

The church now meets in Madison, Tennessee. This church assisted in the organization of Olmstead Baptist Church.

On Sunday, August 25, 1957, a group of 46 people, ministers, and deacons of the Fatherland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee met in Olmstead, Kentucky for the purpose of organizing an Independent Baptist Church. Bro. W.W. Miles served as Moderator and Elizabeth Burton, clerk of the Fatherland Baptist Church, served as Clerk. Motion was made and carried that the following become members of the Fatherland Baptist Church by statement:

The Constitution and Articles of Faith were discussed by Bro. W.W. Miles and motion made and carried that they be adopted. The New Hampshire Articles and Church Covenant were adopted. The Church voted to affiliate with the American Baptist Association.* Motion was made and carried that the members listed above become a separate Independent Baptist Church known as the Olmstead Baptist Church, Olmstead, Kentucky, and that their names be taken from the roll of the Fatherland Baptist Church.

Hoyt Chastain (72)
President, 1959-1960

Bro. Hoyt Chastain was born May 20th, 1914, in Jonestown, GA. The family moved to Akron, OH when he was 11, and then to Oklahoma when he was 14.

He was saved October 3, 1929, in Plainview Church. He surrendered to preach in February, 1930. He was ordained in 1933 and his first pastorate was at Ft. Cobb, OK.

Bro. Chastain moved to Little Rock and was one of the first students in the Missionary Baptist Seminary on opening day, October, 1934. He completed five years and earned his Doctorate Degree in Bible Languages.

He married Ruby May Veazy on Sept. 15, 1935 in Bryant, AR. Three children were born to this union: Hoyt, Joyce, and Bennie.

While attending the Seminary he was pastor of the following churches: Antioch at Conway; New Home near England; Guy; First Baptist, Bryant; Mt. Pleasant, Cabot, Taylor and Corinth, near Magnolia.

After finishing school he was called to County Avenue Baptist Church at Texarkana. After pastoring County Avenue for fifteen months, he served as an A. B. A. Interstate Missionary for almost one year. He was then called as pastor of Langdon Street Church, Somerset, KY.

In December of 1944 he moved back to Little Rock and set up the print shop he had brought from Kentucky at the Missionary Baptist Seminary.



In October, 1945 Second Baptist Church in Malvern called him as pastor. During his fifteen years in Malvern, he also assisted Bro. Bogard in the radio ministry from Del Rio, TX.

Bro. Chastain left Malvern and moved to Norwalk, CA where he pastored thirteen years. He resigned and with twenty-two members organized a church in Bellflower.

During his fifteen years in California he served as Vice President and instructor at California Missionary Baptist Institute.

In January, 1975 he resigned both school and church and accepted the Central Church in Gulfport, MS. While there he drove to Theodore, AL to teach at the Gulf Coast Baptist Institute. He stayed there fourteen months, then resigned and moved to New Home Baptist Church in Wetumpka, AL in April, 1976. For 3.5 years he commuted 217 miles to Theodore to help with the school. He served as registrar and dean.

In August, 1979 he moved to Theodore and became full-time dean. In January, 1980 he became president of the school and continued to teach three classes.

In March, 1981 the Waterview Church, Richardson, TX called him as pastor.

From 1994 to 1997 he was president of the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute at Marlow, OK and served as pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church for ten months.

Bro. Chastain served as moderator of the following associations: Cumberland River Association in Kentucky, State Association of Arkansas, Mississippi State Association, Alabama State Association and Central Texas Association. He was President of the American Baptist Association in 1959-1960 and served with past presidents in revising the Articles of Faith. He was also president of the A. B. A. of Theological Schools for fourteen years.

He helped start the graded Sunday School system that was adopted by the A. B. A. He has conducted 78 public debates, and has edited and published **The Baptist Informer**, **The Midnight Hour**, **Baptist Digest**, and **Sword and Trowel**.

He went home to be with the Lord on September 26th, 2007, in Malvern, AR. God gave Brother Chastain over ninety-one years of life on this earth.

James Elbert Hollingsworth (73)

Vice President, 1954

Bro. Hollingsworth was born at Frost, TX on May 1, 1897. His parents were Herbert Barney and Alma Hollingsworth. Bro. Hollingsworth married Verna Lee Boyd at Hopewell Church, Navarro Co., TX on May 27, 1922.

Their children were Dorothy Sue Madden, born Oct. 18, 1925; James Elbert Hollingsworth, Jr., born June 8, 1931; and Harold Dean Hollingsworth, born December 14, 1934.