

**NEW EDUCATION-MUSIC DIRECTOR  
AT STANTON MEMORIAL CHURCH**



Stanton Memorial Church, Miami has called Hal Shoemaker as music and education director. Mr. Shoemaker comes from North Carolina where he held a similar position with the Mineral Springs Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Northside Church, Ruskin recently ordained Haynes Wilder as a deacon. Assisting Pastor Clyde E. Hall with the program were J. Earl Tarpe, pastor of New Orleans Church, Tampa, charge to deacons; Joe Olechea, pastor of First Church, Ruskin, charge to church; B. P. Wilder, father of the candidate, the ordination prayer.

**FIRST CHURCH, ST. PETERSBURG  
MARKS PASTOR'S 9th ANNIVERSARY**

On Sunday, Dec. 6, First Church, St. Petersburg, celebrated the ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Earl B. Edington.

In reviewing the progress over the past nine years, *The Messenger*, their weekly bulletin, gave the following statistics: 2,223 new members received; average Sunday school attendance 1952-53, 1,016; total budget for 1954, \$191,993.22. During this period the church purchased property north of their auditorium and erected the first unit of an educational building at a cost of \$325,000. The lower floor of the main building has been completely remodeled. Two new churches have been started, the St. Petersburg Beach Church (new self-supporting) and Northeast Park Chapel which is still a mission of First Church.

**W. A. RECTOR DIES IN CALIFORNIA**

Walter A. Rector, formerly a pastor in Florida (Homosassa Church in Alachua Association), passed away Nov. 22 at the San Mateo Hospital, Palo Alto, Calif.

Rector and his wife had an accident Feb. 4, 1952 which resulted in her death. After many months of hospitalization he seemed to return to normal health, but had a heart attack on Nov. 21 and died two days later. He is survived by his three children and three brothers.

First Church, Palmetto witnessed a gracious revival recently under the preaching of Dr. Leon Latimer, pastor emeritus of First Church, Greenville, S. C. There were 21 additions to the church. Ralph E. Gwin is the pastor

**FOR LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

First Church, Starke voted to give \$500.00 to the Lottie Moon offering from the general fund of the church. The idea was prompted by the program presented by the W.M.U. during the regular mid-week service as a part of the Week of Prayer, a portion of which program was the play "The Other Woman." The decision followed the giving by the women of their largest Lottie Moon offering so that total gifts will be nearly \$900.00. Gifts through the Cooperative Program are also in excess of amount given during the same period last year. Lewis D. Haines is the pastor.

**J. T. FANN, NEW PASTOR AT  
WILDWOOD CHURCH, IS ORDAINED**

On Sunday Nov. 15, upon request of Wildwood Church of Bartow, Main Street Church of Bartow ordained J. T. Fann, who has been called as pastor of Wildwood Church, to the gospel ministry.

Pastor W. P. Padgett was assisted in the program by C. M. Peacock, ordination prayer; C. H. Eiland, presented the Bible; George Crowell, charge to candidate and church; and L. O. Calhoun, sermon from Isa. 6:1-8.

The Council was composed of Pastors C. H. Eiland, Leonard Branton, W. W. Dossey, J. B. Coston, G. E. Crowell, Harrison Crews, Bascom Sutton, L. O. Calhoun, Coleman E. Bassett, C. M. Peacock, Charles A. Sutton, D. D. Townsend, Austin McElroy, James L. Horne, and Deacons G. B. Colding, W. H. Lane, J. C. Blocker, J. P. Whatley, J. T. Henderson, Angus McLeod, Alonzo O'Riley, J. M. Stephens, M. V. White, E. E. Bruce, Jr., M. E. Hammond, Herman Johnson, T. J. Owens, E. J. Ellis, G. E. Roberts, G. W. Mimbs, E. C. Joyner, H. W. Walker and J. E. Harris.

**CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 32nd ANNIVERSARY**

December 20, 1953 will mark the 32nd Anniversary of Seminole Heights Church of Tampa. This observance will feature: Inspiration, Fellowship, Recognition of Charter Members, Record attendances in Sunday school and Training Union, Dinner on the grounds and a special Building Fund Offering.

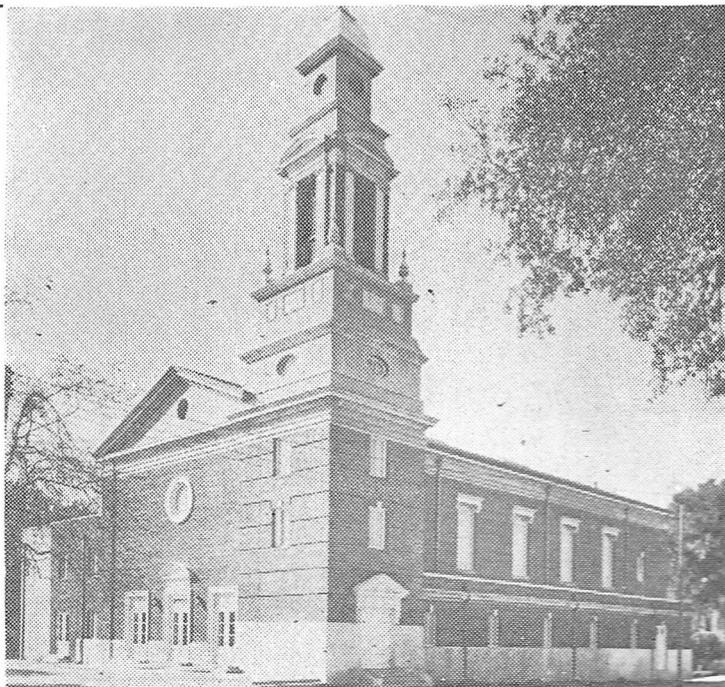
Seminole Heights Church was organized by J. L. Hampton, a State Missionary, on December 18, 1921 with 42 charter members. Organization was made possible by a gift of \$1,000 from the Florida State Mission Board. J. H. Snow was the first pastor. He served from Dec. 18, 1921 until Sept. 30, 1922 and was succeeded by R. P. McPherson, who led the church to become self-supporting Nov. 12, 1924.

A. W. Mathis became pastor Dec. 1, 1927, and served until Aug. 31, 1951. It was during his ministry that the beautiful sanctuary pictured here was built; other properties were also added. R. Cecil Moore, missionary to Brazil, who was home on furlough, served for three months as interim pastor during the latter part of 1951.

Thomas Dill Lide resigned his pastorate of Sans Souci Church of Greenville, S. C. to become pastor at Seminole Heights on Feb. 1, 1952.

During the past two years two additional houses and five lots have been added to the church property, and a mission building and four lots purchased. On Sept. 1, 1953 the church added Mel and Lucille Martin to its staff as minister of education and secretary. Church membership has grown to 1,431; Sunday school enrolment to 1,243; church budget is \$69,000 and property valuation has increased to \$300,000, plus the mission which is valued at \$8,500. The church sends the *Baptist Witness* to its entire resident membership.

More than 35 of its members have become full-time Christian



workers during the 32-year history of the church, and four couples have gone out as missionaries to the foreign fields.

The Building Fund Offering will initiate the building program for the first unit of a new educational building proposed for the coming year.

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