

FAYETTEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ began meeting in Fayetteville on August 28, 1955, following a ten-day tent meeting conducted by Brother Horace E. Huggins, minister of the Griffin congregation. The American Legion ^{was} Post House/secured as a meeting place.

The original members of the congregation in Fayetteville were Mr. & Mrs. Alfred D. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Grimes, Mrs. ^{Otis} (Braunda) Holt, Mrs. J. F. Bales, Mrs. A. J. ^(Nellie) Durden and her son, Lee, Mrs. Frank (Frances C.) Reeves, Mrs. B. T. (Hattie) Garner.

In 1956 a lot for a building was purchased. This was located on S. Glynn Street. The trustees of the church at this time were Bro. Boatner from Griffin, Alfred Brown, and S. R. Davis.

Horace Huggins, minister of the Griffin Church of Christ, served as part-time minister, preaching here at 9:00 AM then going back to Griffin to preach there.

The church had a series of part-time ministers in the next few years. It was necessary to move to another meeting place and the band house near the high school gymnasium was rented.

In September 1959 the church building was completed on the lot on S. Glynn Street and the first service was held in it on October 4.

Joe Johnson of Florence, Ala., was employed as the first full time minister, beginning in December 1960. While he was here an annex was added to the building to give more adequate room for classes and the parking lot was cleared behind the building. Bro. Johnson resigned as minister at the end of 1964 to go into another field of work.

Ministers since then have been: Logan Lewis, December 1964-September 1965; Jim Young from Lubbock, Tex., beginning Jan. 1966; Drake Macon, 1968-1971; James A. Jones, 1971-1973; Sam Gwinn, 1974-1975; 1975 - present, Roger Davis.

A house to serve as the preacher's residence was purchased in May 1965. It is located on Circle Drive in Fayetteville.

In early 1974 several members of the Fayetteville church went to Peachtree City to help that congregation get started. Through the years the Fayetteville church has helped to spread the gospel both here and abroad by sending financial assistance to other congregations.