



PINE CASTLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
IS TURNING SEVENTY-FIVE

join us to celebrate

SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH, 2023

**1950's building located at
6123 S. Orange Avenue
(still there today)**





The congregation began by holding a tent meeting at the corner of Hoffner and Orange Avenue. The speaker was Brother L.B. Chastain from Ocoee, FL. Brother Chastain continued to work with the congregation for about 1 and a half years.



**Sister Lois
Babbitt
remembered
that T.S.
(Tyler) and
Della Craig
started the
congregation**



**Group of
members
on Sunday
Morning**



The classroom building was used for services until the auditorium was finished.



Group of children on Sunday morning

**Dwayne
Babbitt**



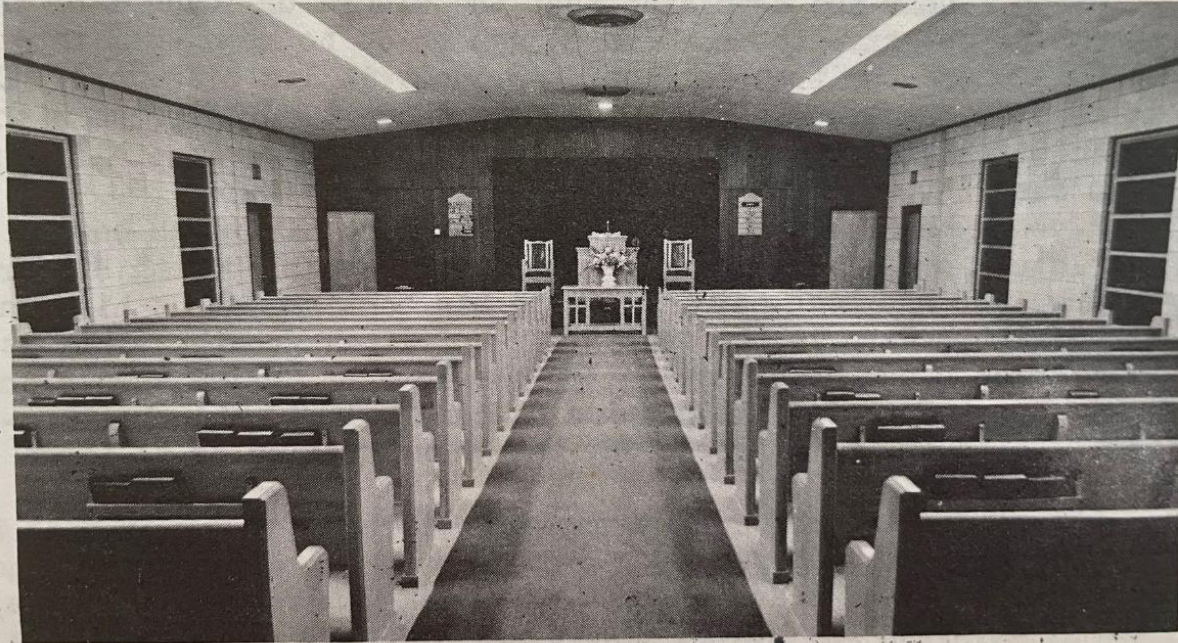
**Several children
pictured outside
the building.
You can see
Paul Eubanks in
front of the
window.**



In 1959 property was bought on Lancaster Road. It now serves as our fellowship hall.

Pine Castle Porter

Jn. 10:3 *"To him the porter openeth . . ."*

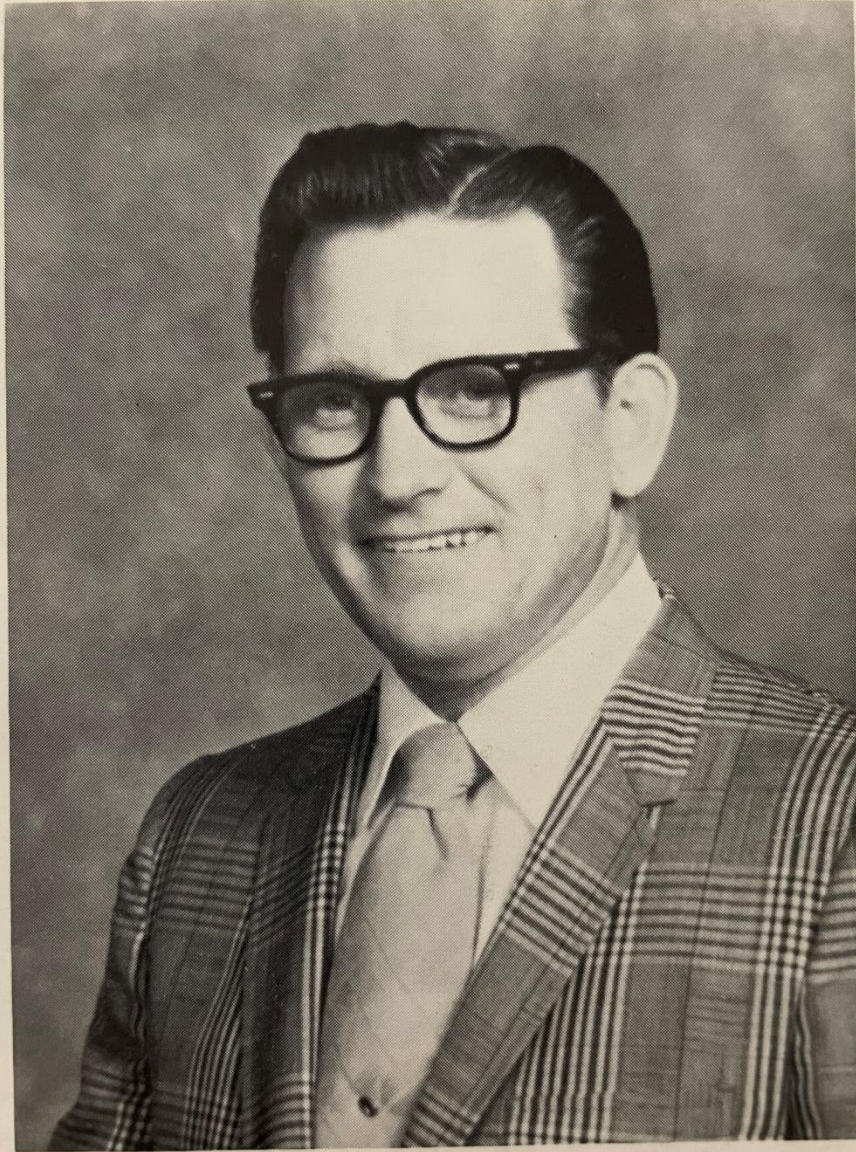


CHURCH OF CHRIST

The interior of the original building (now the fellowship hall and used for the Haitian worship services). The baptistery was located in what is now the hallway leading to the restrooms.

The first service at the new building was on Mother's Day 1960. Brother Bill Hunt had been preaching at the location on Orange Avenue and continued working at the new building until sometime in 1961. He was followed by John Beasley 1961-1964 and Steve Kepley from 1964 to the summer of 1966.





CHARLES D. WRIGHT

In September 1966, Brother Charles Wright began work with the church and he continued until 1978.

The church grew and on April 11, 1971 had a record attendance of 291. With these crowded conditions the decision was made to have two services and eventually a new building was erected in the summer of 1978. Open house for the new building was held on December 3, 1978, with an attendance of 289.



Paul Eubanks, Evangelist

About this time Brother Wright went to the Kissimmee congregation to work, and in the intervening years several Godly men filled the pulpit. In June 1989, one of our own, Brother Paul Eubanks, returned and began part-time work with the congregation. He eventually assumed full-time responsibilities in December 1989.



Glenn Newton became the minister in July 1998. In December that year the congregation celebrated their 50th anniversary.

- In 1998 a group of brethren from Haiti approached the congregation looking for a place to hold worship services in French Creole. The group's first minister was Miguel Jadis (several of his children are still worshipping at Pine Castle and his son, Rhone, serves as our current youth minister). Miguel was followed by Serge Vilarson as minister. Serge is currently in Haiti working to establish a new congregation.



Serge Vilarson

**The early 2000's were
productive years at the
congregation.**

**Bill Weaver served as the
minister for ten years and
helped the congregation get
deeply involved in the work
at Central Florida Bible Camp.
The youths that attended as
campers during the Weaver
years are still with the
congregation today and help
make up our very involved
young adults.**



Today the Haitian brethren have several capable men to lead in their worship services. Among them is Alex Antenor. He is the first of our Haitian immigrants to serve as an elder at Pine Castle.



- **Brother Weaver left to be the minister at the Pompano Beach Church of Christ and Nathan Wheeler was selected to be the next minister. Nathan and his family worked with the congregation for 7 years.**



- **Dan Wheeler, Nathan's father, serves as the current minister of the congregation.**



Ministers List – page 1

- **L. B. Chastain** **Tent Meeting, 1948-1950**
- **10 Men Shared the Pulpit from Florida Christian College and Mt. Dora Children's Home and Bible School 1950-1957**
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- **Arlen Kearce** **First Full Time 1957-1958**
- **Don Stidham** **1959-1960**
- **Bill Hunt** **Mother's Day 1960-July 1960**
- **John Beasley** **August 1960-July 1964**
- **Steve Kepley** **August 1964-July 1966**
- **Charles Wright** **August 1966-July 1978**
- **Steve Bastin** **August 1978-July 1979**
- **Michael Stone** **October 1979-April 1980**
- **Joe Cross** **July 13, 1980-October 1985**

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- Ray Peters Feb. 26, 1986-April 12, 1987
- Bob Spurlin August 1987-July 5, 1989
- Paul Eubanks December 1989-August 1992
- Jimmy Hill April 1993-January 15, 1995
- Robin Dickerson July 1995-February 1998
- Glenn Newton July 12, 1998-May 2001
- Bill Weaver October 7, 2001-2011
- Nathan Wheeler 2011-2018
- Dan Wheeler 2018-Present

Elders

- Joe Norwood
- Newell Banta
- Dick Rodgers
- Fred Bogle
- Bob Tritt
- David Sloan
- Ray Radford
- Charles Wright
- Lloyd Bush
- Tony Sloan
- Glenn Halladay*
- John Bryant
- Carl Watson*
- Alex Antenor *

***Currently Serving**

Lloyd Bush



*Brother Bush served as an elder from
March 1973 until his death
in December 2022 (over 49 years).*



Pine Castle Church of Christ

Building as seen from Lancaster Avenue today

- **This history project was a joint effort over several years. Sister Lois Babbitt did the most of the work for our 50th anniversary. Photos and text were added more recently by Dwayne Babbitt and Carl Watson.**
- **A PDF File is available on our website if you have further interest.**