

**HALLMARK OF FAITH  
BULL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
1891-2003**

We began as a mission of the Savannah Baptist Church (later to be called *First Baptist Church*) on Chippewa *Square*. Our first home was called Duffy Street Baptist Church and was organized on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1891 with Reverend E. Pendleton Jones, Pastor-- total membership was 82.

Asbury United Method Church worships in this building today.

**MINISTERS**

1. **Edloe Pendleton Jones — 1891-1892**
2. **Thomas J. Shipman — 1892-1896**
3. **James. D. Chapman- 1896-1900**
4. **Robert Van Deventer - 1900-1908**
5. **Alexander Miller-- 1908-1909**  
Interim Pastors: Ralph Bailey and Julian Hartridge Strong - July 1909 - February 1910
6. **W. T. Granade - 1910-1916**
7. **William Ashley Taliaferro — 1916-1943**
8. **Searcy Slaton- Garrison - 1943-1954**  
Interim Pastor - John H. McTyre --1955
9. **Frank Elliot Morris - 1955-1965**  
Interim Pastor — Leroy G. Cleverdon — January-March 1966
10. **Arthur House Stainback 1966-1967**
11. **Felix A. Turner, Jr. — 1968-1974**  
Interim Pastor- Roy McClain -1974-1975.
12. **Thomas Noel Cooper — 1975-1983**
13. **Jack P. Lowdes - April - December 1983 - Interim Pastor - 1984-1986.**
14. **Earnest Thomas Pirkle (Ernie) - 1986 to Present**

**Life of the Church**

**Sunday School** - consists of 27 classes and with an enrollment of 723 and meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**Library** - begun in 1892 - is open Sunday mornings and at Wednesday Lunch and Evening Services.

**Vacation Bible School** - meets during the summer and has become family oriented over the last several years.

**“Our Church”** - a weekly newsletter is published each Wednesday and sent to 1,000 persons.

**Music Ministry** - Preschool & Children’s Choir, Salt Company Choir (Middle & Senior High Youth), Chancel Choir, Spice Company Choir (Senior Adults), Hand bells, Instrumental Ensemble; Ladies Ensemble.

**Annual Services** - Easter - the sanctuary altar is beautifully banked with Easter lilies given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Christmas- festivities includes “Hanging of the Green” and the decorating of two Christmas Trees; special programs to celebrate each Sunday of Advent through music and drama; the Tri-Church- Festival (now in the 6<sup>th</sup> year). jointly performed outside on Bull Street by the three churches: Bull Street, St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church followed by an Open House and a reception; Candles and Carols Service on Christmas Eve before the altar banked with poinsettias.