

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
Membership Register and Church Records No. 148

**HISTORICAL RECORD**

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April 20, 1980 – Rev. Russell I. Bean, Sr. baptized his first grandchild. All four grandarents present for the baptismal service were 58 @ morning worship service.

Easter Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 1980 – announced building program for new hall. Ground to be broke April 26<sup>th</sup>. Expected to be built and paid for by Oct. Homecoming.

Dave McKelder assigned on Part-ime basis to assist Rev. Larry Potts @ Grace UMC-Hosford Oct. 1980 – The new hall ls about half completed – Revised estimate of completion – Homecoming 1981.

James W. Crowder – Contractor that supervised the building of the present Sanctuary in 1909 passed away on his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday April 21, 1981. Services were held in the Sanctuary on April 22 by Pastor Bean. Burial @ Roselawn Cemetery.

Douglas Hilton Marsh, Sr. - died June 25, 1981 buried at Roselawn June 27, 1981 – Born July 9, 1920 at Amherstdale, W.Va. - Was wanting to join Bethel in August with wife – son & daughter-in-law. - Pastor Bean

Dave McKelder assigned to Miccosukee UMC as a part time Student Pastor – transferred membership 7/12/81 and enrolled as student @ TCC

Renewal of marriage vows for Dave & Helen McKelder in Bethel Sanctuary on Oct 2, 1981 (Anniversary date). Their original vows were not taken in a sanctuary. Rev. Bean performed the ceremony.

Homecoming Oct. 11, 1981 – 8 people taken into the church (six as a result of Doug Marsh, Sr. who died before he could join) – One baptism which also became a preparatory member. Building 2/3 complete.

Oct. 9 twins born to Chuck & Sheilla Lamb who brought them to church on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

Oct. 19 Debra Marsh (a new member of 1wk & 1 day) delivered a baby girl.

Oct. 16-18 (1981) wonderful Lay Witness weekend.

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Feb. 11, 1982 Wonderful Family Dinner & Skit night w/three beautiful skits and good turnout.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 1982 Devon & Patsy White brought their adopted daughter Amanda Murphy White (born Feb. 2 1982) home. Prayers were answered.

Daisy Ethel Stoutamire born in Gadsden County, Florida. Sept 5, 1982 died at the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Extended Care Center November 30, 1983. Services were held Dec. 1, 1983 at Bethel UMC. And burial was in Bethel UMC cemetery. Pastor – Ray H. Honaker

Homecoming Oct 13-1985 with 89 attending former D.S. Al Vaught preaching.  
Nov. 28 – 1985 Anonimus Donation to Church \$10,000 for Maintenance & Repairs.  
Christmas Play & Party Dec. 22. 7:00 71 in attendance 22 child taking part.

William M. Bennett Born Nov. 24, 1987 died at Home March 8, 1986. Services were held Mach 10, 1986 at Bethel UMC. And burial was in Bethel UMC cemetery – 200 person in attendance. Pastor Joseph R. Stiles Rev. Howard Almand, Rev. Lucene W. Sims Mr. Charles Strange taking part. Recorded Joseph R. Stiles

Sunday March 23, 1986. The Grand daughter of Gene Englehart, Jennifer Irene Collis was baptized, Brother Micheal was placed on Preparator Roll. Her father Clair Collin transferred from Catholic Church, Mrs. Gladys H. Englehart transferred from Catholic Church. M&M Vito O'Bryan trans from Wesley Mem. Lake City.

Sunday March 23, 1986 Easter Sheila & Chuck Lamb presented twinss Heidi, Holli for Baptism. 71 present at worship & dinner after. Egg hunt follows. Day began with Sunrise Service at Bethel Pond – 17 in attendance.

Sunday June 19, 1994 – Rev. Alex Knight preached his first sermon at Bethel – on God as our Abba Father.