

The corner-stone of the present church was laid February 2, 1903. Appropriate addresses were made by D. U. Fletcher, and Dr. J. F. Forbes of Stetson University. The church was completed in one year. It is of Bedford stone and was erected at a cost, including furnishings, of about \$50,000. The church is 86x105 feet ground area.^f Extensive repairs were made to the interior in the winter of 1923-24 when the auditorium was enlarged to a capacity of 1,200.

Rev. James McDonald was pastor from 1838 to 1846. From 1846 to 1850, there were several unimportant short pastorates, in which the Church seems to have been unfortunate in obtaining unworthy or incompetent men. In 1850, Rev. Joseph S. Baker became pastor and served four years, during which time the Church and Sunday School prospered. In 1859, Rev. E. W. Dennison was called. At this time the membership was 40 white and 250 colored. Mr. Dennison's pastorate closed in 1862, and there is no record to indicate that the Church had a pastor then until Rev. P. P. Bishop came in 1867. Mr. Bishop was followed in 1869 by Rev. Frank W. Johnson, and he in 1871 by Rev. W. W. Keepon, who was pastor one year; then Rev. B. W. Whilden from 1873 until 1875, followed by H. B. McCallum as supply. Rev. M. M. Wambolt took up the pastorate in 1876. In 1880, Rev. J. F. B. Mays came and remained two years; he was followed by Rev. George K. Allen, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. S. K. Leavett in 1884. Mr. Leavett was pastor until April, 1889, and was succeeded by Rev. L. B. Plumer, who served the Church two years. In 1892, Rev. Malcolm McGregor was called and was pastor until October, 1895, being succeeded by Rev. J. J. Parsons in February, 1896, who remained until December, 1899, and was followed by Rev. W. A. Hobson in May, 1900.^g Mr. Hobson's pastorate was the longest in the history of the Church, being continuous until his resignation in 1923. Rev. L. G. Broughton succeeded Mr. Hobson in October, 1923.

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Preliminary to the actual formation of the Presbyterian congregation at Jacksonville articles of incorporation were granted by the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, Act No. 51, approved March 2, 1840, which provided as follows: