

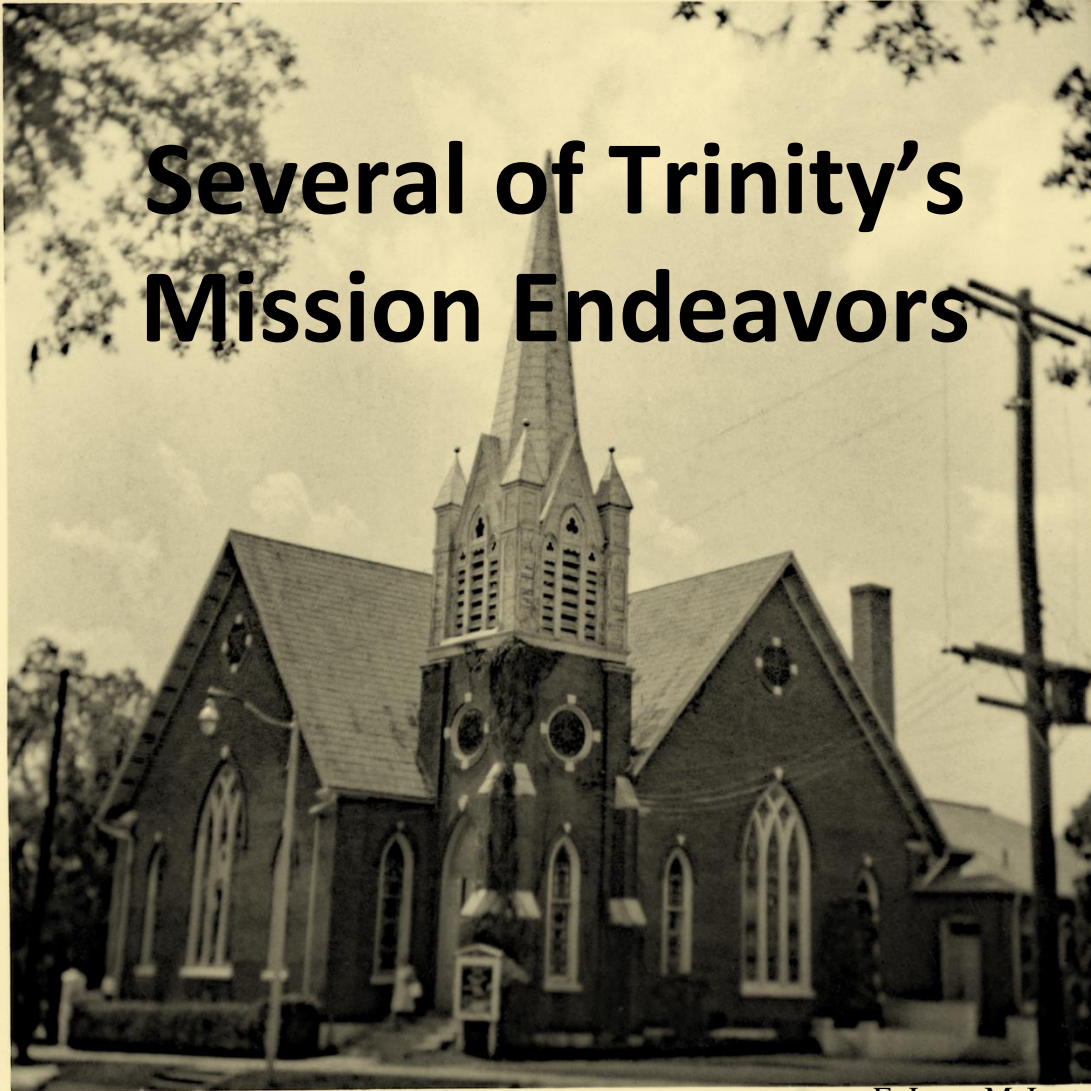
Missional Outreach

By Lynn McLarty

**Presented at Trinity United Methodist Church
Tallahassee**

October 4, 2017

Several of Trinity's Mission Endeavors



E. Lynn McLarty
Lay Academy Presentation
October 4, 2017

Trinity's Mission Churches

1853 St. James

1908-1916 South Boulevard

1908-1913 Magnolia Heights

1927 Wesley Foundation

**1944 Southside (Mashburn, The Rock, Ray of Hope,
New Life)**

1947 Tallahassee Heights

1952 St. Paul's

1960 John Wesley (combined effort with St. Paul's)

1963 Calvary

1965 Gray Memorial

1969 Killearn

1987 Killearn Lakes (later Deer Lake)

Source: Trinity United Methodist Church *Tallahassee's First Church 1824-1999* Edited by Linda H. Yates, p. 75. Mr. Frank Moor stated that by 1964 there were six other active Methodist Churches in Tallahassee, all of which Trinity sponsored or partly supported.

METHODIST CHURCHES

Welcome You To Worship

CALVARY

2145 West Pensacola St.
Orvis J. Stevenson, Pastor
Worship Services
10:45 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Jr. Senior M.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

TALLAHASSEE HEIGHTS

3004 Mahan Drive
Richard M. Sprague, Minister
Worship Services
11:00 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
MYF Meetings 6:00 P.M.

TRINITY

Downtown Park and Duval
Ministers Geo. A. Foster and
J. P. Floyd, Jr.
Worship Services
8:30 A.M.—11:00 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
MYF 6:00 P.M.

GRAY MEMORIAL

Old Bainbridge Rd. at
Youpan Rd.
Norman Booth, Minister
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 11:00

SAINT PAULS

1700 N. Meridian Rd.
Ministers R. E. Rutland, Jr.
and E. Keith Ewing
Services of Worship
8:45 A.M.—11 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Church School 9:45 A.M.
MYF 6:00 P.M.

JOHN WESLEY

On Old St. Augustine Road
Danny E. Morris, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Services
11:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.
MYF (Snack Supper) 5:30 P.M.

WESLEY FOUNDATION FSU MINISTERS

Rev. Auston Holladay
Rev. Dick England
Sunday Services
705 West Jefferson
11:00 A.M.
Married Students Fellowship
Village Recreation Hall
9:30 A.M.

SOUTHSIDE

So. Monroe at Laura Lee Ave.
George B. Owen, Jr., Pastor
Worship Services
11:00 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Church School 9:30 A.M.
MYF Jr. 5:30 Sr. 6:00 P.M.

Brief Exposure to a Few of our Mission Churches

~~1908-1916 South Boulevard~~

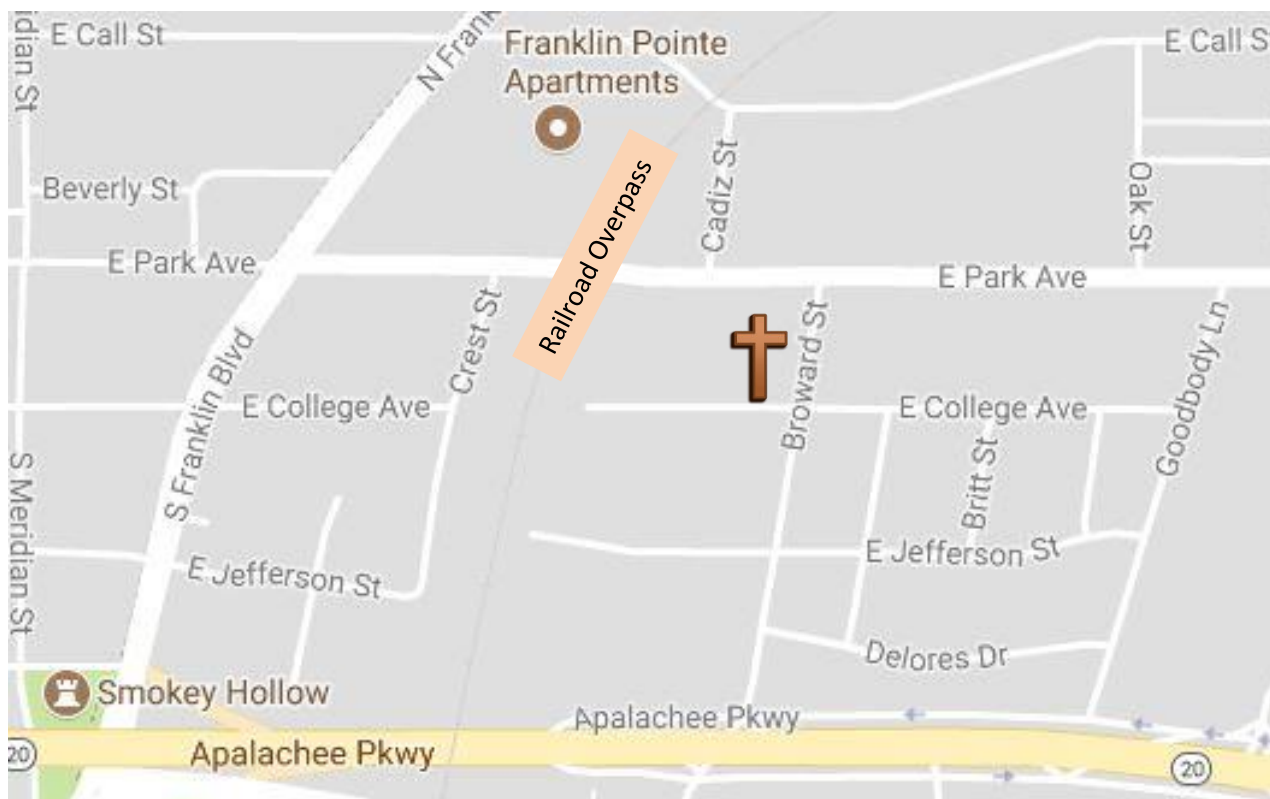
1908-1912 Magnolia Heights

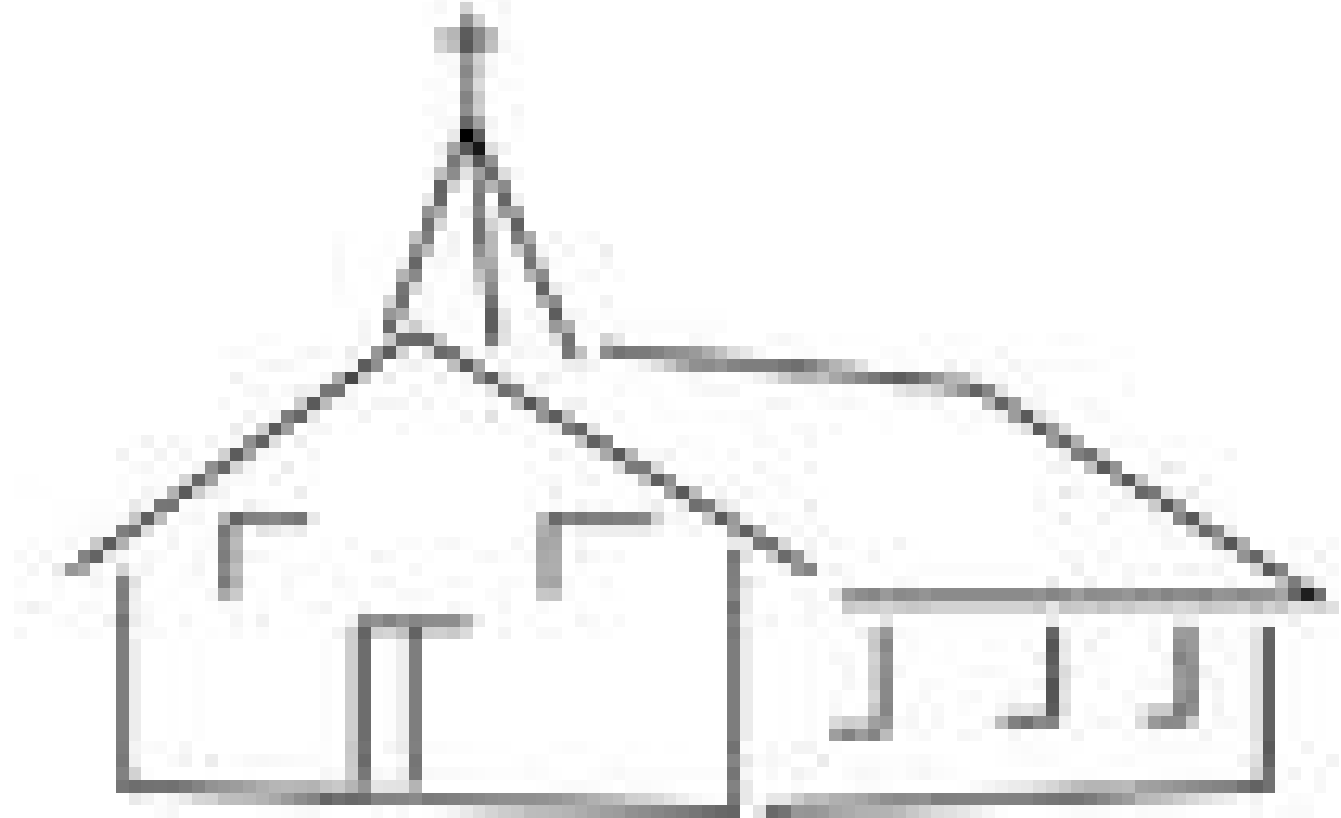
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Hope, New Life)

~~1947 Tallahassee Heights~~

1963 Calvary

1908-1913 Magnolia Heights





No Known Photo of Church

Opening the City to the East

29 LOTS FOR SALE
IN THE WELL-KNOWN
**Eastman's Sub-division of
Magnolia Height's Addition**
TO TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

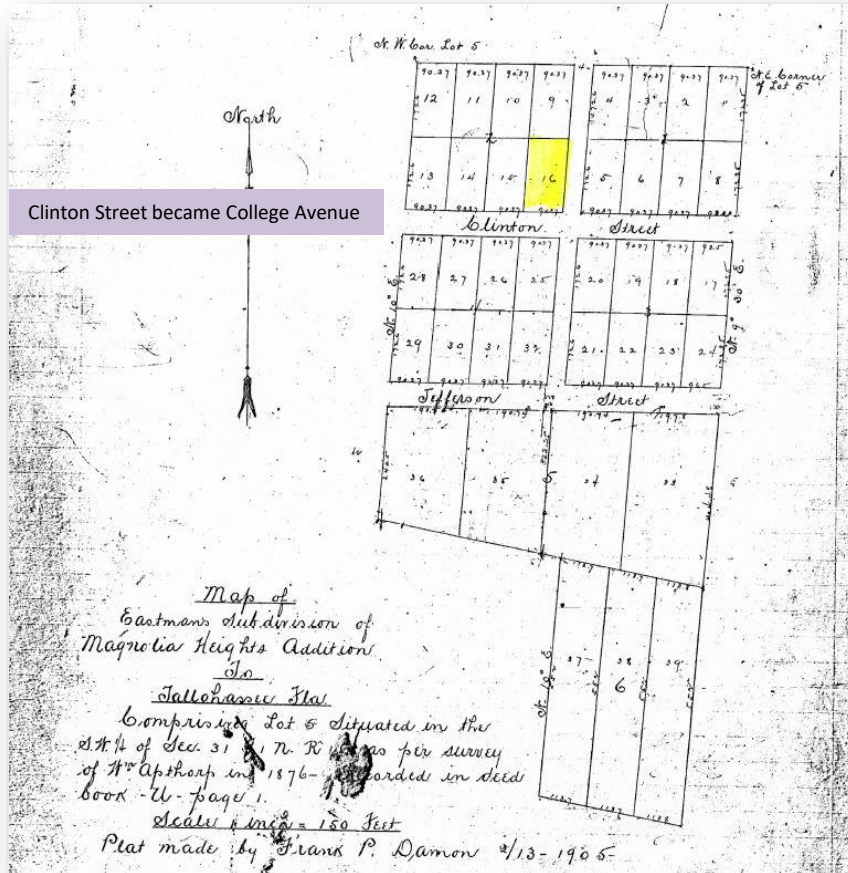
These Lots are being offered to the public for a very short time, and at an exceedingly low figure. They are all well located, high and dry, and within five minutes' walk of the center of the city. We would especially urge anyone wanting a Suburban Lot to call and see us at once.

J. T. BERNARD & SON,
Real Estate Agents.

Source: *The Weekly True Democrat* Friday, March 8, 1907

Eastman Subdivision of Magnolia Heights Addition 1905

Lot 16



Source: Leon County Deed Book KK p.597



Photo by E. Lynn McLarty

Purchasing Property Leon County

Deed Book NN, pages 546-547

Know All Men By These Presents: That John H. Humphress and Mary L. Humphress his wife, of Tallahassee, Leon County, in the State of Florida, in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars, payable as follows: Seventy Five Dollars, donated by said parties to Magnolia Heights, M.E. Church So, and Twenty five dollars in cash to us in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, and released and by these presents do, grant, bargain, sell, release, and convey unto John H. Humphress D.D. Cureton, Paul T. Nicolson, William P. Byrd and Ira S. Paterson as Trustees of the Magnolia Heights Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Tallahassee, Leon Co. Fla., and their successors in office, as from time to time appointed according to the laws and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and under and pursuant, to the laws of this State, all that tract of land situated in Leon County, and State of Florida, and described as follows to-wit: Lot Sixteen (16) Block Two (2), Eastmans Subdivision of Magnolia Heights Addition to the City of Tallahassee Fla., according to plat made by Frank P. Damon, Feb 13th 1905, recorded in Deed Book "K.K" page 597, of the records of Leon Co. Fla. To Have And To Hold the said premises above described together

John H. and Mary L. Humphress
to Magnolia Heights M.E. Church, South

\$100 \$75 back to Church

Lot 16, Block 2
Eastman's Subdivision

June 11, 1908

payment ~~payment~~ of the unpaid purchases money. The said grantors do hereby bind thier heirs executord and administrators, to Warrant and forever defend, all and singular, the said premises unto the said trustees of the Magnolia Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Tallahassee, Leon Co. Florida. their successors and assigns, against every person whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof, And the said grantor and his wife, the said Mary L. Humphress doeth hereby waive and relinquish all right of dower and homestead in and to said premises. In Testimony Whereof, The said grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this eleventh day of June A.D. 1908.

n.E. Bassett.
H.T. Felkel.

John H. Humphress.
Mary L. Humphress.

Seal
Seal

On motion the Conference tendered
Bro Jno H Humphreys a moving vote of thanks
for lots donated to the Church at Magnolia
Heights
Adjourned with benediction by
Bro J E Wilson
J E Woodward Sec

Source: Trinity QCM Special Session May 20, 1908

property, and it is in very good condition
Material for the construction of the Magnolia
Heights Church has been ordered and the
foundation is being laid

Source: Trinity QCM December 9, 1908

Have baptized Estel Blackburn
daughter of A B & F B Blackburn.
The Church Building enterprise at Mag-
nolia Heights is progressing. We hope
to get in building before next
Quarterly Conference. The money is

Source: Trinity QCM January 12, 1909

Announcing in the newspaper services at the three local white Methodist Churches

Methodist Roster.

Trinity, Methodist—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock by Rev. I. S. Patterson, the pastor. Intermediate and Junior League—3 p. m. Senior League, 4 o'clock. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will preach a sermon on Home Missions. Come and hear him. Prayer meeting, Wednesday night, 7:30.

Boulevard Methodist—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. E. Woodward, pastor. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Magnolia Heights, Methodist—Preaching, Friday evening, 8th, at 7:30, by Rev. I. S. Patterson.

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**Remarkable Reasons For Duels.**

Colonel Montgomery was shot in a duel about a dog, Colonel Ramsey in one about a servant, Mr. Featherstone in one about a recruit, Sterne's father in one about a goose, and another gen-

Source: *The Weekly True Democrat*, Friday, October 8, 1909 p.2

# Beyond the bricks and mortar!



Bathing Suits, Caps and Shoes.--- Levy Brothers

# The Weekly University Library Democrat

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1913.

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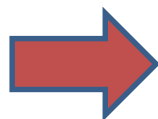
Good Government; Honesty in Public Office; Equal Justice to All--Special Privileges to None.

## SEVERE WIND STORM STRIKES CAPITAL CITY

### Incidents of the Storm

A heavy brick coping fell through the roof of the store of Walker & Black, and into the store below, dangerously near F. J. Black, one of the proprietors.

The Magnolia Heights Methodist church was completely demolished.



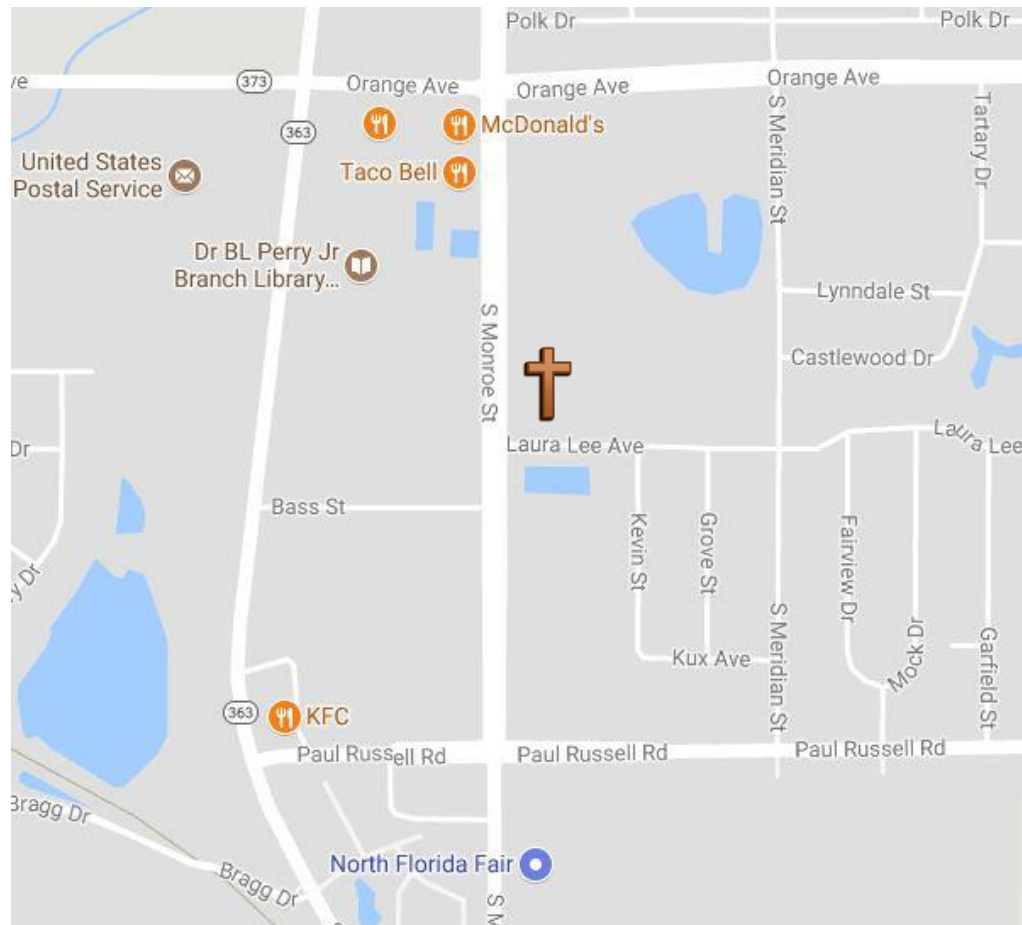


# Selling Property back to Humphress family

## December 30, 1913

X This Indenture, made <sup>36</sup> this thirtieth day of December A.D. 1913, between D.D. Cureton, John W. Humphress, Paul T. Nicholson, William P. Byrd and Ira S. Patterson as Trustees of Magnolia Heights Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Tallahassee, and their successors in office of the County of Leon in the State of Florida, parties of the first part and Thomas S. Humphress, of the County of Leon, in the State of Florida, party of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty and no/100 Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, and sold to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of Leon, in the State of Florida, to-wit: Lot numbered sixteen (16) of Block Two (2) of Eastman's subdivision of Magnolia Heights Addition to

# 1937 Southside





- J. M. Mashburn
  - Woodville resident
- 
- Fall 1937 began as a Southside Sunday School
  - Spring 1938 extended into Sunday night services and mid-week prayer meetings
  - Met in private homes.
  - Used tent after acquiring lot for building

# 1941 Trinity Quarterly Conference Minutes (loose document)

Report of Southside S.S.  
June 1940 to June 1941.

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Total amt recd. | \$455.49 - 14¢         |
| " " Paid out.   | 428.24                 |
|                 | <u>27.25 in Treas.</u> |

Contributed to Warlike Service \$28.28-  
" " Orphanage \$25.11

This is included in amt recd.

Enrollment 57      27 20 10  
Average attendance 37

Number recd in church - Southside 3.  
names - Mrs. Whitaker.  
Margaret Whitaker  
Lillian Perry.

Mrs. M. Maxburn Sec. - Treas.

## Trinity Quarterly Conference Minutes:

- May 10, 1944—for five years Trinity has given financial aid to the Woodville Road Congregation (Southside). The District Superintendent is organizing it into a separate Church to be known as Mashburn Memorial (This was soon changed to Southside on the insistence of Mr. Mashburn).

# Tallahassee Democrat April 22, 1945 p 12

**Southside Methodist Church**  
Rev Moody Booth, Pastor  
Southside Methodist church will begin a series of gospel services Sunday evening at 8:30. Rev Claud M Haynes, pastor of Trinity Methodist church will be the preacher. The services will be held in a tent which has been erected on the new church lot just north of Capital City Motor Court on the Woodville Highway.

Southside Methodist church grew out of a Sunday School which was started about six years ago by Mr and Mrs J M Mashburn and sponsored by Trinity Methodist church. It has been a fully organized church since 1944. Rev Moody Booth is the pastor. There is a growing membership and an excellent church program carried on. A new church building will be erected as soon as materials are available. A beautiful lot has been secured, plans for the building have been drawn, and several thousand dollars made available.

The tent meeting will include a service of gospel singing and preaching each evening at 8:20, and a Bible Story and play period for the children each afternoon. A cordial invitation to attend and participate is extended to every one.



Rev. Haynes from  
Trinity



Services held in a Tent on the Church Lot



Also known as Suddath's Tourist Camp



Started as Sunday School by  
J.M. Mashburn in 1937

# New Church Is Proposed By Members of Southside Church

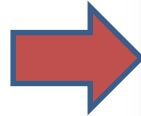


**PROPOSED CHURCH**—This is an architect's conception of the front of the proposed \$12,000 Southside Methodist church for which the ground will be broken at 3:30 this afternoon on the site about two miles south of the city on the Woodville highway. Half of the one-acre tract was donated by Mr and Mrs George H Suddath, owners of the Capital City Motor Courts.

# Methodists Get New Building for Southside

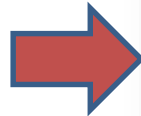
**Dale Mabry Chapel**

Note wording *surplus*



1948 South City School

1956 Became Leonard A. Wesson



*Tallahassee Democrat*  
March 9, 1947 p13

The Southside Methodist church soon will have its own gleaming white building situated on a pine-covered hill south of the city.

Rev M A Shaw, pastor, said yesterday the church has acquired a surplus chapel from Dale Mabry field and a lot on the east side of Woodville highway near Sud-dath's camp for its location. The new Southside school also will be in the vicinity.

A basement will be dug for location of class rooms and the chapel will be moved at an early date, Rev Shaw said. After the church is in its new location, it will be renovated, painted white and the grounds will be landscaped, Shaw added.

At present, the Southside Methodist congregation is utilizing a dwelling for church activities.

# ***Tallahassee Democrat June 13, 1948 p8***

## **Shaw to Give Last Sermon**

Rev Murdock Shaw, who has been the pastor of Southside Methodist church and Woodville Methodist church for the past two years, will conduct his farewell services at Southside Sunday.

At the recent session of the Florida Methodist Annual Conference in Miami, Rev Shaw was given a new appointment in Jacksonville.

He and his family will leave on Monday for Jacksonville, where he will begin his pastorate at the Glen Myra Methodist church.

The services at Southside Sunday will be at 11 a m and 8 p m. Rev Shaw's topic for the morning message will be "Courage to Forget."

During his pastorate in Tallahassee Rev Shaw has led his congregation in a building enterprise. One of the chapels at Dale Mabry field was purchased, taken down, moved, and rebuilt. He superintended the work.

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Note wording *one of the chapels*

# Trinity Quarterly Conference Minutes:

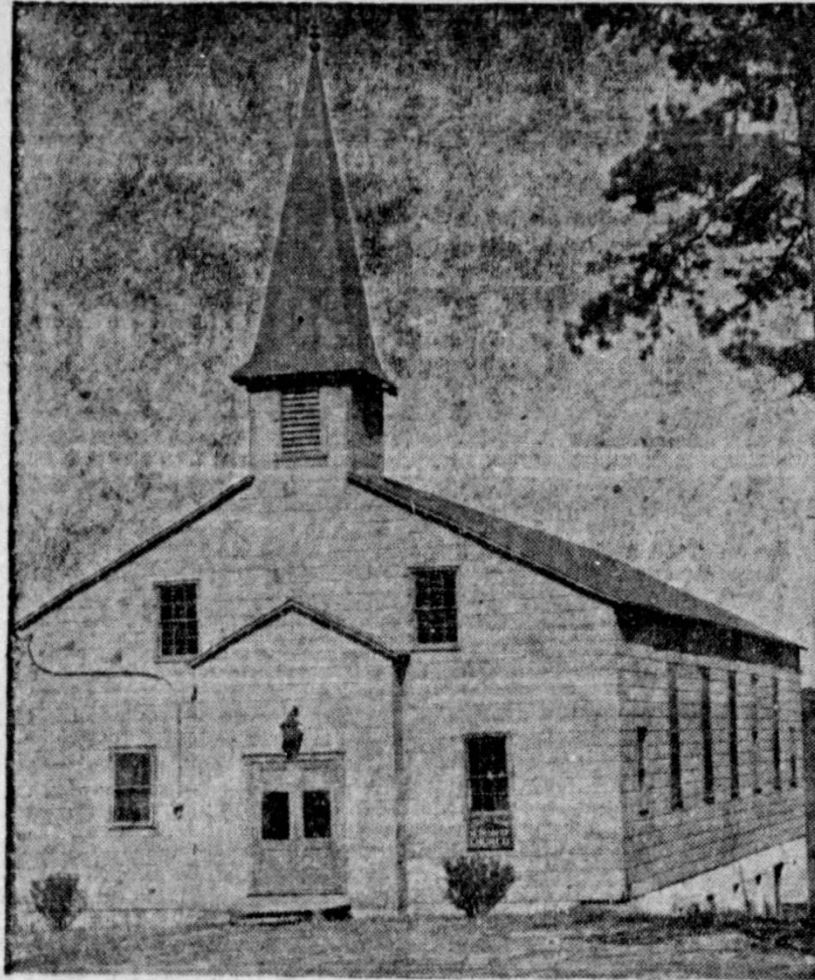
April 28, 1948—Trinity gave \$3,500 to  
Southside on their Building project.

In 1948, Trinity was in the midst of constructing a new Educational Building. Our Church however had resources to help The Southside Church.



SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1950

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**CHURCH DEDICATED**—The Southside Methodist church shown above will be dedicated by Bishop Roy Short today.

# Southside Methodist Restores Old Chapel

A new church on an old foundation is now underway at Southside Methodist Church, at South Monroe and Laura Lee Streets.

Included in the reconstruction are plans for reroofing, installing new windows, adding brick veneer to the entire exterior of the building, remodeling the interior and adding a larger, more stylish front porch and entrance. New pews have been installed.



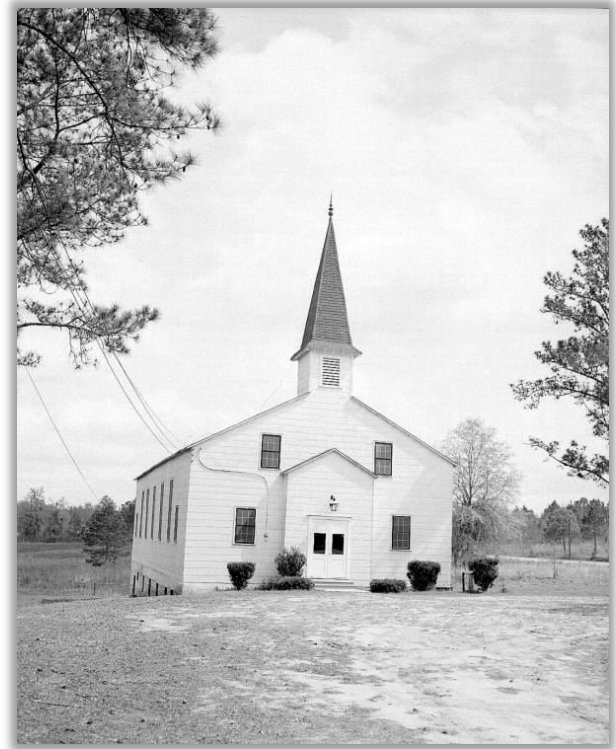
**New Look Proposed for Southside Methodist Church**  
... Renovating old chapel on South Monroe

## Chapel 2



Source: Florida State Archives Memory Project #TD00144B States this is the **Westminster Presbyterian Church Building** being moved from the Dale Mabry airfield (West Campus to Murat Street). Photo taken June 20, 1957. Photographer Russell Yoder (1921-2005).

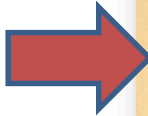
## Chapel 1




Source: Florida State Archives Memory Project #RK0418. Photographed March 14, 1956 by Benjamin L. (Red) Kerce (1911-1964).

Two Chapels at Dale Mabry:  
Southside Methodist 1947  
Westminster Presbyterian 1957

Note : Chapel #2



  
UNITED STATES ARMY

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

This certifies that on the  
SEVENTH day of FEBRUARY  
in the year NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR  
LT. JAMES LE ROY MALONEY  
and  
MARGARET FRANCES LILL  
were united in matrimony by me at  
CHAPEL # 2 DALE MABRY FIELD according to  
the laws of the State of FLORIDA  
Hiley E. Hill c.s.B.  
Chaplain, The United States Army

Witnesses  
Rud. M. Klobba  
Lt. George J. Richardson

The Westminster Church was organized in  
February, 1954, meeting in *the* old Army Chapel  
at Dale Mabry Field

Tallahassee Democrat March 5, 1954



# 1956 vs 2017



Source: Florida State Archives Memory Project #RK0419.  
Photographed March 14, 1956  
by Benjamin L. (Red) Kerce (1911-1964).



Photograph E. Lynn McLarty

# Named change to **The Rock**

- 1979 Tom Harrison, Administration Board Chairman, asked his fellow workers at FSU what could be done to increase the interest and participation in the Church's services. Overwhelming responses were "Change the name".
- 1981 Named changed to The Rock United Methodist Church

# Beyond the Bricks and Mortar!

## **The Rock Closes**

- Tom Harrison says that in the mid 1990's The Rock became financially unable to continue as a viable congregation. The dynamics of the neighborhood had changed and many of the old members had died. Doors to the church were closed. The organ, the pulpit, and the chairs behind the chancel were taken to the Chaires UMC. Congregants took their memberships predominantly to Chaires, John Wesley, and Calvary.

...  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 24, 1998**

## **INSIDE**

**SOAPS:** Lila goes  
into labor while trapped  
in an elevator on  
"Another World." **3**

### **New church has barbecue**

Ray of Hope United Methodist Church, 2821 N. Monroe St., invites the community to a barbecue today, from noon to 3 p.m., to meet Pastor Calvin J. McFadden and members of the church. Ray of Hope, a new African American United Methodist church, will open its doors in February 1999.



## Ray of Hope celebrates a church first in Tallahassee

Calvin McFadden, pastor of Ray of Hope United Methodist Church, and members will launch the first-ever predominantly African-American United Methodist congregation in the Tallahassee District on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to this historic event. Ray of Hope Church is at 2821 S. Monroe Street.

*The former Ray of Hope United Methodist  
has a new leader, fresh paint and, now, New Life*

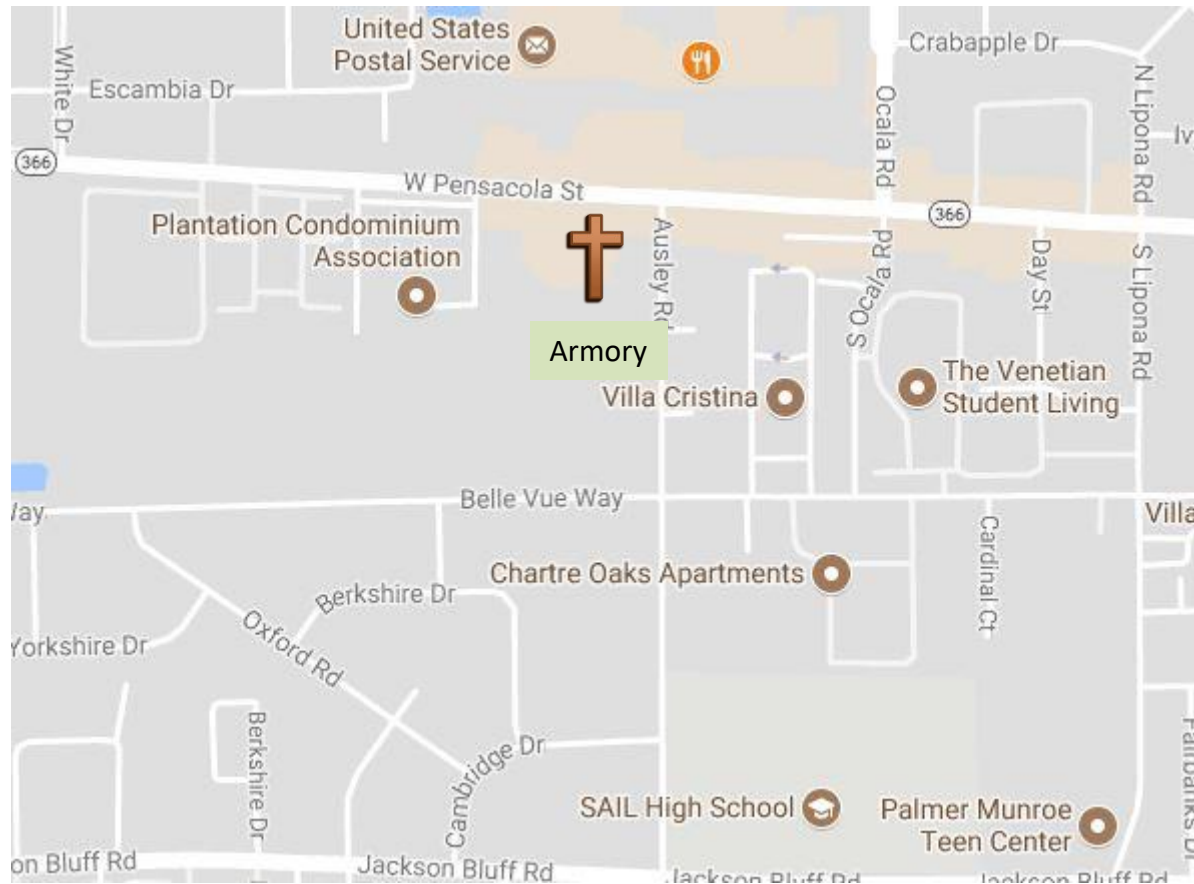
For the past 10 months, the Rev. Barbara Awoniyi's charge has been to rebuild the once-thriving Ray of Hope United Methodist Church. At one point, membership had eclipsed 800. In October, though, it nearly dissolved when former Pastor Calvin McFadden broke his affiliation with the United Methodist Church to create an independent church a few blocks north.

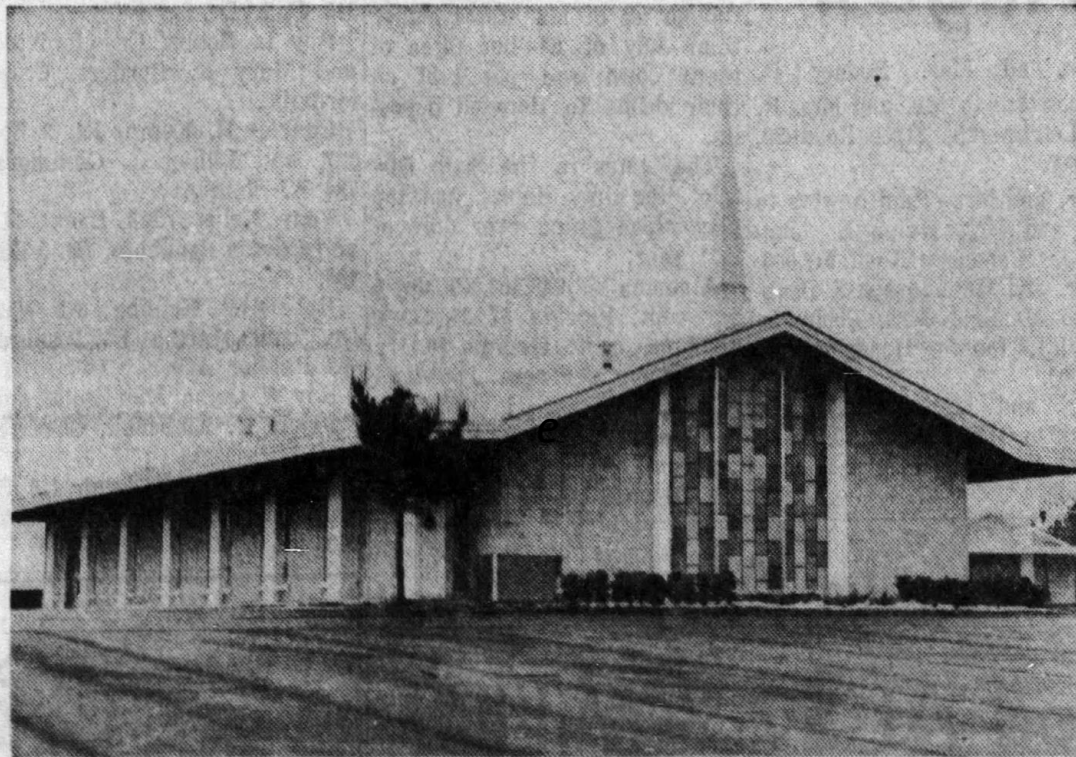


Photograph E. Lynn McLarty



# 1963 Calvary





**Old and New Aspects of Church Architecture**  
... blend in style of Calvary Methodist

*Source: Tallahassee Democrat August 28, 1965 p6*

# **Church Organizer**

## **Reverend Orvis Jackson Stevenson**



Source: Tallahassee Democrat November 9, 1963, p6

In **1962**, District Superintendant R.C. Holmes had a vision of a Methodist Church on the west side of Tallahassee.

In June **1963**, Rev. Holmes asked retired minister (just completed tenure at Miccosukee Methodist Church) Rev. Orvis Stevenson to evaluate the need for and to organize a new church body on the west side of Tallahassee.

Beginning in July, **1963**, Reverend Stevenson, along with energetic laypersons, made house-to-house visits.

September 8, **1963**—With the gathering of 183 people, the first service for the newly formed church was held in the cafeteria of the Caroline Brevard School.

April **1964**--With the purchase of five acres on West Pensacola Street, work began on the construction of a sanctuary and Sunday school building.

November 1, **1964**—First service in new building for Calvary Methodist Church.

In a Zoning Petition to the City of Tallahassee Commission, Attorney John Folsom represented an Investment group, headed by Roy McGahagin. The group of 29 business and professional men purchased 52 acres of the old airport land in about 1960.

Folsom stated that the group planned to sell about five acres next to the Whiddon armory to a Methodist Church.....

Source: *Tallahassee Democrat*, Wednesday, April 10, 1963, p 10



# Late 1963 Rev. Stevenson



Scrapbook at Calvary Methodist Church

# Guest Preachers

## CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. R. C. Holmes, Superintendent of the Tallahassee District of the Methodist Church, will preach the 10:15 a.m. service. The evening service at the church at Caroline Brevard School will be 7:30.

Source: *Tallahassee Democrat*  
Saturday, October 10, 1964 p7

## CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH

At the 10:15 a. m. service the Rev. Orvis J. Steverson will preach. At the 7:30 p. m. service, Dr. Jack Anderson, former pastor at Trinity Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher.

Source: *Tallahassee Democrat*  
Saturday November 28, 1964 p6

# First Service November 1, 1964

Tallahassee Democrat

Saturday  
October 31, 1964



**CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH**—This church at its doors for its first service Sunday. The one-year-old church's 307 members have been meeting at Caroline Brevard School. The sanctuary seats more than 350, and an educational wing, not shown, has 10 rooms. The church cost \$83,000. The Rev. Orvis J. Steverson, the pastor, will conduct the opening service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School will be at 9 a.m.

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# Beyond the bricks and mortar!



# Dale Mabry Airstrips



Pensacola Street



Source: Florida Memory Project  
Florida Archives #N042086



At Consecration Service

# Pilot Who Died In Crash To Be Honored By Church

Source: *Tallahassee Democrat*  
Saturday, June 12, 1965 p9

## DM Officer Dies In Plane Crash

Cornish Is Killed  
Right After Take-Off

Flight Officer James F Cornish, 21, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was killed in the crash of a P-51 right after the take-off at Dale Mabry field late Friday, the base commander said.

Field officials said the plane apparently developed engine trouble and the crash occurred when the pilot attempted to land from a low altitude.

The crash was about 200 feet from the field and occurred at about 5 p m.

The widow lives here. The next of kin, Cornish's father, F L Cornish of 224 Parkwood drive, Kalamazoo, has been notified.

Source: *Tallahassee Democrat*  
June 24, 1945 p8



Added by: [dfr](#)



Added by: [Deb](#)

**FindAGrave**  
James Frederick Cornish  
1923-1945  
Riverside Cemetery  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Mabry Field.

On June 20—almost the exact date 20-years later — the new Calvary Methodist Church will be consecrated in memory of the flier—Flight Officer James F. Cornish of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The location of the church building, at the corner of Ausley road and Pensacola street, was kept clear as an approach to the east-west runway of the airfield during World War II training. Lt. Cornish, making a routine training flight, crashed on the exact spot where the church is located. He had just taken off on another runway, developed engine trouble and was trying to make an emergency landing when he crashed.

Mrs. Frank Cornish Jr., mother of the pilot, will attend the consecration service. Her husband died last December. She has two other children, Dr. Frank Cornish and Mrs. Robert L. Steinman, both of Kalamazoo. Mrs. Steinman plans to drive down with her for the services.

A plaque memorializing Flight Officer Cornish will be attached to the church building. The services will be at 10:45 a.m. on June 20.

**In 1963-1964, Trinity was in the midst of constructing our new Sanctuary Building. Once again, our Church had resources to help establish Calvary Church.**

**Magnolia Heights--vision from within Trinity**

**Southside--vision from layperson**

**Calvary--vision from District Superintendant**