ducted the services. Rev. J. T. Boone, the present pastor, held his first service here December 4, 1898, and his pastorate of a quarter of a century has been marked by great achievement, for from the parent Church have sprung three other Churches in the city and four in nearby settlements.

Christian Science

The first record of a Christian Science Society in Jacksonville was a notice in the local paper of October 1, 1892, as follows:

The Christian Science Bible Class will meet at the residence of Mrs. James Douglas, southwest corner of Liberty and Church Streets, at 10 a.m., Sunday. A lady from Atlanta is expected, who will lead the class. Seekers after truth are cordially invited.

Although increasing in membership very slowly, the society continued to hold meetings at the homes of its members. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, was organized in 1897, and incorporated in June of that year, with a mere handful of people. Membership now began to increase, and in the latter part of 1900 they purchased the property of the Presbyterian Church at the southeast corner of Monroe and Newnan Streets for $5,000. The old building was repaired and put in good shape, and in January, 1901, the Christian Scientists held their first service in it. The fire of May 3, 1901, destroyed the building and scattered the congregation. Nevertheless, in the following September they built a small chapel on the lot and renewed efforts were made to reorganize and build up the congregation. This was their home until 1908. In January, 1908, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, bought the Jewish synagogue at the southeast corner of Laura and Union Streets and held their first service in it February 9, 1908. The chapel at Monroe and Newnan Streets was then used as a reading room until purchased by Morocco Temple in 1910.

The Christian Science congregation, having outgrown the accommodations afforded by their small house of worship at Laura and Union Streets, sold the property to the Greek Orthodox congregation in April, 1919. Until November, 1921, they had no permanent home and held their meetings principally in the Woman’s Club rooms. In the meantime, plans were carried forward for the handsome $80,000 house of