January 8, 1961, in a small house on Anastasia with about fifty present.

In September of 1961, Rev. Cecil Baughman was called as the first pastor.

After much labor of love, the church moved into a new building on October 1, 1962.

Seven couples have been called to full-time Christian service, including Rev. Cecil Baughman, who left to continue his education at Southeastern Seminary. Other were: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Carnell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smart, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hench, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Renn, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lambright and Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Webber, Jr.

On October 1, 1965, Rev. Lawrence J. Biermann was called as the Chapel Pastor.

The steeple and bell were added to the building in 1965.

As the church continued to grow the new sing was added with matching funds from the mother church.

On January 8, 1967, exactly six (6) years after the mission opened, the Chapel was organized into a church. Rev. Biermann accepted the call to be the first pastor of the First Baptist Church of South Daytona and served until the last Sunday in June, 1968.

Rev. Charles Rentz served as interim pastor briefly in 1967.

On April 2, 1967, Brother Gene Carnell was ordained into the ministry at this church.

Rev. J. E. Hodges was called as pastor with his first service March 2, 1969. A home at 2044 Magnolia Ave. was purchased for a pastorium.

Robin E. Roberts surrendered to the call of the ministry and was licensed to preach by the church on October 13, 1971. He was a student at Stetson University preparing for full-time Christian Service as a minister.

On the Church 5th Anniversary (Homecoming Day) January 9, 1972, the church mortgage was burned in the sanctuary during a special service.

A bus was purchased and a bus route began in July, 1972.

William E. Dick surrendered his life to be a missionary and was licensed to preach by the church November 11, 1972.

Rev. J. E. Hodges left on June 3, 1973, to serve a church in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Grady Snowden of Deland served as interim pastor from June 10 through August 12, 1973.

Rev. Carl Hunter was called as pastor August 19, 1973 and served until July 31, 1974.

Rev. John P. Wheeler served as interim pastor August, 1974, through March, 1975.

Rev. Laurin A. Suiter began preaching on April 1, 1975 and served until August 6, 1977.

At present, Rev. Harold B. Cassady is serving as interim pastor.

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HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

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In September of 1961, Rev. Cecil Baughman was called as the first pastor. Four acr land was purchased for the permanent site of the church, with the help of a loan f the Mission Board in Nashville.

Work was started on the new church. Labor was donated and the original pulpit niture and pews came from the mother church. Men, women and children all joine to do the actual work of building the Lord's house. On October 1, 1962, just 6 mo after ground breaking, the church was ready for use.

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New furniture was purchased and the building was renovated in 1975.

In December 1977, Rev. David Stephens was called as pastor and the church has c tinued to grow and be a blessing to many.

In April 1979, a new educational wing was completed, in addition to restrooms and fices. A church bus was purchased in May, 1979. Other improvements in 1979 were paving of the parking area and improved sidewalk access, grounds beautification kitchen renovation.

During the upcoming year, plans will be formulated for a new sanctuary. It is our pra that God will continue to bless our church and God's people will consecrate their vices for His Glory.

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