

Meridian was in the territory of the Alabama Conference until 1870.

The following is the best list of Presiding Elders and Pastors obtainable

<u>Year</u>	<u>Presiding Elder</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
<b>GAINESVILLE DISTRICT</b>			
1839-40	E. Calloway	Lauderdale, MS	William Howie
1841	Elisha Calloway	Lauderdale, MS	R. H. Herbert
1842	" "	"	John L. Sanders & Jesse L. Daniel
1843	William Weir	"	Jesse L. Daniel T. Armstrong
1844	" "	"	Peter Haskew Christopher C. Calloway
1845	" "	"	Varnum L. Hopkins W. J. Reaves
1846	" "	"	W. J. Reaves D. W. Lewis
1847	William Smith	"	W. M. Lovelady
1848	" "	"	J. M. Wells Edward M. Means
1849	" "	"	Alexander McBryde
1850	" "	"	Robert S. Finley S. Bernard Newman
1851	Elisha Calloway	"	Robert S. Finley W. E. M. Linfield
1852	" "	"	Thos. Y. Armstrong
1853	" "	"	Robert Y. Rew
1854	William Murrah	"	John W. Ellis, Jr.
1855	G. Schaeffer	"	Edw. Mc Means
1856	Thomas Y. Ramsey	"	Edw. Mc Means
<b>MACON DISTRICT:</b>			
1857	Thomas Y. Ramsey	"	Andrew J. Coleman William K. Towles
1858	" "	"	James L. Sampey
1859	" "	"	Junius E. Freeman
1860	Thomas C. Weir	Meridian Circuit	Leroy Massengale
1861	" "	Lauderdale	Alexander McBryde
1862	" "	Meridian Ct.	J. E. Newman R. Y. Rew
1863	J. E. Newman	Meridian Ct.	J. G. Rush
1864	James E. Newman	Marion & Meridian	(to be supplied)
1865	In Macon District of Mobile Conference James E. Newman, P.E.	Meridian Meridian Ct. Lauderdale Hosp.	to be supplied R. Y. Rew (Supernumerary) William Spillman (M.D.) Minister
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<b>MACON DISTRICT:</b>			

1866	Silas H. Cox, P.E.	Meridian Station	O. P. Thomas
1867	Silas H. Cox	Meridian	William E. Mabry

In 1868 the Meridian District was formed in the Mobile Annual Conference

1868	J. T. Heard, P. E.	Meridian	William E. Mabry
1869	J. T. Heard, P. E.	Meridian	J. Barker

In 1870 all the Mississippi churches that had previously belonged to the Alabama Conference went into either the Mississippi or the North Mississippi Conference, the latter conference and the North Alabama being organized that year.

1871-1873	William B. Hines, P. E.	Meridian	John A. Ellis
1874	William B. Hines	Meridian	Joshua T. Heard
1875	John A. Ellis, P. E.	Meridian	Joshua T. Heard
1876-78	John A. Ellis, P. E.	Meridian	Ransom J. Jones, Jr.
1879-80	Ransom J. Jones, Jr.	Meridian	E. H. Mounger
1881	Ransom J. Jones, Jr.	Meridian	R. D. Norsworthy
1882-1884	James A. Godfrey, P. E.	Meridian	R. D. Norsworthy
1885	James A. Godfrey, P. R.	Meridian	Warren C. Black, D DD
1886-1888	R. D. Norsworthy (Robert Selby, pastor, Meridian, West End in 1887 only.)	Meridian	Warren C. Black
1889	Robert D. Norsworthy P.E.	Meridian St.	Charles Green Andrews John D. Crymes, West End
1890	Thomas L. Mellen, P. E.	Meridian St.	Charles Green Andrews & B. M. Drake
1891-1892	Thomas L. Mellen, P.E.	Meridian, First Church	Charles Green Andrews

The name CENTRAL is used from 1893.

1893	Thomas L. Mellan, P. E.	Central	C. F. Evans
1894	Duncan A. Little, P. E.	Central	R. S. Woodward and
1895	Dan Scarborough Ransom J. Jones, Sr.	Central	R. S. Woodward (2)
1896	Ransom J. Jones, Sr.	Central	R. S. Woodward (3)
1897	Charles Green Andrews (1)	Central	H. Walter Featherstun
1898	Charles Green Andrews (2)	Central	H. Walter Featherstun
1899	Charles Green Andrews (3)	Central	J. M. Weems (1)

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1900	Charles Green Andrews (4) (Died during year and was buried in Magnolia	Central	J. M. Weems (2)

Cemetery in Meridian)

Beginning with 1901 1901	George A. Guice		J. M. Weems (3)
1902-03	W. W. Simmons		J. W. Lewis
1904-05	W. M. Sullivan		W. B. Lewis
1906-07	W. M. Sullivan		J. E. Carpenter
1908	Warren C. Black		J. E. Carpenter
1909-1912	William Henry Lewis		William H. LaPrade, Sr.
1913-1915	James T. Leggett		John R. Jones
1916	James T. Leggett		Herbert B. Watkins
1917-1920	George H. Thompson		Herbert B. Watkins
1921	Paul D. Hardin		Herbert B. Watkins Until death
1921-24	Paul D. Hardin		John Lloyd Decell
1925-26	Martin Luther Burton		Alexander F. Watkins
1927-28	Robert Selby - until death		Alexander F. Watkins
1928	Henry G. Hawkins		
1929	Henry G. Hawkins	Central	B. L. Sutherland
1930-31	Thomas J. O'Neil		B. L. Sutherland
1932-33	Thomas J. O'Neil		L. L. Cowen
1934	Otto Porter		L. L. Cowen
1935	Joseph A. Smith		T. M. Brownlee
1936-38	W. B. Jones		Joseph A. Smith
1939	W. B. Jones		J. H. Nicholson
1940-41	W. B. Jones		Roy H. Kleiser
1942-43	John Lambuth Neill		T. M. Brownlee
1944	Clyde Hubert Gunn		T. M. Brownlee
1945-47	Clyde Hubert Gunn		W. A. Tyson
In 1948 Annual Conference began meeting in June rather than December. 1948-53	J. W. Leggett, Jr.		M. L. McCormick, Sr.

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1953-54	J. W. Leggett, Jr.		Brunner M. Hunt
1954-59	Melvin J. Jones		Brunner M. Hunt

1959-60	Melvin J. Jones	Robert M. Matheny
1960-64		Robert M. Matheny
1964-65		John H. Cook
1965-68		Norman U. Boone
1968-72		David A. McIntosh
1972-76		John H. Cook
1976-83		John M. Case
1983-88		J. Willard Leggett, III
1988-92		Jack M. Loflin
1992-96		Larry Goodpaster
1996-2007		C. W. Nicholson
2001- 2007		James M. Harrison
Dec. 2007-Jan. 2008		Jack M. Loflin
Feb. 2008-Dec. 2009		David S. Price
Jan. 2010-June 2013		Robert E. Rambo
June 2013-		John M. Branning