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First United Pentecostal Church, 608 N. Main Street, Iuka, Mississippi 38852

The First United Pentecostal Church, located at 608 North Main Street in Iuka, Mississippi, was established in 1933 by Rev. A. D. Gurley. Although Rev. Gurley lived in Bemis, Tennessee, he came to northeast Mississippi and preached revivals in 1933, 1934, and 1935. These revivals were held on the corners of South Aberdeen Street and East Meigg Street, on Indian Creek Road, and on the east side of the Mineral Springs Park.

At some point in time, Rev. Gurley and his family moved to Corinth, Mississippi, which enabled him to come to Iuka on Sunday afternoons and hold services in the old Tishomingo County courthouse. The courthouse was also used for Sunday School. At other times, services were held in such places as the theater on the corner of Fulton and Eastport Streets, and in the homes of several of the church members. The church body became a member of the United Pentecostal Church, Inc., on February 18, 1935.

Because Rev. Gurley's tent revivals were so successful, the need for a permanent church building quickly arose. According to an article in *The Vidette (Iuka, Miss.)*, the land on which the church stands was purchased from W. W. Harris. Other sources contend that land was purchased from Mrs. Maggie L. Whitten on April 28, 1936, on North Main Street. An existing one-room church building was moved from Alabama to the site. Throughout the years, additions have been added to the building, and the facility has also been remodeled and refurbished. The church facility was dedicated on the third Sunday in August 1936. The church congregation purchased a parsonage in 1940. This property was purchased from Felix Irving and was located one block off of Main Street in front of Mrs. S. A. Copeland's home. At some point in time, the church built a parsonage adjacent to the church.

The first pastor was Rev. S. A. Bonds, and the first church facility was constructed under his supervision. Other pastors who have served the church down through the years are as follows:

Date	Pastor
1936	Rev. S. A. Bonds
	Rev. Marvin H. Hansford
	Rev. Nugent
	Rev. R. G. Jackson
	Rev. William A. Singleton
	Sis. Bessie Sparks
	Rev. J. D. Linstead / Lendsteadt
1952	Rev. Archie Lee Allen
1952-1956	Rev. James B. Davis (died serving as pastor)
1957-1962	Rev. Glynn David Craine
1962-1965	Rev. Billy Fell
1965-1970	Rev. Paul J. Hook
1970-1974	Rev. Noel W. Coker
1974	Rev. Billy King
1974-2004	Rev. Frank Williamson, Sr.
2004	Rev. William Lambert

[Source: The above information was obtained in part by John Hubbard's compilation published in *The Vidette (Iuka, Mississippi)*, July 4, 1957; and the article entitled "Church to Celebrate 70 Years of Ministry" that was published in *The Tishomingo County News (Iuka, Miss.)*, Thursday, August 17, 2006, on page 13.]