

building was laid November 15, 1901, and it was completed and occupied January 20, 1902. This was the first house of worship rebuilt after the fire. The needs of the congregation soon outgrew this synagogue, and it was sold to the Christian Scientists in January, 1908, who afterward sold it to the Greek Orthodox Church.ⁱ

After selling the synagogue Congregation Ahavath Chesed bought the southeast corner of Laura and Ashley Streets and began the erection of the present temple. The corner-stone was laid October 19, 1909, and the temple was dedicated September 23-24, 1910. Assisting the local rabbi, Pizer Jacobs, in the two-day ceremonies were Rabbi E. N. Calish of Richmond, Va., and Rabbi Harry Weiss.ⁱ

Rabbi Marx Moses was the first rabbi of the congregation and remained until 1885. Rabbi A. Rosenspitz followed Dr. Moses, but served less than a year. Dr. Ignatz Kaiser was rabbi from July, 1886, until the autumn of 1887. The congregation was without a rabbi from this time until July, 1888, when Rabbi J. Kahn was called. He was followed in 1890 by Rabbi S. Rosenberg. Then followed the Rabbis: B. Babbino, 1893 to 1900; David H. Wittenberg, 1900 to August, 1905; Pizer Jacobs, March, 1906, to January, 1912; Samuel Schwartz, September, 1912, to August, 1916; I. L. Kaplan, September, 1916, to date.ⁱ

Christian

In March, 1883, a society of about 35 members who had previously been worshipping with other Churches, was formed as the Christian Women's Missionary Society and money was donated for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Christian Church in Jacksonville. The society met regularly and a permanent organization was perfected January 27, 1884. The lower room of the Odd Fellows' hall was rented; then library hall at the southeast corner of Laura and Adams Streets became their place of worship.ⁱ

On August 9, 1885, a Christian chapel was dedicated to the memory of Hal B. Smith, who the year before had been drowned while sailing on the river. It was located at the northwest corner of Charles and Rossell Streets in Riverside and was erected at a cost of \$800. This property was later sold.ⁱ