



Bethel UIMC
Tallahassee, Florida, USA

Homecoming 2000

A Look at Years Past



C.C. Smith and Lilla Burns

C.C. Smith was a lay person from Trinity who served as pastor at Bethel from 1921-1931; Lilla began the writing of Bethel's History in 1947





Dr. W.F. Dunkle, pastor at Bethel 1944-1947

The writing of Bethel Church history was begun in 1947 by Dr. Dunkle and Lilla Burns for Bethel's "centennial"

"It was during the pastorate of W.F. Dunkle that the church was finished and refurnished. Later the concrete porches and steps were built. Later still a stove was installed and the wiring and light fixtures were put in."



Bethel Methodist Church in early 1950's

(Note: picture appears to have been taken before the S.S. rooms were added....from the Florida Archives photo collection)



Oredia, Jack and Lea Hodge

Notice the windows that
swing out for ventilation



The Family of Calvin Williams

W. Calvin Williams was pastor at Bethel from 1958 until his death in 1963.
Wife Lucene served as minister from 1963-1965



Wedding of Jim & Joan Reichart, Dec 20, 1958

(Note "slatted" pews, windows behind pulpit)



Easter Sunday - 1959, W. Calvin Williams, Pastor;

Baptism of children & infants;

"Notice Bare Windows in back of preacher - before remodeled



Palm Sunday 1960, W. Calvin Williams, Pastor



Charlie & Joyce Strange - wedding



Homecoming 1962 Celebrating 115 Birthday of Bethel Methodist Church

Notice: 2 doors at rear of church -
each opening directly to the outside,
windows swing open

(photos by Mike Williams)





Homecoming 1962

Dinner on the Grounds



Bethel Sanctuary in 1963

Notice: announcement board, dark molding, drape over windows, communion table in front of altar



Bethel Methodist Church - 1963

(Note: screen doors, painted brickwork)



A color photo of Bethel in the early 1960's



Easter 1964

Lucene Williams
became minister
in Dec 1963 on
the death of
Calvin Williams,
serving until
June 1965



Bethel United Methodist Church - 1968



Bethel United Methodist Church - 1972

The Narthex was added and the interior remodeled in that year



Bethel United
Methodist Church
1974

The steeple was added in
1972, given in memory
of Bryan Palmer by his
wife Josephine



Easter 1973

Children's Choir with Rev. Richard Fife

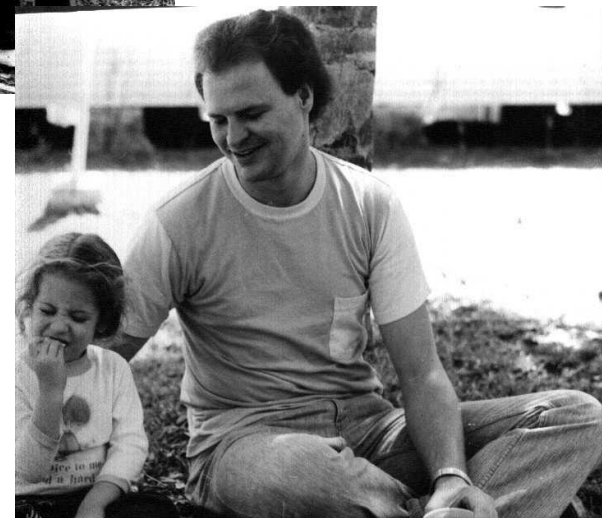


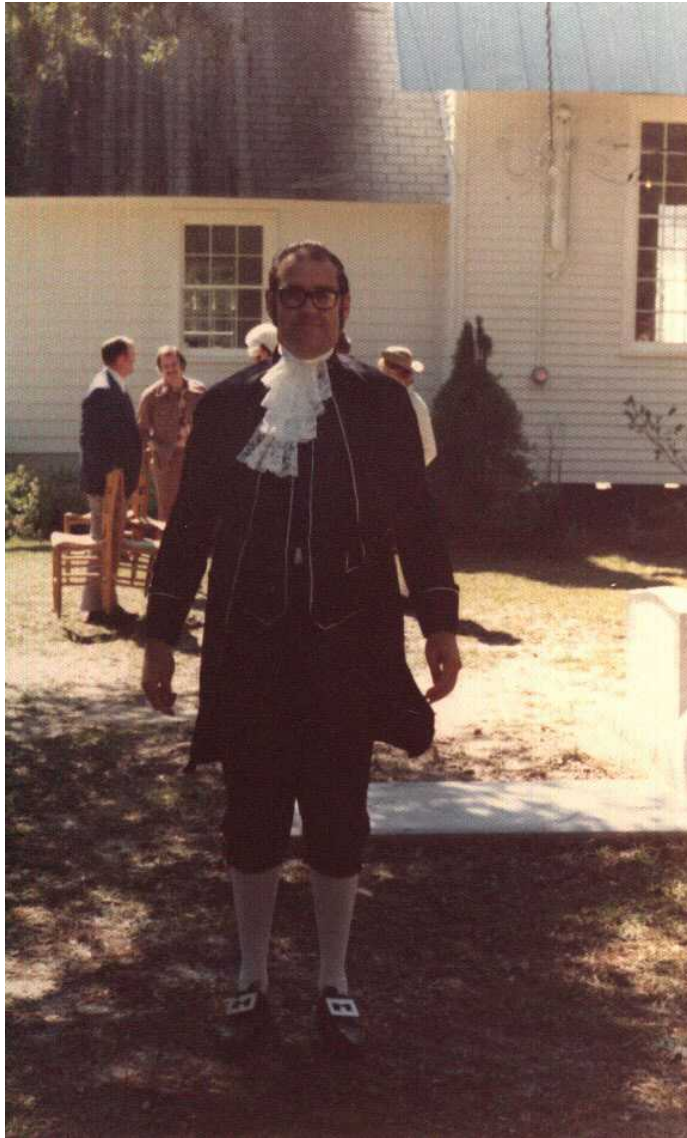
Easter 1973 - Youth & Young Adult Choir



Halloween 1973

Richard Fife was minister - this picture shows several current members





Rev. Jesse Baker was
pastor at Bethel from
1975-1978

He is shown here as a
Circuit Riding preacher
for Homcoming 1976
during our nation's
Bicentennial



and Miss Beulah
was there too in
traditional dress for
the pioneer farm
family that she
represents



At one time Bethel had sent more persons into the ministry than any other church its size in the conference...Homer Norman was one of several that came from Calvin Williams congregation, shown here with Lucene Williams during Homecoming 1979



Homecoming 1979
in front of the Youth Building



Miss Beulah at Homecoming in 1979



from right, Miss Beulah, daughter Faye, and Hazel Fowler
enjoying a Christmas celebration in the Youth Building

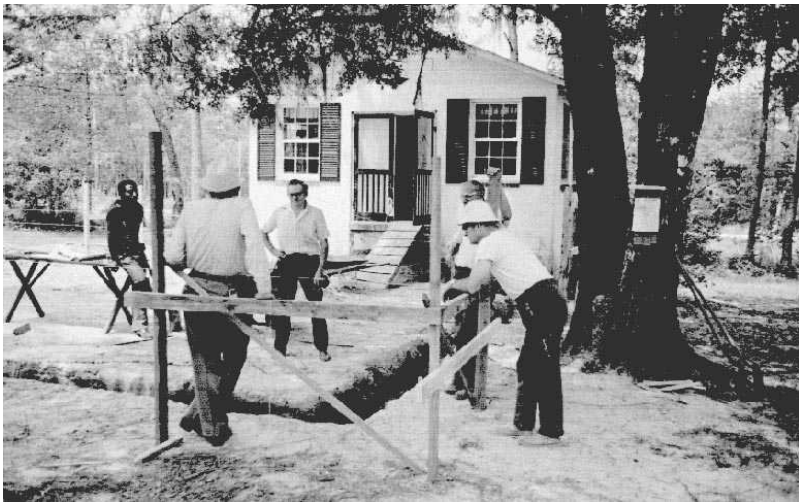


Rev. Leslie Jackson and wife Addie

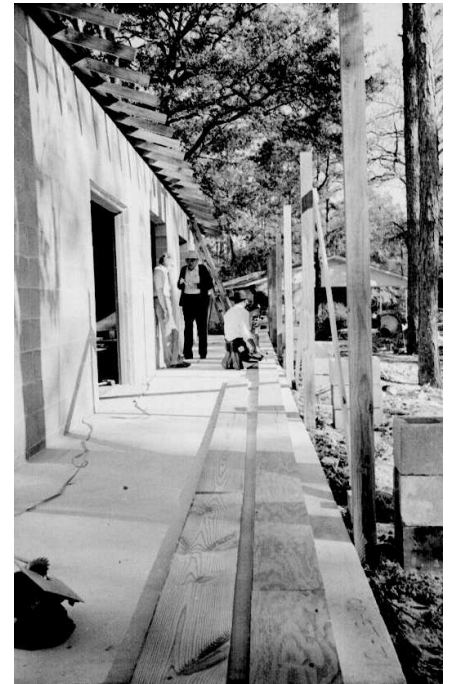
Rev. Jackson served as pastor in 1978 - during the time he was here he built the counter in the youth building and insulated and paneled the parsonage walls. Addie played the organ.



Rev. Russell Bean was pastor from 1979-1982
shown here with wife Anita..Russell will be remembered for leading the
congregation in the construction of the fellowship hall.



The Fellowship Hall was built under the oversight of Wm. Bennett and with much volunteer labor in 1980-82





Howard Almand,
shown here at the
rededication of
the pulpit in
1980, went into
the ministry in
1965 out of
Bethel Church



Miss Beulah
and brother
Earl on Easter,
1980



Homecoming 1980



Christmas 1980



Miss Beulah
with Bishop
Hunt

at the dedication of
the Fellowship Hall
in 1983



November Birthdays (1983)

Miss Beulah, daughter Thelma and “Little Robert” with Rev. Ray Honaker



Advent 1986

Mrs. Brumby,
Miss Beulah
and another
generation



Heritage Sunday 1987



Sharing Memories - Heritage Sunday 1988



Halloween 1988



Christmas 1988



Easter 1990



The Boy Who Believed - 1990

Rev. Joe Stiles with Robert Brown, Stacy Jones (great grand daughter of Miss Beulah), Emily Tucker and Robbie Tucker



Magrey and Jessica Devega led Bethel with spirit and charm in 1998-2000





Rev. Laura Fisher
came to Bethel in
June 2000 and has
brought great
enthusiasm to her
ministry here



