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# Rev. Thomas Pinner New Bunnell Pastor

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**BUNNELL**—Rev. Thomas Pinner has accepted the call to the pastorate of First Baptist Church assuming his duties as of Sept. 1, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. E. Whitford Ware. Rev. and Mrs. Pinner are natives of Jacksonville. He is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. E. L. Friedman and Mrs. Fred White were hosts to the 13 members of the Dorcas Sunday School Class at the Friedman home on Forsythe St. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hazel Holland was elected president, Mrs. Amorette Wells, vice president; Mrs. Fred White, social chairman; Mrs. Mildred Lewis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Carrie Alford, program chairman; Mrs. Lillian Harris, community missions chairman, and Mrs. Mary Smith, personal ministries.

At 3:15 p.m. tomorrow the GAs will be hosts to members of the

WMU in presenting a state mission program at the church. After this program the WMU will have a covered dish supper and another period of state mission study.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen are parents of a son, born Monday, Sept. 1 in Flagler Hospital, St. Augustine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis and daughter, Judith and Fern Allen, spent last weekend in Ocala and Silver Springs where he attended a barber's meeting.

Cynthia Cobb, daughter of William Cobb, left recently for an extended visit with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cobb, in Weatherford, Tex.

Mrs. John Jarosz returned Thursday from a three week visit with her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mroz, in Warren, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Mroz are parents of a 9 pound, 4 ounce son, Gregory Robin, born Aug. 6 in Warren. Mrs. Mroz is the former Roseline Jarosz of Bunnell.

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# Rev. Pinner Begins 8th Year As Bunnell Pastor

From Our Flagler County Bureau  
BUNNELL — Rev. Thomas

M. Pinner Jr. will begin his eighth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bunnell Sunday.

Rev. Pinner was born in Jacksonville and is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, and Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Bunnell church is his first

pastorate after graduation from the seminary. During this time he has also served as state speaker for Stetson and the Florida Baptist Children's Home, Lakeland, and has served on the State Missions Board and the state nominating committee of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Rev. Pinner's sermon topic for the Sunday service at 11 a.m. will be "The Sixth Commandment." The evening sermon topic will be "The Difficulty in Patience."

## Flagler Juvenile Shelter To Be

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THE new pastor at the North Hialeah Baptist Church, 5800 Palm Ave., is the Rev. Thomas M. Pinner Jr.

A native of Jacksonville who attended Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., he comes here from Bunnell where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church for seven years.

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The Rev. Mr. Pinner is married and has two children.

The church also has named Mary H. Culpepper director of religious education. She held a similar post at Allapattah Baptist Church. She is secretary of the Southeastern Religious Education Association.

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Chapel, Duval Funeral  
Homes, 10520 N. Florida  
Ave., with Rev. Dr.  
Thomas M. Pinner, Jr.,  
Seminole Heights Baptist  
Church, to officiate. In-

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ka Avenue, with the Rev.  
Dr. Thomas M. Pinner,  
pastor of the Seminole  
Heights Baptist Church, to  
officiate. Interment will  
follow in Myrtle Hill

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***Births***  
**PINNER**  
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas M.  
Pinner Jr., Bunnell, are the  
parents of a daughter, weighing  
7 pounds, 2 ounces, born at 4:35  
p.m. Saturday at Halifax Hos-  
pital.

Thomas McNeil Pinner Jr.  
October 30, 1931 – November 25, 2017

Dr. Thomas Pinner has finished his earthly work. He rejoices now with the One he has loved, studied, taught and modeled - a good and faithful servant for 86 years. He leaves the love of his life, Elnora his helpmate, support and dedicated wife of 65 years. He was deeply proud of his family and is survived by his son, Doug (Pamela) Pinner, daughter, Vivian (Jeff) Watson, and grandchildren; Felicia, Alex, Nicole and Christian, and his sister Violet Forgette, and many nieces and nephews. His genuine, honorable and principled life never waived. He truly loved others with the love of Christ. People felt it, knew it, and were changed by it. He had gifts of preaching, ministering, counseling and true friendship. Dr. Pinner's huge library reflected his pursuit of knowledge and his lifelong quest for information and understanding. He loved animals – especially cats, giving them unique names that fit their personality. He appreciated God's creation and was able to travel, seeing much of the world with Elnora by his side. He was born in Jacksonville, FL on Oct. 30, 1931; graduated from Landon HS, JJC (now JU), Stetson Univ. (B.A, M.A) where he served as a Trustee. M. Div. from Southern Seminary, D. Min. from Union Seminary, Richmond. He served as Pastor for several congregations; First Baptist Bunnell, FL, North Hialeah Bapt, FL, First Baptist Staunton, VA, and 17 years at Seminole Heights Bapt Tampa. After "retirement" he served two years at the IBTS, Prague, nine years as Minister of Pastoral Care, Bayshore Baptist, Tampa, and Interim Pastor at Hendricks Avenue - Jacksonville, College Park - Orlando and North Gate Baptist - Tampa. He was the best of what a man should be. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Bayshore Baptist, Stetson Univ. or CBF Lakeland FL Memorial Service will be held on Friday, 2:00 P.M., Dec. 1, 2017, Bayshore Baptist Church, 3111 Morrison Ave., Tampa, FL 33629. [www.BlountCurryCarrollwood.com](http://www.BlountCurryCarrollwood.com)  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/tampa-fl/thomas-pinner-7653148>



# HISTORY OF THE LADY LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

The exact date and details of the organization of the Lady Lake Baptist Church is not known. It is believed to have been organized in 1882, under the name of Equity Baptist Church, and was located about one mile East of the present location. Mrs. R. D. Mathews of Fruitland Park remembers a church of this name, at this location.

The present church auditorium was started June 10th, 1884. The late Mr. E. H. Reynolds made this notation in his diary dated June 10th, 1884, "today the first lumber was piled for building the church", but no further mention of how long the building was in progress. Mr. Reynolds owned a sawmill near Lady Lake and cut and prepared the lumber to build the church.

Through the years the records have been destroyed, and nothing is known of the early activities of the church, nor of it's first pastor. It is presumed that services were continued in the Equity Church until this church building was completed. When the name was changed, or when the building was first occupied is not known. However, from information obtained from the Organizational Minute of the Lake County Baptist Association it is known that the Lady Lake Baptist Church was included as a charter member of the Association coming from the Alachua Association with an enrollment of 30 members with J. H. Martin as Pastor.

For many years the church had only morning services on the first and third Sunday of each month. On October 19, 1947, the church voted to have two services on the first and third Sunday of each month. Rev. V. A. Higgs was Pastor at that time and his salary was \$40.00 per month. On December 26th, 1948, the church started having full time services. Rev. H. W. High was pastor and his salary was \$10.00 each Sunday.

The present pastorium was built about the same time as the church, 75 or 80 years ago. For many years it was the home of Mrs. L. N. Withers. Mrs. Withers deeded the house to the church for use as a pastorium after her death. In April, 1930, the church came into possession of the house and has been using it as a home for their pastors. Even though the house is old, it is quite comfortable.

An educational building, under the leadership of Rev. Bob Carnes, was started in May, 1957. This building is located just behind the auditorium and consists of eight class rooms, a pastor's study, kitchen (not complete) and two rest rooms. .

There is no complete list of the pastors who have faithfully served the Lady Lake Church, but have the following incomplete list:

No record-----1882-1923	Rev. W. P. Wheeler-----1941-1943
Rev. J. H. Martin-----1924-1925	Rev. L. B. Johnson-----1944
No record-----1926	Rev. J. W. Johnson-----1945-1946
Rev. R. J. Blackmon-----1928-1929	Rev. V. A. Higgs-----1947
Rev. L. W. Simmons-----1930	Rev. H. W. High-----1948
Rev. H. B. Reynolds-----1931	Rev. Eugene Baxley-----1949-1950
Rev. J. B. Webb-----1932	Rev. Hoke Shirely, Jr.---1951-1953
No record-----1933	Rev. T. M. Pinner-----1953
Rev. G. Brant-----1934-1935	Rev. George Painter-----1954-1955
No record-----1936-1938	Rev. Wayne Chastain-----1955
Rev. M. E. Brantley-----1939	Rev. Bob Carnes-----1956-1958
Rev. W. Lavender-----1940	Rev. Page Williams-----1958-1960
	Rev. Jack Rowland, Jr.--1960-