

## **Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Fraser Memorial was founded in 1925 as a chapel of First Pres in Sumter. They met in a school before constructing a building in 1929 at the northwest corner of Manning Avenue and Maxwell Avenue. In 1951 they were organized as an independent congregation. The new church was completed in 1972, and a fellowship hall was added in 2007. The old church was demolished around 2014-2015, and the entire property (including that portion of Maxwell Avenue) was obliterated to construct the new Exxon at the corner of Manning & Pocalla.

Prior to 1951, pastors were on staff of First (Sumter):

1925-1929: John Miller Wells

1929-Jul 1931: William Hartin Stevenson

Spring 1932: Frank Hayward Sells (Baptist student)

Fall 1932-1940: William Hartin Stevenson

1941-1942: John Edward Talmage

1944-1947: Harold Thomas Bridgman, Sr.

1947-1949: Edgar Bert Wilkinson

1949-Jan 1954: Leighton Wilson Warren, Jr.

Jul 1955-Mar 1959: Henry Lide Reaves, Jr.

Nov 1959-Apr 1961: Robert Barron Dunbar

1961-1963: Hubert Carroll Shelton (Interim)

Sep 1963-Apr 1970: Frank McGilvary Kincaid

Jan 1972-Oct 1973: Russell Littlejohn Strange, Sr.

May 1974-Aug 1977, Feb 1979-May 1994: Robert Marion Gant, Jr. (from 1977-1979 served as chaplain at State Hospital in Columbia; uncertain who supplied during this period)

Jun 1994-Oct 1995: Harry Wayne Wynn

1995-Nov 1997: Cliff Hill McLeod, Sr. (Interim, died in office)

May 1998-Jan 1999: Howard Kee Johnston (Interim)

Mar 1999-Sep 2007: Michael C. "Mike" Baynai

Feb 2008-Apr 2011: Paul W. Abell, Jr. (Interim)

2011-2013: Charles R. "Chuck" Staggs, Jr. (CRE)

Jun 2013-May 2014: Christopher "Chris" Scott

Aug 2014-present: Charles R. "Chuck" Staggs, Jr. (CRE)