

"Ye Shall be My Witnesses." Acts 1:8

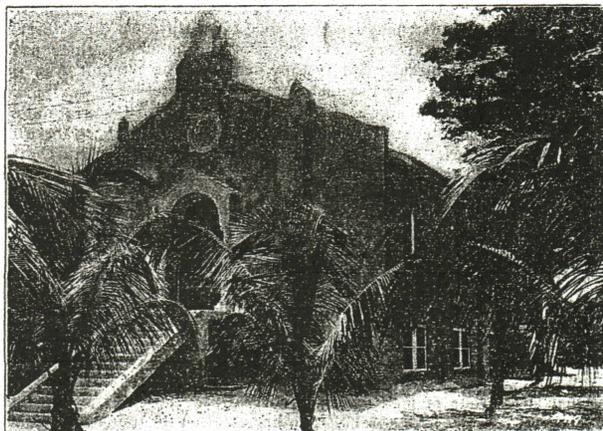
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STUART, FLORIDA

This church was organized in 1914 and shortly afterwards disbanded because of the World War. It was reorganized October 15, 1923. The first pastor was Rev. H. C. English. The second pastor was Rev. E. A. Burnette. The third pastor was Rev. U. E. Reid. The fourth pastor was Rev. R. D. Carrin and the fifth and present pastor is Rev. L. E. Thomas.

At a homecoming service on Sunday, February 27, the church joyfully paid off the last cent of its indebtedness. Pastor and people are to be congratulated.

Winter Park News
Mrs. Maud Thomas, Correspondent
Phone 441

WINATER PARK, Nov. 14.—First Baptist Church, Rev. U. E. Reid, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 A. M.; Men's Bible Class at Baby Grand Theater

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Baptist Church
The Rev. U. E. Reid, pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Church service, 11:00 a. m.
Subject: "The signs of the Times,"
or "The Second Coming of Christ."
Evening service, 7 p. m. Subject:
"The Lordship of Christ."

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Rev. U. E. Reid will leave the Baptist pastorate here the middle of this month. He said yesterday he will preach here two more Sundays.

ALFRED REID HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Alfred Reid, 8-year-old son of the Rev. U. E. Reid, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Reid, 119 North K street, entertained members of the Sunbeam class of the church in celebration of his birthday anniversary. The home was lovely with Halloween decorations and Japanese lanterns.

Mrs. W. C. Sentelle, counselor for the Sunbeams, had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Johnson. A story and Japanese children's songs were included in the program.

Refreshments of ice cream cones and suckers made in the form of witches' brooms were given to the guests. Alfred received a number of lovely gifts.

Attending were Mildred Martin, Sally Sentelle, Margaret McGowan, Naomi Preston, Margaret Harrod, Frank Eckert, Bob Eckert, Raymond Eckert, Louise Stafford, Helen Stafford, Betty Jane Griffen, Dickie Lane, Charles Bruce McIntosh, Carl Easton, jr., Patricia Goodman, Eleanor Goodman, Marietta Murphy, Mary Lumpkin, Margaret Payne, Mary Preston, Marijane Blosch, Judson Tittle, Neil Propst, Alfred Reid, Marion Reid, Melvin Reid, Mrs. W. C. Sentelle, Mrs. Johnson, and the Rev. and Mrs. Reid.

MRS. JENSEN HOSTESS

<p>GREENACRES COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor, Rev. U. E. Reid. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Preaching at 3. Sermon topic, "The Whole Family."</p>	<p>will sponsor a music ning at 8 o'clock at public is invited a fering will be take to be used for the c Vocal, piano, viol</p>
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Presides At Meeting



Rev. U. E. Reid, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lake Worth, presided over the two-day sessions of the Miami Baptist Association's annual gathering here. He was re-elected moderator at the closing session.

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cerne n A. and	THE CHURCH OF GOD —1015 So G St. The Rev. L. E. Stone, pastor. Services Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.	w W
IEN s 11	LANTANA COMMUNITY CHURCH —The Rev. U. E. Reid, pastor. Church and Sunday School, Oak St. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching service, 11 a. m.	bt E
5th Fr.	NORTH FEDERAL CHURCH OF CHRIST —720 N. Federal Hwy. Services	

First Baptist Church, Lake Worth

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REV. U. E. REID, Pastor

The First Baptist Church of Lake Worth, Florida, was organized March 28, 1920, in the Lake Worth Woman's Club building by the Rev. J. M. Walker, D. D., of Lexington, Ky. A large crowd was present—Baptists from nearby cities and other States. There were eleven charter members, namely: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Means, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Castor, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Speck, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Varney, Mrs. Caroline Hester, Mrs. Harry A. Murphy and Mrs. Earle E. Menges.

Meetings of worship were held in the Woman's Club building by the Rev. Walker until he was called to Kentucky in April. Dr. Robert H. Russell, then pastor of the First Baptist Church of Delray, Fla., was called as pastor.

Under the leadership of Dr. Russell a lot was purchased for a church. The church was begun August 24, 1922, with H. M. Varney, a charter member, as superintendent of construction. By a loan from the Home Board and funds raised by the membership and the work on the construction being donated by members and friends the building was completed under the able leadership of Rev. Fred E. Britten. The church was dedicated by Dr. S. B. Rogers March 23, 1924.

The W. M. U. was organized June 3, 1921, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Murphy. Mrs. Davis was elected president; Mrs. Varney, vice-president; Mrs. Means, secretary; Mrs. Murphy, treasurer; Mrs. Caroline Hester, mission study chairman, and Mrs. Geo. V. Castor, treasurer of the building fund. Through the untiring efforts of these ladies they assisted financially in the building and furnishing of the church.

The B. Y. P. U. was organized by the Rev. Fred E. Britten with Mrs. Britten and Mrs. Robert L. Speir as directors.

The building was constructed of tile and stucco.

The membership has increased all these years under the pastorates of the Rev. Rob-

ert H. Russell, Rev. Fred E. Britten, Rev. Oscar B. Harris, Rev. W. P. Wheeler, Rev. N. C. Compton, Rev. A. B. Cannady and the Rev. U. E. Reid, the present pastor. The membership now is 116.

The official board of the church consists of three trustees, Y. W. Means and Geo. V. Castor (having served since the church was organized) and C. C. Douglas; Mrs. Harry A. Murphy, church clerk (having acted as clerk since the church was organized); trustees, W. S. Eastman, H. C. McKay, Edward Proctor, W. E. Powell, G. S. Sanders, J. S. McGowan, T. A. Tittle, O. H. Harrison and L. P. Josenhaus; treasurer of the church, Edward Proctor; director of B. Y. P. U., W. E. Powell; superintendent of Sunday School, Edward Proctor, and president of W. M. U., Mrs. H. B. Blossch. This board is known as the Advisory Board of the church.

There is a harmonious feeling among the members and the visitors with the pastor. Average attendance of the Sunday School over 200; the B. Y. P. U. over 100, and the church well filled at the regular preaching services.

Progress is noted in the enlistment of the church through the church envelopes and the monthly giving to missions.

All families of the church receive the Florida Baptist Witness through the efforts of the pastor.

Although the depression has hit our city as it has many places and the church has felt it financially, under the Christian and brotherly leadership of Pastor Reid much good has been accomplished and the Lord's work has progressed in the First Baptist Church the past two years of Rev. Reid's pastorate and we are looking forward to another year's blessings.

Mrs. Harry A. Murphy,
Church Clerk.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LAKE WORTH

By Mrs. J. W. Means

LAKE WORTH, situated on the beautiful blue waters of the lake which bears its name, was incorporated in April, 1913. The founders were Colorado men and it reads something like a fairy tale to think they traveled down to Florida and selected a location for a townsite to which flocked people from all over the United States and Canada with the one common interest of building themselves a new home in the Sunny Southland.

A beloved citizen, Prof. Louis de Gottran, of those early days, made the following prophecy: "In my mind's eye I see a glorious future. On broad avenues lined with cocoanuts, autos speeding along to Okeechobee City, among rich plantations, where yesterday the wild Indian was daring Uncle Sam in the labyrinth of bayous and sawgrass. Pleasure boats of all descriptions plying on the great lakes, railroads, magnificent hotels, and exuberance of life everywhere."

As one of the pioneers I have watched with deep interest bungalows with all their tropical setting of shrub and flower take the place of palmettoes and pine thickets. From a few dozen in 1912 the population has increased to about six thousand.

The city taxes are reduced to a minimum by owning and operating the electric light and water plant, as this department charges only moderate rates for service and helps to finance the municipal government.

Being situated along the waters of Lake Worth and only a mile from the Atlantic Ocean the city enjoys a wonderful year around equitable climate. The average temperature is about 74 degrees. This is due largely to the effects of the famous Gulf stream flowing so peacefully near our community.

Citizens take great pride in the several parks. Another source of pride is the free public library located on the ground floor in the west half of City Hall, which is surrounded by spacious grounds artistically set with colorful beds of blooming flowers and the ever delightful tropical plants of many varieties.

There has always been a high regard for law and order as exemplified by the large number of civic organizations and the many churches representing almost every denomination.

The schools of Lake Worth are fully standardized, the High School being rated as Senior A school by the State Department of Education.

No city of its size on the East Coast has been more zealous in looking after the interests and cordially welcoming its quota of Northern guests.

In the town's central park, recently named Pioneer Park, the hall of early days is being replaced by a three-story auditorium which will cost \$70,000 when completed.

We as individuals as well as through organizations should guard with jealous care every good influence as well as to denounce the evil in the interests of the younger generation. These boys and girls now roaming our streets will be the citizens of tomorrow, and we should endeavor by precept and example to make the city of Lake Worth the best place on the East Coast of Florida. The best place not only commercially, but morally—the place where the golden rule turns sordid selfishness into righteousness. The place where the boy of today can point with pride and say, "There is where I learned to be a true and honest man." The place where each and every citizen is striving with courage and sincerity to make it in very truth—"The Wonder City."

Come, take that task of yours which you have been hesitating before, and shirking and walking around, and on this very day lift it up and do it.—Phillips Brooks.

When by yourself, watch your thoughts. When in the family, watch your temper. When in company, watch your tongue.

This, That, and the Other

W. A. SLOAN GOES TO MOUNTAIN PREACHERS' SCHOOL

Dr. W. A. Sloan, pastor of First Church, Fort Meade, for the past two years resigned his pastorate, effective August 27. Dr. Sloan has been appointed head of the Theological Department in the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School in Pineville, Ky.

The resignation was received with deep regret by the members of this church and the community. The church and the Lord's work have taken great strides under his leadership during his short stay in Fort Meade.

Pastor J. Earl Tharp, New Orleans Church, Tampa, has recently returned from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, where he attended the eight weeks' summer session. The church paid all of his expenses and furnished a supply, Dr. James S. West, in his absence.

Grover C. Henley, Jr., Stetson ministerial student, has accepted the call as pastor of Whitney Church, Leesburg. He has been preaching since he was 16 years old and gained his first experience in a mission of Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville.

Gretna Church recently completed an educational addition to their church at a cost of \$75,000. E. Forrest May is pastor.

MRS. MARY HELEN NORTON

Talleyrand Avenue Baptist Church has suffered a severe loss in the passing of Mrs. Mary Helen Norton, on June 22, 1950. She was an active member of the church for a long time. At the time of her death she was teaching a fine class of Junior girls, and was one of the Story Hour Leaders.

Her first love was for her church and it will be hard to fill her place.

Sincerely we will miss her in many ways. Her Christian influence will linger in the hearts of those she associated with. Certainly she was faithful to death.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones assuring them we share in their greatest loss, and we especially pray God's gracious and loving kindness in these hours of loneliness.

Be it resolved that one be sent to her family, one recorded in the minutes of the church, and one to the Baptist Witness.

Respectfully submitted,

Talleyrand Avenue Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Florida.

JOHN DURST ACCEPTS NEW ORLEANS PROFESSORSHIP

Mr. John K. Durst, Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Religious Education in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, announces President Roland Q. Leavell. He will be associated with Dr. John M. Price, Jr., head of the department of Religious Education there.

Mr. Durst is a native of South Carolina, a graduate of Clemson College and of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as assistant pastor and educational director in the South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, before going to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Durst will move to New Orleans early in August.

Greensboro Church recently purchased a new, completely furnished parsonage, valued at \$12,000. Greensboro also has a church building program underway. E. Forrest May is pastor.

Evangelist John L. Bray, Jacksonville, just closed a one-week revival with the Lower Macedonia Church near Chesterfield, S. C. There were 6 additions for baptism and 3 by letter. Rev. G. C. Caulder is the pastor.

C. L. ARBOETHNOT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our brother C. L. Arboethnot.

In deploring his passing, we realize our loss is his eternal gain.

Through his dim eyes the glory of God was evidently manifested, in that he so graciously enjoyed the worship services at Beulah Baptist Church.

Realizing the magnitude of God's Kingdom, Brother Arboethnot was greatly concerned, knowing the harvest was white with such a few workers.

We bow to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of this be placed in our church records, a copy sent to his daughter, and a copy be sent to the Florida Baptist Witness for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Butts, Chairman
R. Winemiller
M. M. Pate



Dr. James E. Southerland

Dr. James E. Southerland of New Orleans, La. has accepted a call as pastor of Avondale Church, Jacksonville. For the last three and one-half years, Dr. Southerland has been Registrar and a member of the faculty of New Orleans Seminary. Prior to this time, Dr. Southerland served as associate pastor of Eastern Parkway Church, Louisville, Ky., as pastor of First Church, Titusville, Fla., and Centreville Church, Centerville, Miss. During World War II he was an Army chaplain.

A native of Wauchula, Fla., Dr. Southerland attended Stetson University, Southwestern Seminary, and received the degree of Doctor of Theology from the New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Southerland is a native of Orlando, Fla. The new pastor and his wife have three children. They plan to move to Jacksonville this week.

U. E. REID PASSES AWAY

On Sunday, July 23, following a six-weeks' illness, at his home in Lantana, U. E. Reid, long-time pastor in Florida and neighboring states, passed away.

Ordained by First Church, Orlando, Sept. 15, 1915, his first pastorate in Florida after finishing Southern Seminary, Louisville, was in Winter Park, 1924-28. He also served churches in Moulton, Ala., Baton Rouge, La., and Stuart, Fla.

Coming to Lake Worth from First Church, Stuart, in 1931, he served as pastor of First Church there until March 30, 1947, during which time tremendous growth was experienced, the church debt retired, and a Sunday school annex built. He served for a year as pastor of the Lantana Community Church after moving to that neighborhood in 1947.

Brother Reid had been Moderator of the Miami Baptist Association and president of the Lake Worth Ministerial Association. At the time of his death he was a member of First Church, West Palm Beach.

Mrs. Reid and three sons survive. Another son, a bomber pilot in World War II, gave his life for his country when shot down over Berlin.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. T. Emerson Wortham, pastor First Church, Lake Worth, on July 26.

Digest of

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS REPORTS

received by Witness in recent days

CHURCH	Enr.	Ave.	Conversions	Mission Offs.
Clewiston, South Clewiston Mission	89	83		\$50.00
Greensboro	179	1623		
Mayport, Wonderwood Chapel	67	74		
Miami, Little River	233	251	69	\$77.47
Plant City, Springhead	222	187	13	\$12.50
Plant City, Youmans	112		5	