

Celebrating 160 Years of Caring ...  
1834 - 1994



Bethel  
United Methodist Church

1470 Bethel Church Road  
Callahassee, Florida 32304



Let the children "Come Unto Me"



Craig Zody  
Musician/Choir Director



Barbara M. Stiles  
Pastor



Nancy Stiles  
Youth Director



Confirmation Class



Blessing Tree

# Sharing Christ's Love



With Children at Worship



By Celebrating Our Heritage



By BBYC in praise



By Sharing Our Memories



By Working Together



By Celebrating Easter

# Sharing In Fellowship



Around the Chrismon Tree



At Our Heritage Sunday Picnic



At Our Fellowship Supper



At a Fish Fry



With Our Love

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The earliest historical record of Bethel Methodist Church is that in August of 1834, a camp meeting was held on the banks of Bethel Pond. Church meetings were held in neighborhood homes following this. In good weather brush arbors provided meeting places for these early worshippers. Later, services were held in a small log schoolhouse about a mile north of the present church.

On March 17, 1847, Joseph and Thirza Hale deeded two acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church with the provision that Bethel Meeting House be built in the center of the two acres. A small frame church with wooden shutters was built where our Sunday School rooms are today.



In 1909 the congregation started building the present sanctuary. The church building was originally roofed with wooden shingles. The windows contain the original panes with the imperfections of early glass. The interior of the church was not completed until 1947. The narthex was added in 1970 and the steeple in 1972.



The furniture in the Church constitutes one of the most interesting parts of its history. The Pulpit was used by Bishop Joshua Soule on February 6, 1845 when he convened the first Florida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Trinity Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. Trinity gave the Pulpit to Bethel Church circa 1895. The chancel rail, communion table and two of the pulpit chairs were part of Trinity Church during the 1800's and were given to Bethel in 1946. The larger pulpit chair was a gift of John Sullivan, friend of our Church.





*Meet the Ministers of Bethel United Methodist Church*



**ABBOTT, Donnie & Judy  
Glenn**



**ARMISTEAD, Daisy  
Michael**



**BAILEY, Mary Helen  
Le Anne Gravitt, Michael, Tabitha**



**BELL, Sherry  
Daniel**



**BENNETT, Lucille**



**BOYNTON, Dorothy**



**BROWN, Phillip & Betty  
Robert**



**BRUMBY, Ruby**



**BYRD, Mabel**



**CALLAWAY, Aaron & Faye**



**CALLAWAY, Paul & Vicki  
Jeremy, Shannon**



**CHURCH, Adele**



**HANKINSON, Bill & Ida**



**HARTSFIELD, Annie Ruth**



**HOLZWORTH, Tom & Susan**



**HOSIG, Kris & Julia  
Anna, Sara**



ISON, Cheryl



LONG, Craig & Sandi  
Chris, Jamie, Tonya



MARSH, Sylvia



MC COY, Beulah M.



MC COY, Randy & Debbie  
Danny, Chris



MC ELVAR, Newton & Winifred



MERRITT, Carl Sr. & Cee  
Carl Jr., Chris



MORELLY, Barbara



PLATE, Carl & Mildred



QUANEY, Nancy  
Stacy Jones, Forrest, Katie



ROYCE, Lawrence & Thelma



‡SCOTT, Effie Morrison



SHELFER, Lillie Mae



SINGLETARY, Don & Pat  
Ricky, Douglas



STILES, Joseph & Barbara



STILES, Mark & Nancy  
Jason, Heather, Brittany





**STUBBS, Michael & Michaela**  
Chase, Jessica, Joey



**TESSEIN, Edna**



**TILLMAN, Ivy**



**TROEMPER, Vicki**  
Jessica, Heather



**TUCKER, Jennifer**  
Emily, Robby



**VILLAFANA, Cesar & Ruth**  
Paola, Cesar Jr.



**WILLIS, Shelley**  
Elizabeth



**ZODY, Craig & Janie**



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