

**Rev. James W. Dancer**

Ordaining Presbytery: Madison Presbytery - West Tennessee Synod

Ordination Date: March 23, 1932

Churches Served: 1932 - Shinar CP ( New London, Iowa ), 1930's -1940's served several half time churches, such as First Church, Murfreesboro, Cloyd's, Mt. Juliet, Goodlettsville , West Side, Nashville, Bellevue, Arrington, Jerusalem, Smyrna; 1950 - 1958 Tusculum (Nashville), 1958-1959 First Church, (Huntsville, AL), 1959 - 1963 New Salem, (Arlington, TN), 1963 - 1966 First Church (Parsons, TN), 1966 - 1973 Mt. Vernon (Ramer, TN).

Offices Held: Served as stated clerk of Lebanon Presbytery (Nashville), stated clerk of Tennessee Synod, stated clerk of West Tennessee Synod.

Information provided by the donor: 1957, J.W. Dancer was pastor of Tusculum C.P. Church when the church was selected as the Town & Country Church of the year for the denomination. This award was based on the progress of building construction, community outreach/activities, and membership growth for the year. J.W. was high on a scaffold nailing sliding on the church when notified of this award. He was a "carpenter" as well as the preacher! Bro. Dancer was a pastor at heart. He also preached many revivals, always worked in church camps, and was an avid recruiter for Bethel. In 1960, he was responsible for 8 students enrolling at Bethel. Many students today still credit him for his encouragement and making a difference in their lives.

Endowment provided by: Gloria Dancer Jobe and Patty Dancer Little