

# Homecoming Celebration Established 1945

October 13, 2024

Welcome Announcements Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn	<i>This is the Day</i>	
Congregational Hymn	<i>To God be the Glory</i>	
Choir Special	<i>Tell Somebody</i>	
Special Music		Lynelle Christy
Congregational Hymn	<i>When We All Get To Heaven</i>	
Congregational Hymn	<i>What a Day</i>	
Fellowship Hymn	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	
Tithes and Offerings		
	Celebrating Our History	
Special Music		Marilyn Bass
Congregational Hymn	<i>It is No Secret</i>	
Choir Special	<i>How Great is Our God Medley</i>	
Congregational Hymn	<i>I Stand Amazed in the Presence</i>	
Special Music		Jean Backfisch
Message		Dr. John Boone
Invitation Hymn		
Benediction	<i>Please Join Us for a Pot Luck Lunch</i>	



## Welcome to Homecoming

### OUR BEGINNING

In February 1945, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, residents in the Mayport community had a vision to establish a Baptist church. It became a mission of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville Beach and met in the Mayport recreational center and in the homes of members.

On March 22, 1945 Mrs. Stella Murphy held a meeting in her home and the first officers were elected for the newly established mission. Attendance for the first Sunday School was 33, with 43 in worship.

On April 8, 1945 a meeting was held to discuss building plans for the new mission. A plot of land was given by Mrs. Carole Bradford. The name "Wonderwood Baptist Chapel" was selected for the mission. Work began on the mission May 18, 1945 and occupancy began the third Sunday of November.

On May 4, 1952 under the leadership of Rev. Harold Allen the chapel was chartered as a church with 102 members.

During the pastorate of Rev. Earl Wall (1959) the navy base purchased the Wonderwood property and the church moved to its current location on Mayport Road. The Mayport Road property was purchased for \$18,000. It was on November 11, 1959 (by church vote) the name was changed from Wonderwood Baptist Chapel to First Baptist Church of Atlantic Beach.

Thank you for joining us today as celebrate 79 years of serving the Atlantic Beach and Mayport communities. We pray you receive a blessing as we worship the Lord together.