



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMERON

After the Civil War most black citizens chose to withdraw their membership from the churches they had previously belonged to, which were led by whites, and form their own congregations. This church, now known as First Baptist Church of Cameron, was started in the early 1900's as a "brush harbor" meeting located on a hill near the Newby and McRae homes. Later an existing frame church (said to have been a Presbyterian church) was purchased under leadership of Rev. D. D. Siler and Rev. A. F. McCleaver, Sr. In 1968, under leadership of Rev. J. D. Lucas, Sr., the church building was brick-veneered and an education wing was added. Now the church has all modern conveniences and has services every Sunday morning. They now have a new communion set, a new altar set, a new keyboard, and an enthusiastic Christian Education department. A Memorial Garden has been created in the back of the church. As the Lord has prospered them they have improved their house of worship, and they face the upcoming century with resolve and enthusiasm for its mission.