

Our Pastor 1988 to Present

Rev. Dr. George C. McCulloh became the first “full time” Pastor of Pleasant Grove in May 1988. Through his administration, the Wednesday Night Bible study enrollment was increased remarkably; the children and youth begun to make decisions about Jesus, and the New Members class continues to learn the Bible and Baptist Doctrine. The church pews were cushioned, an organ and piano purchased; the kitchen renovated—beginning with the purchase of a new stove and new cabinets were built.

As the church continue to grow, 24 new members were added to the roll between May 1988 and February 1991. In October 1989, Bro. Willie G. Williams announced his call as a preacher of the Gospel. His trial sermon was held on November 19th at Pleasant Grove and he was licensed to begin his ministry.

Preparations to improve our church through remodeling and other means have continued with the installation of a sound system and clothing for baptism candidates. In 1992, twenty two (22) new members were added to the church roll (13 by letter and 9 by baptism). Later in the year, our Pastor recognized the need to get the young men of the church involved in cultivating their spiritual life through study, worship, fellowship, service and motivation to support the total church programs. The laymen organization launched its mission September 1, 1992.

The Lord continues to bless the Pleasant Grove family and the future is looking bright as ever. Plans for the renovation of the church is in motion. The areas of renovation include the sanctuary, dining room and a nursery. Plans also include the development and growth of our present established and future organization.

In 2001, construction of the new sanctuary began and was completed in 2002 in time to have the Ribbon Cutting ceremony on June 23, 2002. It has a seating capacity of 550 and is equipped with all the modern technology.

Under Rev. McCulloh administration, six (6) Ministers were ordained: Rev. James Owens, Assistant Minister, Archie Jackson, Willie Williams, Henry Cooper, Edward Lane and Monte Maddox.

As the years come and go, the Lord has truly blessed Pleasant Grove and the leadership of our Pastor. Again, under his administration, the membership has grown, the church has purchased and acquired much: the purchase of a van; 35+

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acres of land, the pond and house that sits adjacent to the church which is now the Pastor's parsonage; a drop-off covering was added to the side of the church and a new sound system installed.

The church is now looking forward to God's continued blessings, in which we are so grateful, and we look forward to the vision of our Pastor's for a Family Life Center.