Dr. William Allen Montgomery (1888-1892)

- Born: November 16, 1829 Jefferson County, TN
- Died: December 16, 1905
- Accepted Christ and baptized: 1843
- B.A., East Tennessee University (now University of Tennessee): 1850
- Admitted to the bar: 1851
- Married Miss C. E. Franklin: May 9, 1854
- Moved to Texas: 1855
- M. A., East Tennessee University: 1859
- Licensed to preach: 1862
- Served as chaplain in the C.S.A.: 1861-1865
- Returned to Tennessee: 1867
- Ordained as Baptist minister by Leadvale Church: 1868
- Honorary D.D. degree conferred by Carson College: 1870
- Honorary D.D. degree conferred by East Tennessee University: 1876
- Honorary LL.D. degree conferred by University of Tennessee: 1889

Corresponding Secretary of Tennessee Baptist Convention’s Board of Missions: 1877-1878
President of Tennessee Baptist Convention: 1881
President Carson and Newman College (also taught metaphysics and theology): 1888-1892

Led by future Governor Ben Hooper, students staged a mock wedding to symbolize the union of the male Carson and female Newman colleges: 1889
The Calliopean and Hypatian Literary Societies for girls are established: 1891
Classes are held in the massive new Administration Building: 1892
Pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, GA & President of the Pastors’ Conference of Atlanta: 1897-1903

Montgomery pastored several churches in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. He was well known as an effective evangelist and did much to unify Tennessee Baptists as Secretary of State Missions. He also served as associate editor of the *Tennessee Baptist* and Virginia’s *Religious Herald* and as staff correspondent of the *Baptist and Reflector*. He retired to Tennessee in 1903 two years prior to his death.