

## **Additional Historical Information**

### Physical Changes through the Years

- 1838 - The original church building was erected.
- 1903 - A raised pulpit was added in September.
- 1944 - A porch was added.
- 1950 - Four Sunday school rooms and a meeting room were added to accommodate the rapid growth that occurred in Sunday school classes in the late 1940's.
- 1959 - An assembly room and three additional Sunday school classes were built on the west side of the building.
- 1960 - The church was completely remodeled.
- 1961 - A pastorium was built. Additions were made in 1974, and in 1997 the building was sold, and the money put towards the cost of the new fellowship hall.
- 1963 - Another building, consisting of an assembly room and three more Sunday school rooms, was added to the east side of the building.
- 1967 - A new church building, including a baptistry and four Sunday school rooms, was built. The old building, which remained in use during construction, was moved to the back of the property.
- 1971 - Sidewalks were added.
- 1981 - More sidewalks were added, and the parking area was moved closer to the building.
- 1972 - A new educational building and fellowship hall was attached to the main building, and the old Sunday school rooms on the west side of the church were removed.
- 1976 - The pews were padded.
- 1983 - A new fellowship hall, which included a pastor's study and library, was built. The old fellowship hall and kitchen were converted into four Sunday school rooms.
- 1991 - Stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary.\*
- 1995 - A third fellowship hall was built, and paid for in full by 1998. The 1983 fellowship center became the "Children's Building", and housed more Sunday school classrooms.
- 2000 - A preschool and children's building was added.
- 2001 - A new office complex was added.
- 2007 - Ground breaking for the new sanctuary took place on 29 July.
- 2008 - The new sanctuary was used for the first time on 12 October. The old sanctuary and attached education building were renovated to house more Sunday school classrooms. These come into use in April 2009.
- 2016 - The "Children's Building" is being converted into a Youth Annex.

\* The stained glass windows were paid for by families and friends in memory of: Frank and Mae Long, Arnold and Helen Davis, George Groover, Artie Deal, Julia Fulton and Gertrude McFann, James Archie and Laurena Hall Smiley, Emmie "Little Bit" Reagan, Maggie Gaskin and Edith Beach, and Ernest Groover.

### Pastors and Leaders through the Years

The church's chief charter members were Samuel and David Delk. Other leaders during the earliest period of the church's history were James N. Mobley, Albert Mobley, A.B. Flowers, Evan Wells, J.N. Tatum, John and Jeremiah Baker, and Augustus Delk.

### Church Pastors

1860 - 1861	Lewis Price Jr.
1864	J. Wheeler
1865	John Simmons
1866 - 1867	W. O. Darsey
1868 - 1870	J. N. Tatum
1871	<i>None</i>
1872	M. M. Mattox
1873 - 1881	<i>No records</i>
1882 - 1885	W. T. Zorn
1886	J. A. J. Smith
1887	J. C. Tatum
1888 - 1893	J. A. J. Smith
1900 - 1906	W. L. Geiger
1907 - 1912	B. F. Hogan
1913 - 1914	J. A. Mobley
1915	B. F. Hogan
1915	J. A. Mobley
1916 - 1918	B. F. Hogan
1919	C. M. Gordon
1920 - 1921	G. L. Brooks
1922	A. L. Young
1923 - 1926	J. R. Kelley
1927 - 1928	J. W. Parker
1929 - 1931	E. L. Harrison
1932 - 1933	W. F. Chambless
1934 - 1935	J. E. C. Tillman
1936 - 1937	C. E. Milton
1938	L. Wadkins
1938 - 1939	W. P. Youmans
1940	<i>None</i>
1941 - 1942	Arthur Harrison
1943 - 1946	English Byrd
1947 - 1950	W. P. Perry
1950	Norman Hodges
1950	Einor Michaelson
1951	Bro. Sparks
1951 - 1953	W. C. Hires
1954 - 1958	L. A. Savage
1958 - 1966	Thomas Barnard
1967 - 1969	Grady Selph
1969	Wayne Ates
1969 - 1978	Bobby Brinkley

1978 - 1980	Fred McCoy
1981 - 2006	Roger W. Wilkins
2006 - 2008	Buddy Wasson ( <i>Interim</i> )
2008 - 2011	David Daus
2012 - 2014	Rick Brown ( <i>Interim</i> )
2014 - Present	Gabe Gill

Ministers Ordained at Gum Branch Baptist Church

1934	C. N. Todd
1934	C. R. Robinson
1966	Joe Eason
1976	Nathan Merritt
1979	Tom Smiley
1979	Ed McGinnis
1994	M. J. "Mike" Tempkin
2000	Jeffrey D. Garrett
2010	Keith Beasley