

Dutton Baptist Church

Dutton, Alabama



Celebrating
75
Years

Of Growth

October 20, 1996

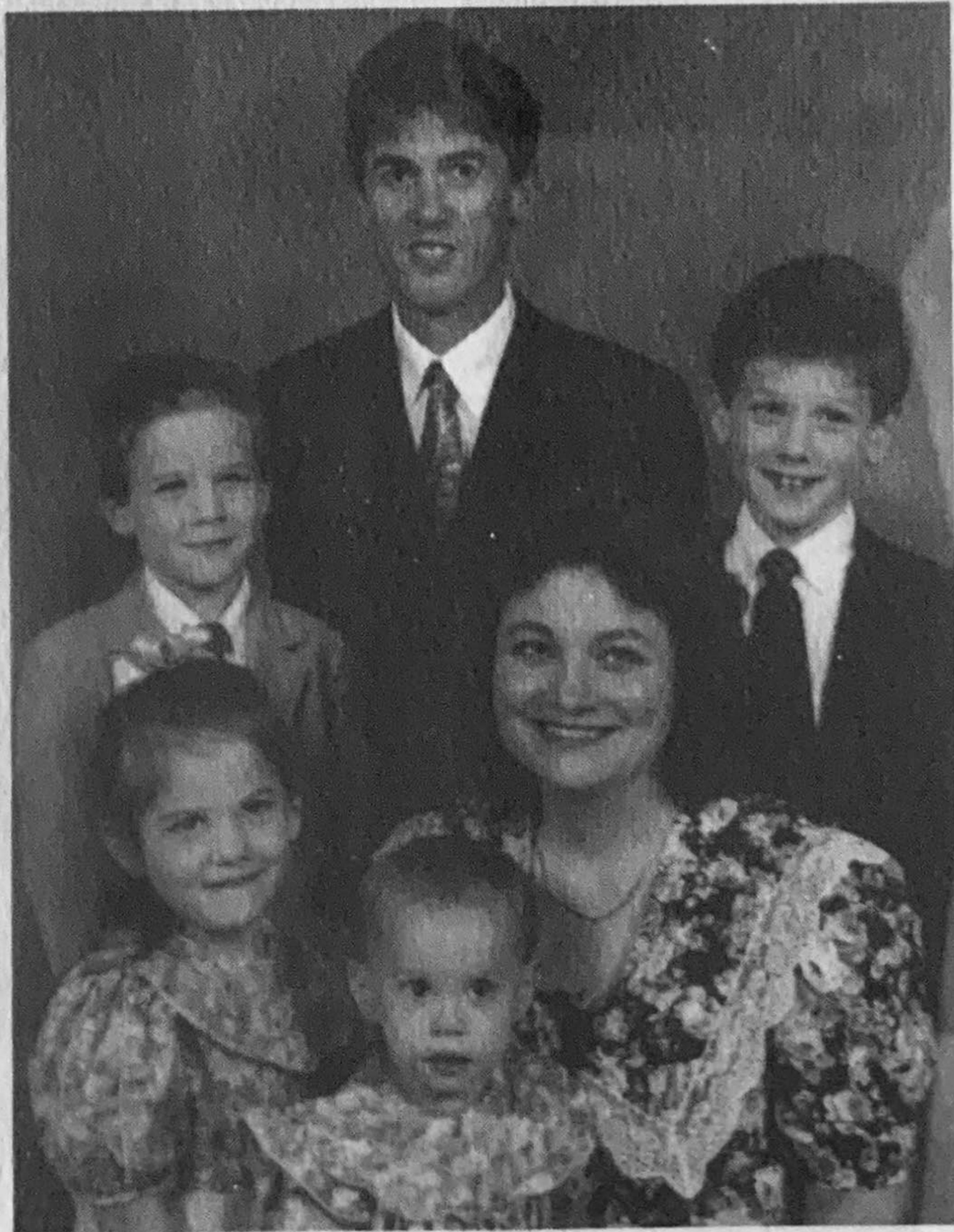


Opening Word from the Pastor

It gives me great joy to write a few words at this moment in the history of Dutton Baptist Church. What a privilege to be a part of a great heritage, Seventy-five years is a milestone as we look into the past and see how God's hand has been at work -- all of the ministers who have served, the lives that have been changed, the souls that have been saved, and the blessings that have been given. What joy this day brings to memory as we take time to recognize our heritage and remember it.

I am grateful to be the pastor at such a time as this. Also, I stand in awe, to be chosen by God, to follow such great *Bible Preaching Men* as are mentioned in this pamphlet. I also realize the awesome responsibility that is placed before us. Such a foundation has been laid that we must build for the future. That future means looking at our past and realizing the price that was paid to have what we have here today. A lot of unselfish giving of time, money, and other resources. May we, as we look toward the future count the cost as those did before us, and be willing to pay the price to build for the future. It can well be said by those of us here today, and may it be of us one day, "may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way." May we serve the Lord faithfully the next "75" years as those who have done it in the past. May God Truly bless you this day.

Rev. Benny Evans



Pastors of Dutton Baptist Church



Rev. Joe Campbell
1954 - 1956



Rev. Luther Anderson
1957 - 1960



Rev. J. A. Linville
1962 - 1964



Rev. Percy Fuller
1967 - 1968



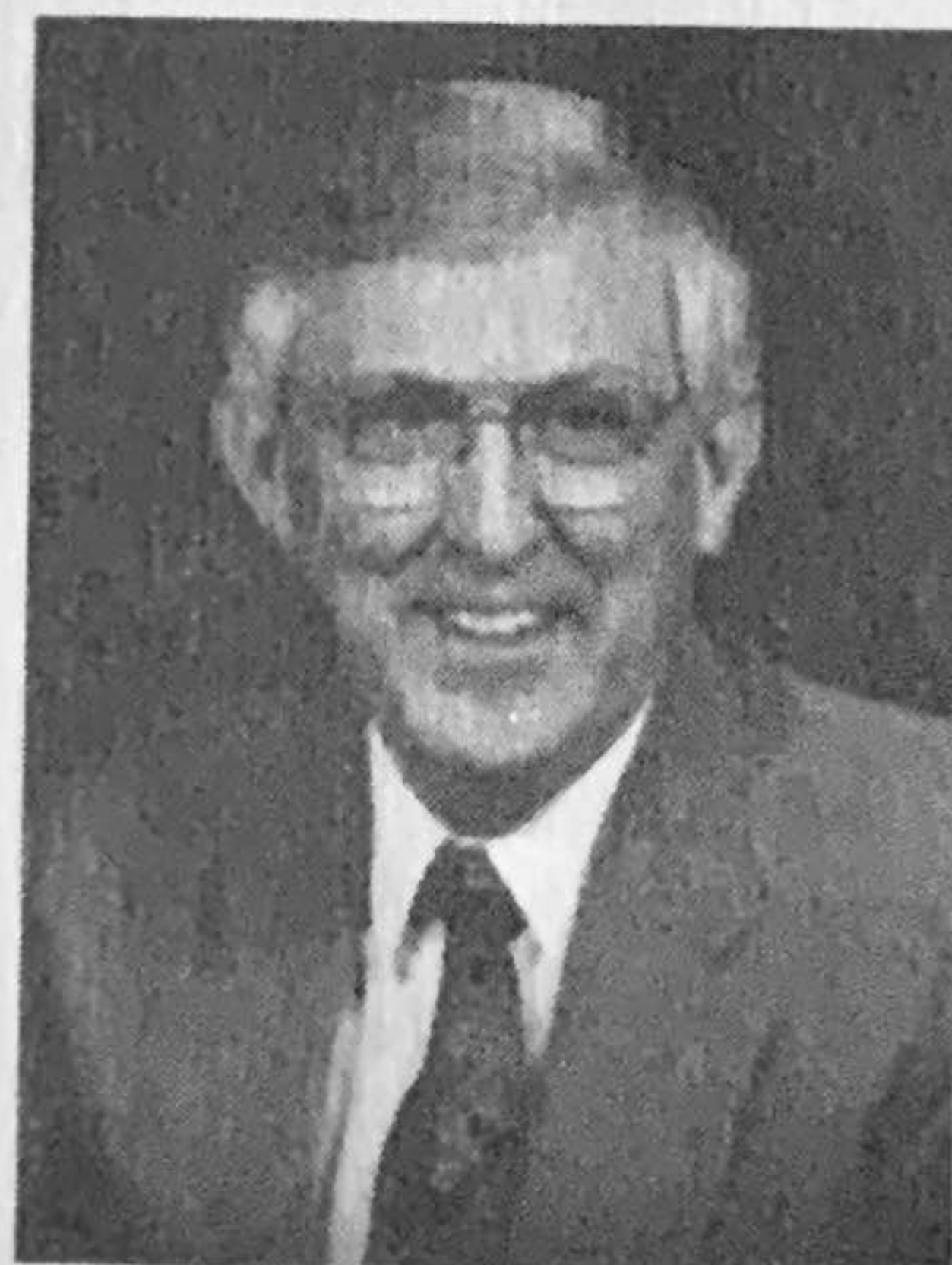
Rev. Richard Blevins
1968 - 1969



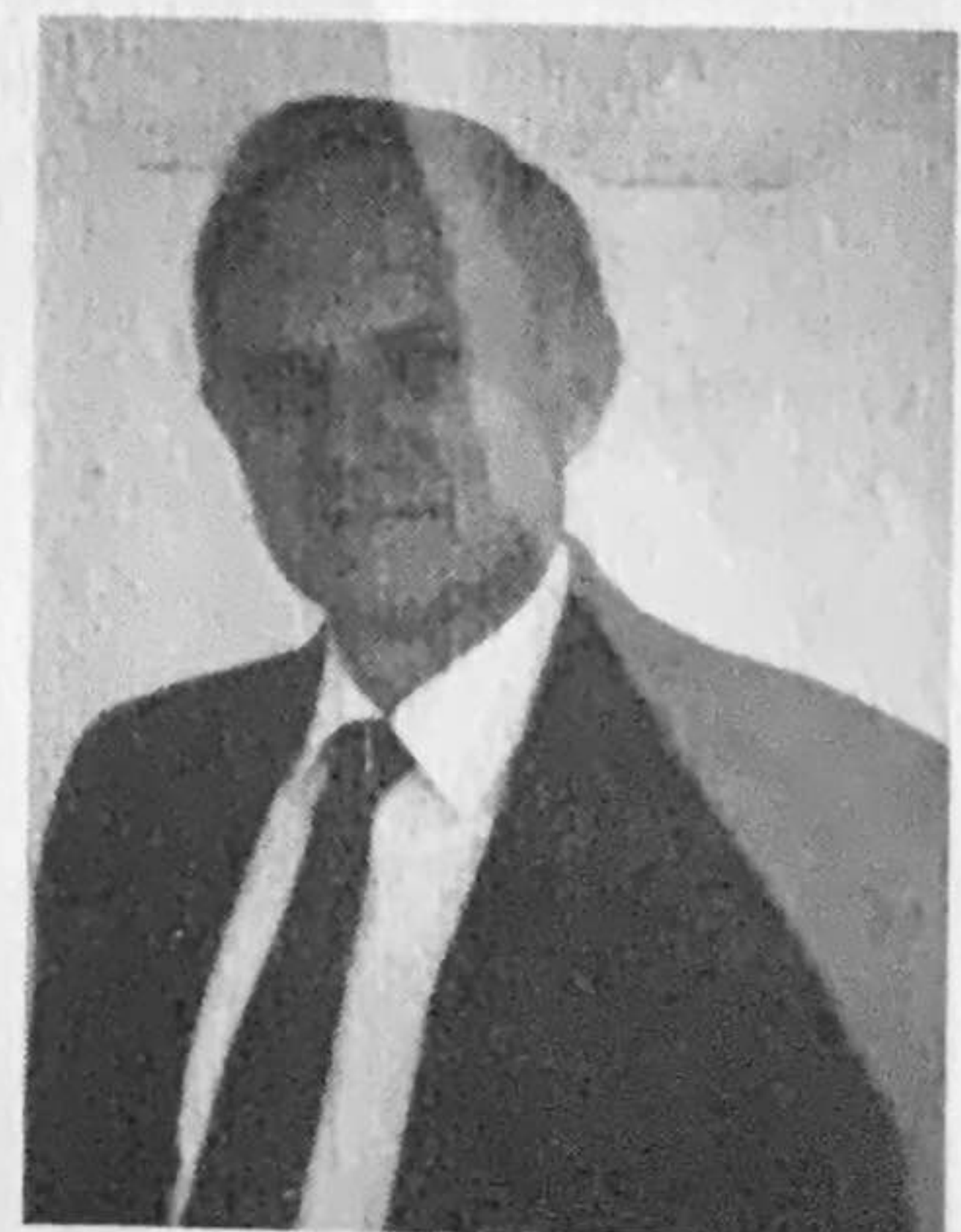
Rev. Rodney Yarbrough
1969 - 1971



Rev. C. T. Liverett
1973



Rev. M. J. (Buddy)
Strickland
1974 - 1975



Rev. Charles Smith
1977

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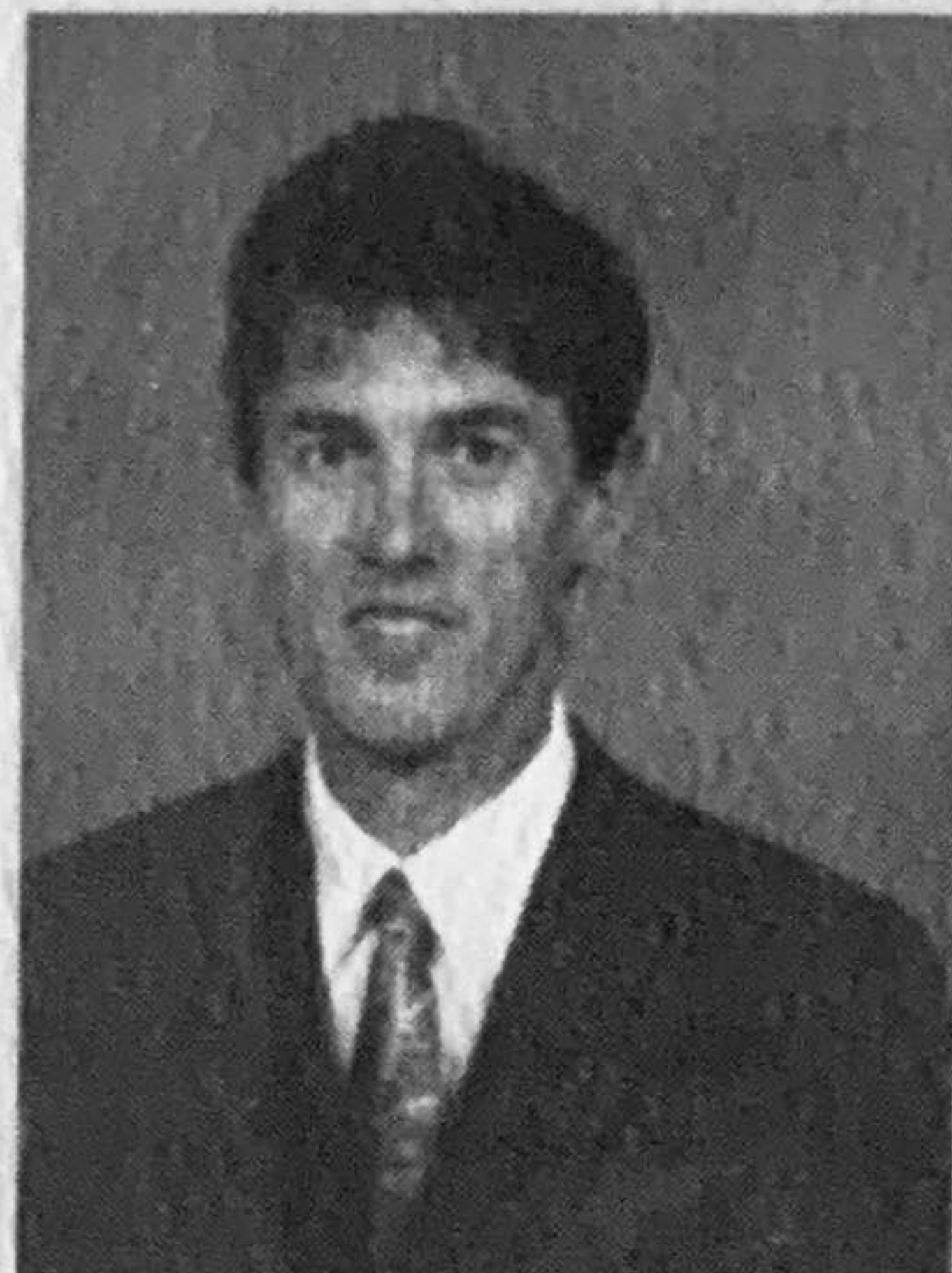
Rev. Dale Haynes
1978 - 1996

Mission Directors

Rev. Edward Ashley
1970 - 1981

Rev. T. A. Benefield
1981 - 1990

Rev. Bill Lett
1990 -



Rev. Benny Evans
1996 -



Program Itinerary

October 20, 1996

Morning Session

Choir	
Welcome & Prayer	Rev. Benny Evans
Testimony	Brother J. B. Ryan
Testimony & Songs	Mrs. Pauline Dilbeck
Offering	
Historial Presentation	
Prayer	Brother Bill Lett
Special Music	Dana Strickland
Message	Rev. Terry Robertson
Congregational Song	
Special Music	Joanne Hurst & Family
Message	Rev. Buddy Strickland
Time of Decisions	

Lunch Break

Lunch 12:00 to 1:30

Afternoon Session

Congregational Song	
Time of Recognizing Former Pastors & Families	
Time of Recognizing Charter Members	
Music Presentation	Youth
Music	Heather Griggs
Message	Rev. Charles Smith
Special Music	Richie Morgan
Closing Message	Rev. Dale Haynes
Closing Comments	Rev. Benny Evans

The History of Dutton Baptist Church

On October 1, 1921, a presbytery met to organize a Baptist Church at Dutton, Alabama. With a crisp, fall wind rippling the reds and yellows of the oaks and maples lining main street, the members settled into session on the second floor of The Institute Building, then used as the Dutton School.

Rev. S. Sparks was unanimously elected as moderator and Perry Horton was elected clerk. M. A. Johnson had already been notified to preach the ordination sermon. Others participating in the organizational meeting included Rev. J. T. Nichols who read the articles of faith, Rev. H. M. Garner to pray the ordination prayer, Rev. O. T. Perry to read the covenant and M. J. Frost to deliver the charge after the sermon by Brother Johnson, and prayer by Rev. J. T. Dean. A call for letters was issued and the following were examined and accepted: Rev. J. T. Dean, Brother John Clayton, J. A. Jenkins, E. L. Franklin, Andrew Green, Doc Green, Guss Duncan, George Pickett, Percy White, Colonel Green, sisters Ona Dean, Kate Franklin, Louise Franklin, Gartrell Gilbreath, Mary Nichols, Daisy Ray, Mattie Lee Duncan, Jane Smith, Sallie Green, Audie Green, Ola McKenzie, Lucy Duncan, Mrs. Clayton, and Lizzie Cowen. Rev. J. T. Nichols read the articles of faith to the candidates and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them. Rev. H. N. Garner, prayed the ordination prayer and the final charge was delivered by Rev. M. J. Frost. The covenant was read by O. T. Perry and was taken by the candidates after which they covenanted with each other to keep it. On a motion the church was named Dutton Baptist Church. Upon motion, the minutes of the work of the Presbytery was read and received. Upon motion of the church the work was accepted and the Presbytery was released, after which the Presbytery declared them a duly constituted church.

After being duly declared a constituted church by the Presbytery, Dutton Baptist Church went into conference. On motion Rev. O. T. Perry was elected moderator protem and J. A. Jenkins, clerk. An opportunity for members was given and the following were received on the forth coming of letter: Dr. & Mrs. W. G. Stubbs, Mr. & Mrs. Pitman Clayton, Mrs. R. A. Nichols, and Allie White. Misses Pansy McCamon and Verna McLenzie came by experience and were baptized on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The church elected to hold conferences on the second Saturday and meeting days were set for the second Sunday of the month.

Rev. J. T. Dean was elected as moderator for the next year and J. A. Jenkins was elected as clerk.

On September 9, 1922, the church met in regular conference and a motion was made to appoint a building committee. The committee was composed of J. T. Dilbeck, chairman, W. L. Stubbs, C. C. Bohannon, Isaac Williams, Kate Franklin and Allie White. The church building was constructed the following year on land donated by Mr. & Mrs. E. G. White. Several members donated lumber and labor for its construction.

In 1924, the church appointed a committee to raise money to paint the church.

In 1925, the church hired someone to keep the church in order. They also took up a collection to pay for wood and to buy a light for the church. In April 1925, a motion was made for the deacons to have the windows stained. In October, 1925, the church sold lumber to help pay the church debts.

In September, 1926, the church voted to raise the pastor's salary to \$125.00.

In April, 1927, the church appointed a committee to rent land to grow cotton on, to help finance the church. At that time we had one of two Women's Missionary Societies in our Association.

The Deacons were asked to raise money for song books in August, 1930.

In 1934, the church hired a janitor to keep the church swept and to light the church at night.

During the church's 70 year existence, twenty-four men have served as its pastor. These included: Rev. J. T. Dean 1921-24, and 1933-34, Rev. W. B. Shirey 1924-33, Rev. M. L. Dean 1934-40, Rev. C. D. Rhodes 1940-43, Rev. Leon Nichols 1943-45 and Rev. Elbert Hicks 1945-51.

In 1945, our church held its first Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of 92 children and workers. We did not have Vacation Bible School again until 1950. In the early years of VBS, people brought peanut butter glasses to drink from, since the church did not have the funds to buy paper products to use. Someone would take them home at night and wash them and bring them back the next day. Refreshments were served under the trees in the front of the church.

In 1951, Rev. Arnold Johnson became the church's first full time pastor. Under his leadership, the church established its first budget and built four new Sunday School rooms. Also in 1951, the church had its first RA and GA divisions, the RAs had an enrollment of 8 and the GAs had 12. In 1952, Rev. Roland Strawn became the pastor serving for two years. In 1954, the church chose Rev. Joe Campbell as pastor and he served until 1956. During his pastorate, a baptistery was constructed. Mr. & Mrs. John B. Ryan were the first two members baptized in it. Rev. Clifford Burgess served as pastor from 1956-57. In 1957, grades 1,4,5 and 6 of the Dutton School met in the church for seven months following a fire which destroyed the school. On September 1, 1957, John B. Ryan, John Smith, and Loyd Perry were ordained as deacons.

In 1958, the Brotherhood was organized and the church purchased *Broadman Hymnals*.

In 1959, the duties of the janitor were sweeping, dusting, filling the baptistery, and lighting the stove.

Other pastors have included Rev. Luther Anderson, 1957-60, Rev. Curtiss Sampley 1960-62, Rev. J.A. Linville 1962-64. During Rev. Sampley's pastorate, three more class rooms were added to the church at a cost of \$570.00 which the church paid in full. Later that year the church was painted for the cost of \$238.15 which the church also paid in full. In September, 1961, John B. Ryan was elected as chairman of the deacons and the church had a balance of \$168.89 in the treasury and debts of \$110.10. On November 4, 1962, the deacons recommended that a detailed report be given by the Sunday School department, the Training Union department, and the director of the WMU. Pauline Dilbeck was appointed treasure Pro Tem. On December 5, 1963, the church voted to change the business meeting from Sunday night to the first Wednesday night after the first Sunday of the month. In 1964, Rev. Duanne Johnson became the pastor and the church auditorium was refurbished under his leadership. Rev. Alton Janeway served as pastor in 1966 and during this time the church purchased a parlor. Other pastors to date included: Rev. Percy Fuller 1967-68, Rev. Richard Blevins 1968-69, Rev. Rodney Yarbough 1969-71, Rev. L. D. Brookshire 1972.

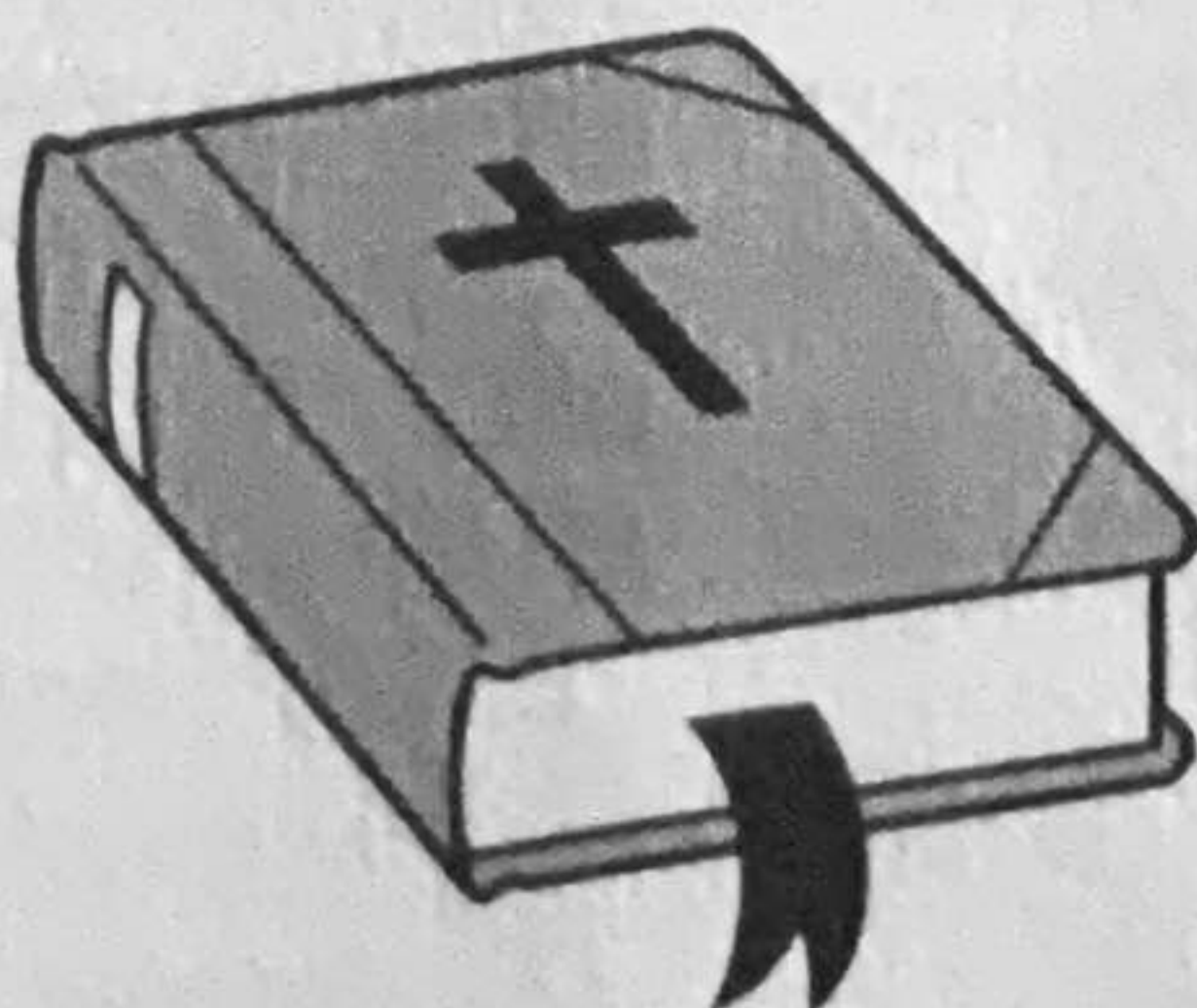
In 1973, under the pastorate of Rev. C. T. Liverett a groundbreaking was held for the bricking of the church building.

Rev. M. J. (Buddy) Strickland served as pastor in 1974 and 75. Rev. Alton Janeway served as pastor again in 1976. Rev. Charles Smith was pastor in 1977 and the church started a bus ministry. In 1978 the church called Rev. Dale Haynes as their pastor. Under his leadership the church added a new fellowship hall, new Sunday School rooms and the auditorium was enlarged and renovated. The church also paved the parking lot and purchased the house and ground next to the church from the White family. The church has started several new ministries including: Tacobet, Hamon Home, and Children's Church. The church also added bigger bathrooms, a new nursery, new Sunday School rooms upstairs and a new sound room and a new sign ministry. Rev. Haynes left in 1996 and the church called Rev. Benny Evans, who has continued to improve the church with a new sound system and lots of plans for future growth.

BUDGETS			
	1927	1960	1995
Pastor's Salary	\$125.00	\$1,600.50	\$30,001.31
AL Baptist Paper	0.00	16.50	350.00
Literature	7.84	200.00	5,500.00
The Needy Fund	34.30	125.00	700.00
Cooperative Program	0.00	180.00	4,802.65
Repairs on the Church	0.00	150.00	1,200.00
Utilities	0.00	150.00	5,000.00
Janitor's Salary	0.00	192.00	1,920.00
TOTAL	\$178.29	\$2,773.50	\$67,837.49

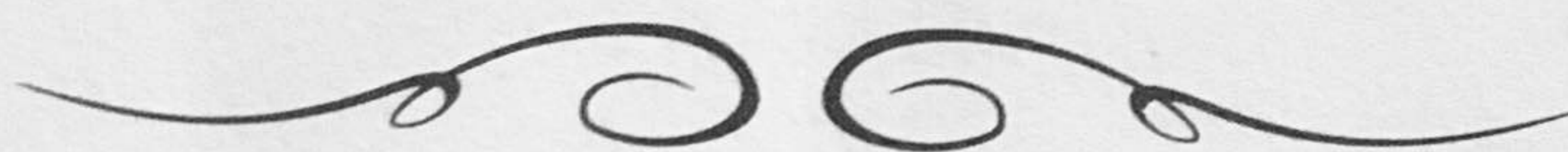
THE CHURCH

Seventy Five years ago God looked down,
He saw a great spiritual need in a little town.
He decided there needed to be a church built,
to meet spiritual needs and provide answers to guilt.
When God built this church He wasn't looking at ceilings and floors,
He wasn't even looking at windows and doors.
His church is not made up of material things,
but the peace and joy that His Spirit brings.
What He saw and built was a body of true believers,
willings to serve the Lord and to fight the deceiver.
He saw a body He wanted to construct part by part,
with each member having a sold out heart.
Seeking to be God's hands and feet,
bringing faith to the hopeless and strength to the weak.
He saw tiny faces that the church would bring in,
He saw all those lost He'd use it to win.
He saw a collection of saints on their knees in prayer,
He saw His children through whom He'd show love and care.
When God looked at the growth we incurred,
He didn't see a bigger building but the hearts being stirred.
You see Seventy-five years has brought much change,
But Gods visions and goals are not rearranged.
His church at Dutton is more than a building frame,
it is born again Christians serving in JESUS NAME!



Sunday School Superintendent/Director

1921	Pitman Clayton	1960-63	John B. Ryan
1922	Doc Green	1964-65	G. E. Rush Jr.
1923	A. W. Ray	1966-67	J. M. McGriff
1924	C. C. Bohannon	1968	John B. Ryan
1925-28	A. J. Green	1969-71	Jimmy Nichols
1929	W. A. Bohannon	1972-74	Fred Golden
1930	E. G. Thomas	1975	Ricky Rush
1931	A. W. Ray	1976	Tommy Battles
1932-37	C. F. Dilbeck	1977-81	Rayford Green
1938-39	Leonard Bohannon	1982	Richard Morgan
1942-44	Claude Wheeler	1983	Alan Morgan
1945-50	C. F. Dilbeck	1984	Rayford Green
1951-56	Loyd Perry	1985-87	Alan Morgan
1958	I. J. Williams	1988-91	Chris Berry
1959	Earl Rush, Jr.	1992-96	Robert Frazier

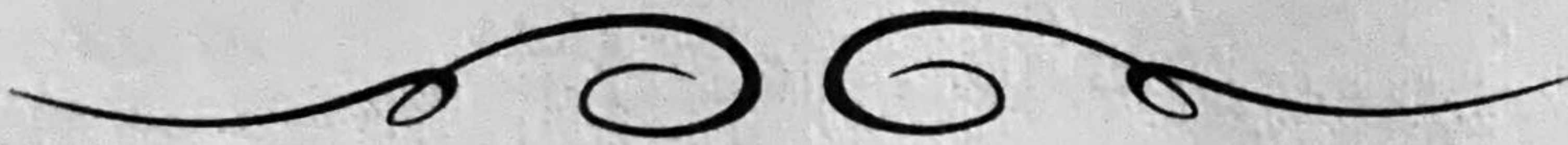


Training Union/Discipleship Training Directors

1942-43	Doyle Rosser	1961	Joy Nix
1944	E. G. Thomas	1962-65	Pauline Dilbeck
1945	L. C. Williams	1966	Clara Goff
1948	Douglas Thomas	1967-74	Rayford Green
1950	T. W. Chamblee	1975	J. D. Driskell
1951	C. F. Dilbeck	1976-85	Robert Frazier
1952-53	T. W. Chamblee	1988-90	Chris Shultz
1954	C. F. Dilbeck	1991-95	Doug Bailer
1955-56	John B. Ryan	1996	Winford Robertson
1958-60	Pauline Dilbeck		

Chairman of The Deacons

1967	Marvin McGriff	1981-83	Charles Strickland
1970-71	I.J. Williams	1984-87	Rayford Green
1974	Jimmy Nichols	1988	Sam Barrett
1975-78	Rayford Green	1989-90	Alan Morgan
1979	Fred Golden	1992-96	Sam Barrett
1980	Rayford Green		



WMU Directors

1943	Mrs. L. C. Williams	1962-66	Mrs. John Smith
1944	Mrs. Mae Bailey	1967-68	Mrs. Marvin McGriff
1945	Mrs. Luella Thomas	1969	Mrs. Joy Barnes
1948	Mrs. Mavis Rosser	1970-72	Mrs. Effie Mae Weaver
1949	Mrs. Nellie Nichols	1973-75	Mrs. Dessie Robertson
1950	Mrs. Winnie Coffee	1976	Mrs. Nellie Nichols
1951-53	Mrs. Clarice Chamlee	1977-79	Mrs. Dessie Robertson
1954-56	Mrs. Luella Thomas	1980-96	Mrs. Christine Haynes
1958-60	Mrs. John Smith	1996	Mrs. Wanda Robertson
1961	Mrs. Loyd Perry		

Music Directors

1956	Pauline Dilbeck	1965-66	Pauline Dilbeck
1958	Dessie Robertson	1967	Barry Rush
1959	Doyle Anderson	1970-71	Laura Golden
1960	Dessie Robertson	1975-90	Fred Golden
1961	Pauline Dilbeck	1991-94	Russ Deerman
1962-64	Dessie Robertson	1995-96	Tommy & Joanne Hurst



Brotherhood Directors

1961-62	John B. Ryan	1982	Dennis Hicks
1963	G. E. Rush, Jr.	1983-84	Jerry Moore
1964	Duanne Johnson	1985-87	Sam Barrett
1970	G. E. Rush, Jr.	1988	Chris Berry
1974	P.L. White	1989-90	Winford Robertson
1975-76	Fred Golden	1991-95	Chris Shultz
1980-81	J. D. Driskell		

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone that has helped in anyway to make this celebration a success.

Thank you for talking to us and sharing information and pictures, for giving us ideals, for preparing and serving food, helping in the program and the celebration, praying for all of us, but most of all for being part of our "church family". Without you this booklet, celebration and this church would not be possible.

With much love and appreciation,

The Historical Committee,
Sandy Barrett
Patricia Smith
Betty Green
Louise Duncan
Vickie Dyer

*If you would like a video or pictures of our celebration,
contact Lisa Frazier at (205) 228-6908*