

Florida United Methodist Children's Home Over a Century of Ministry



🌀1896🌀

The Florida Annual Conference resolves to take steps to establish an Orphan's Home and appoints a committee of seven.



🌀1908🌀

Land characterized as "fine rich land" is purchased at a pleasing price from Miss Emma Tucker. The first two orphans come. Mrs. H. G. Brooks is hired as matron in charge.

🌀1914🌀

Diphtheria epidemic hits the Orphanage Home. No deaths are reported with a nurse and physician daily in attendance.



🌀1933🌀

The Orphanage avoids financial crisis but cuts salaries and must turn children away.



🌀1939🌀

Florida Methodist Orphanage gets a new name: "The Florida Methodist Children's Home." One hundred thirty-four children reported in care.



🌀1945🌀

One hundred former residents are rendering service to our country. Some are reported killed or missing in action. Five girls are reported attending college.

🌀1952🌀

Two boys receive local preachers' licenses and many children receive baptism in the Christian faith at the Children's Home.



🌀1960🌀

The Children's Home is represented at the White House Conference on Children and Youth when Gov. Collins asks Rev. Bascom W. Carlton to attend as one of Florida's five representatives.



🌀1971🌀

The Children's Home merges with the Sarah Hunt Methodist Children's Home of Daytona Beach, becoming the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.



🌀1979🌀

Roland Memorial Chapel is constructed and begins ministering to the children in care.



🌀2002🌀

Foster Care and Adoption Services begins serving Volusia and Flagler Counties.



🌀2007🌀

Independent Living and Emergency Shelter Care Program begins.

🌀2009🌀

Foster Care and Adoption Services expands to Orange/Osceola and Hillsborough Counties.



🌀2011🌀

Two new homes, the Sarah Hunt Home, and the Trish and Dan Bell Home, are built.



🌀2012🌀

Elizabeth Home opens to serve teen mothers