

Churches I Have Pastored

Ronald Willard Wolfe — 1944 -

Ephesus Baptist Church — Crab Orchard, Kentucky



The first church I pastored is Ephesus Baptist Church located in Crab Orchard, Kentucky. At the time I began pastoring this church, I lived in Lexington, Kentucky, and had to get up early Sunday morning in order to get to the church for Sunday School. I usually picked up three or four children and took them to church with me. A few times I put them in the choir and had them to sing for the church. They were a blessing. We shall never forget those times. The people at Ephesus were very nice to me. I went to a member's house every Sunday for dinner (lunch to you city people). In the afternoon I would study and sometimes take a short nap. In good weather the children I took would play outside;

otherwise, we would just stay in the house and talk and entertain ourselves one way or the other. I pastored here for two years: from 1968 to 1970, at which time I moved to Falmouth, Kentucky, to live with my mother after my father passed away. I remained as pastor of the church for about two months after I moved to Falmouth. The drive was simply unreasonable, since I had a full-time job. I resigned at Ephesus in the late summer of 1970.

Riverview Baptist Church — Berry, Kentucky

The second church I pastored is Riverview Baptist Church in Berry, Kentucky. This is nearby where I lived when I was living with my mother in Falmouth, Kentucky. I began to pastor here in 1972 shortly before I was married on September 23, 1972. In fact, it was just about two weeks before I married Shirley Maddox when I began to pastor this church. This is a small country church, and I had a good pastorate here. Not long after becoming pastor here, Shirley and I moved into the house just behind the church building. Our first son, Donald Scott Wolfe, was born while we lived here. I worked at Griffin Industries, Inc., in Butler, Kentucky, while we lived here and while I pastored this church. The drive to work every day was lengthy, but God was good; and my old cars made it most days. In those days I did not pay more than \$300 or \$400 for a car. After leaving this church in 1974, Shirley and I moved to Clarksville, Tennessee, where I worked for Bible Baptist Church, Bible Baptist Academy, and Clarksville Baptist College. We were there (Clarksville) for five years, and our other two boys, David and Chris, were born while we lived in Clarksville. I worked in Clarksville, Tennessee, from 1974 to 1979.



Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church — Chesapeake, Ohio



The third church I pastored is Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Ohio. I was called to this church while I was working in Clarksville, Tennessee. I had a wife and three little boys when we left Clarksville, Tennessee, to live in Chesapeake, Ohio. We left Clarksville in 1979. I pastored the church in Chesapeake for three years, 1979-1982. We had a good ministry there. I led the choir and sang in a quartet that I organized while there. The church really liked music. We had the Bluegrass Boys quartet to come a few times and sing. While I was there, the church built a fellowship hall, and we enjoyed our monthly dinners, area-wide church fellowships as well as wedding receptions. In the

building is a small room with a bed where a missionary can sleep and shower. There is also a kitchen for the missionaries to use as well as the church. This is the church where Bro. T. P. Simmons was pastor several years before. Also, Bro. Willard Pyle was pastored there for many years. I am privileged to have pastored where two fine preachers of the word of God have pastored. Several people were saved while I was pastor of this church, and the youth went to Mountain View Baptist Camp in Monticello, Kentucky.

First Baptist Church — Harrison, Ohio

The fourth church I pastored is First Baptist Church of Harrison, Ohio. My family and I came to First Baptist Church, and I began to be their pastor on August 2, 1982. Bro. Berlin Hisel was their previous pastor, and he had gone to Lexington, Kentucky, to teach at Lexington Baptist College. This church had three previous pastors: Bro. Charles Ashcraft, who started the work in 1948 and was pastor for over 15 years, Bro. Don D. Williams, who was here only about 3 1/2 years, and Bro. Berlin Hisel, who was pastor for over 15 years. My youngest son, Christopher Wolfe, was starting Kindergarten when we came to the church. We all remember that he had a cast on his arm from its being broken when he fell off the yard fence at Chesapeake, Ohio. Soon after we moved to Harrison, he had the cast removed. While here, the church started and ran a grade school and high school program. We had several of the children from the church who studied in this school, First Baptist Academy. We met in the office every day from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM with 5 1/2 hours of supervised study for the children. After graduating several of the students, and after a few of them moving away, we closed the school. The church also conducted classes as an extension school from Lexington Baptist College; then we began having classes under First Baptist Institute for those who wanted to study the Bible more deeply than they could simply by attending church. Bro. Rex Hensley, who was pastor of Addyston Baptist Church, helped me teach some of these classes for a while. At this writing it is 2010, and I have been pastor for 27 years. If the Lord carries my death or his rapture until August 2, I will be pastor for 28 years. To God be the glory!

