

west of where the present Church now stands. Brother J. M. Hendry was called as the second pastor and was followed by A. J. Farabee in 1894. In 1895 Bro. J. M. Hendry was called to serve again until 1898 when Bro. J. M. Dotson became pastor. It was at this time, March 1896, that Sunday School was started with Mr. John Wright as the first Supt. In 1899 Bro. J. M. Hendry was called for the third time and remained for six years.

Sometime during the latter part of this period a transaction of the Church property was made (reserving the building) for a tract of land where our present Church is now located which was owned by Mr. Covington who was the owner of a large turpentine distillery and owned a lot of land in this area.

In 1905, Rev. O. M. Williams became pastor and a new Church building was built under his leadership. In February 1906 a building committee was organized and consisted of Mr. J. W. Stewart, A. R. Rich and James Corbitt. On Aug. 3, 1906 those who volunteered to split shingles to cover the new Church were James Bryant, Elmon Corbitt, Ben Bryant, A. R. Rich, Tom Bryant and George Wingate. It was agreed that as much of the old building be used as possible. On March 17, 1907 a committee was appointed to have the deeds of the Church property recorded properly. This group was Sam Phillips, A. R. Rich and Jim Corbitt.

On Aug. 26, 1911 James Corbitt, A. R. Rich and W. A. Stewart were appointed to mark out a place for a cemetery on Bethany Church property. The Measuring Committee for the cemetery were A. R. Rich, Sam Phillips, James Corbitt and J. R. Swain.

Pastors following Bro. Williams were:

1906	J. B. Lamb	1923	W. C. Miller	1931	Hendry Alderman
1909	J. M. Hayman	1924	J. A. Roberts	1931	Jim Coker
1910	E. L. Hendry	1926	Vernon Coker	1932	J. A. Roberts
1913	John Coker	1927	S. F. Durrance	1933	Alton Roberts
1917	J. A. Roberts	1928	Vernon Coker	1935	Jim Coker
1921	John Coker	1930	W. C. Miller		

On June 2, 1935, Bethany Church observed its first homecoming with Rev. S. F. Durrance delivering the message. An interesting note - the collection for that day was \$2.00 for the visiting preacher and \$2.42 for the regular pastor.

1936	Don Pullen	1945	Cecil Mann	1954	Bassie Farrabee
1938	Alton Roberts	1946	Robert Simmon	1956	Robert Wolf
1940	Joe McLeod	1947	Albert Gullett	1958	Alex Hendry
1941	Cecil Mann	1949	Alex Hendry	1958	John Lankford
1943	Oscar Roberts	1951	Alton Roberts	1959	Vernon Coker
1944	Henry Johnston	1952	Carl Alderman	1962	A. R. Tatum

There have been many interim pastors who have had much to do with the shaping of our history, the latest being Bro. Edd Stewart and Bro. Virgel DeVore under whose leadership the Church has grown spiritually and physically. Our heart felt thanks goes to them and their wives.

On July 25, 1965, ground breaking services for the Sunday School classrooms was held. Our present pastor, Rev. A. O. Hendry, was called on March 1973. In April 1973 we dedicated our newly finished dining hall and a beautiful nursery which is overflowing. At this time, we had five deacons: Mr. Buddy Kelly, Mr. Granvill Hayden, Mr. H. P. Langford, Mr. Clyde Hine and Mr. Ralph Wiley. Our other Church officers were: S. S. Supt, Mr. Robert Thompson, S. S. Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Rich, Church Clerk, Mrs. Linda Pope, Church Treasurer, Mr. Gary Rich.

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