

CEMETERY

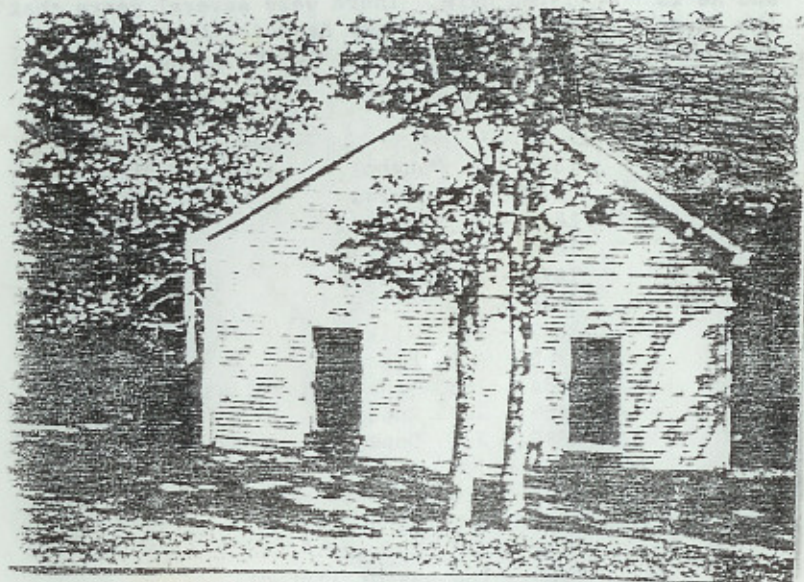
FELLOWSHIP CEMETERY IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE CHURCH. SURNAMES FROM CEMETERY MARKERS ARE LISTED BELOW BUT MANY GRAVES ARE UNMARKED. THE OLDEST MARKED GRAVE IS DATED 1844.

Barnes	Martin
Campbell	Miller
Carroll	Mitchell
Chandler	Morrow
Cook	Morris
Cosby	O'Neal
Davis	Parker
Dawson	Peeples
Eaves	Pierson
Fletcher	Reedy
Friday	Reid
Gay	Rush
Hooks	Sanders
Hopkins	Seymore
Ivey	Smith
Jones	Summerlin
King	Terry
Langston	Walker
Letcher	Ware
Little	Welch
McNeel	Wilson
Marshall	Wright
	Zimmerman

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Dallas County, Al.

Est. 1822



HOMEcoming DAY

JUNE 5, 1993

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH WAS CONSTITUTED IN 1822

PASTORS

The Listing for pastors of Fellowship Baptist Church recorded by the Baptist Association and on file at Samford University started in 1869. Several years no pastor was listed and nothing was submitted to the Association after 1947. There could be other pastors not recorded since the church minutes show a Rev. R.R. Brasher as pastor in 1917 and he is not listed here. There were several years that the church did not belong to any Association and some preachers not listed could have been the pastor during these years.

1869 - T. Vaughn
 1872 - A. Andrews
 1873 - W. Lee
 1874 - J.M. Hicks
 1875 - A. Andrews
 1876 - G.W. Mills
 1877 - I.U. Wilks
 1880 - A.L. Blizard
 1884 - 1885 (No pastor listed)
 1886 - W.J. Ruddick
 1892 - J.W. Dunaway
 1904 - J.M. Roden
 1906 - P.G. Maness
 1914 - W.H. Connell
 1919 - J.A. McCrary
 1920 - (No pastor listed)
 1921 - J.W. Dunaway
 1922 - E.H. Littlejohn
 1923 - S.F. Hopkins
 1924 - E.H. Littlejohn
 1928 - J.W. Dunaway
 1929 - 1942 (no pastor listed)
 1943 - C.E. Dean

In 1869 Fellowship Church was in the Unity Baptist Association
 In 1897 " " " " " Cahaba Baptist Association
 In 1914 " " " " " Dallas Baptist Association
 In 1943 " " " " " Selma Baptist Association

In 1859 three acres of land were deeded to the church. A copy of this transaction is being distributed today by the Eaves family, descendants of the original property owners. The original church house was constructed of logs and was located somewhat south of the present building but on the same acreage. Some older church descendants think that the old building burned and some think it was torn down because of age. The October 1908 conference minutes report that the church agreed to procure a log from the old church house and carve the church history on one side and preserve as a relic. It is not recorded that this was ever done.

The church minutes starting from 1869 are now on microfilm in the Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. In these minutes are the church covenant, rules of order and Articles of Faith.

Some interesting happenings from the old church minutes are: The church held conference the Saturday before the third Sunday each month to discuss church business. Church members that had been accused of wrongdoing were brought before the Conference and said members were requested to "render satisfaction to the Church" (apologize) or they were dismissed from the church. Some "wrongdoings" were: walking disorderly, drinking to excess and dancing. One dear ole sister that had been accused of dancing made her apology by stating "I'm sorry the church finds my actions were wrong, but I'm not sorry for dancing.... Well she did apologize.

Protracted meetings were voted for and held on a regular basis. Fellowship was very supportive of the orphans home, missions and the Baptist College. At least two good brothers were assisted financially in attending seminary school. Many times widows were helped with their debts. The church never reported large amounts of money but it always reported projects of "giving" such as the ones mentioned.

In 1913 the minutes states that a vote was taken to replace the wooden shingles on the church roof with tin. The next minutes recorded show another vote taken to replace the roof with more shingles and 6,000 shingles had been promised. Another entry reports that bricks were made for the church chimney.

In 1917 the pastor asked for a salary of \$200.00 per year, but was only offered \$159.00. He stated that he would "study about it". Apparently he did not accept it because the next minutes report \$175.00 was accepted by another preacher.

Over 200 pages of church minutes are now preserved in the library at Samford University.