

This, That and the Other

Montverde Baptist Church Organized from Chapel



On October 4 Montverde Chapel, Montverde was organized into a church.

Pictured, from left, are: H. Clyde Harless, field secretary, Florida Baptist Convention; James F. Graves, pastor of First Church, Leesburg and moderator of Lake County Association; Rufus H. Kenney, pastor of Montverde Church, Clermont. Carter is presenting Kenney with the deed to the debt-free property of the new church.

Others who participated in the organizational service are: W. O. Boone, chairman of Missions Committee; W. R. Copeland, first chairman, Missions Committee; Larry Fussell, minister of music, Grace Church; and R. D. Smith, former chairman, Missions Committee.

Homecomings

On November 8 First Church, Babson Park will celebrate the second anniversary of Pastor Paul W. Murray with Homecoming. **C. L. Rhoden**, a former pastor, will preach at the morning worship service. A Gospel sing will be held after dinner on the grounds. Former pastors, members and friends are invited.

First Church, Jasper will close a week of revival services on November 8 with Homecoming. Assisting Pastor Sayer Canova with the services are Evangelist Bill Ligon and Singers Al and Ivy Walsh. Former pastors, members and friends are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Pinder, Southern Baptist missionary appointees, left the States October 21 to begin their first term of service in Argentina. They may be addressed at Bolanos 139, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Pinders are natives of Florida, he of Miami and she, the former Jane Hagood, of Crestview.

R. J. Johnson, Pastor of Marietta Church, Dies

Raburn J. Johnson, 47, pastor of Marietta Church, Jacksonville, died suddenly, apparently from a heart attack, on October 26.

Funeral services were held on October 28 at North Jacksonville Church with Pastor R. Wilbur Herring; Tom Collins, pastor of Cedar Hills Church; and James A. McKeithen, pastor of Highlands Church, officiating.

A native of Carrollton, Ga., Johnson had served a number of churches in Jacksonville, where he had lived for 28 years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ida Lee Johnson of Jacksonville; his mother, Mrs. W. E. Tackett, Carrollton, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Jean McCall and Miss Charlotte Ann Johnson; a son, Wayne Morris Johnson; a grandson, Keith McCall, all of Jacksonville; four sisters and two brothers.

Southeastern Alumni To Meet for Breakfast

The Florida Chapter of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association will meet Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 a.m. in the Corona Room of the Hotel Tampa Terrace for breakfast. The breakfast will cost \$1.50. Reservation should be sent directly to President Allen Higginbotham, First Baptist Church, Sebring, Fla.

Aaron Singletary became pastor of First Church, Lake Garfield on October 14.

A native of Wauchula, Singletary was pastor of First Church, Altha while attending Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

Mrs. Singletary is a native of Eaton Park. They have four children.

November 8 will be Homecoming Day at First Church, Lake Garfield. Former pastors and members are invited.

Oak Grove Church Calls George Barnett as Pastor

George A. Barnett of Hattiesburg, Miss. is the new pastor of Oak Grove Church in Graves Association.

Barnett attended Jones County Junior College and William Carey College both in Mississippi, before enrolling at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, where he is now a student. This is his first pastorate.

Mrs. Barnett was Rebecca Carter of Ellisville, Miss. They have a son, George, Jr., age 10 months.

New Music Director

Donald Lingle of Orlando has been called as music director at Gonzalez Church, Gonzalez, where W. P. Mitchell is pastor.

A graduate of Stetson University, Lingle is now attending New Orleans Seminary. While at Stetson, he served several churches in central Florida.

The Gonzalez Church recently ordained James Dunaway and Thomas Harley as deacons.

Ordained to Ministry

Whitney Lavender, Jr., 17, was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry by Cassia Church, Cassia, where his father, W. Whitney Lavender, is pastor.

Participating in the ordination service were: Joe Black, Marvin Holiday, Leslie Colding, Hugh Hawkins, Robert Mullis, James Watson, Coxy Johnson, Dewey Stallings, B. C. Collins and George Brown.

Whitney has been a regular church organist since he was nine years old.

Visitation Evangelist Carlyle Brooks of DeLand recently assisted Charleston Heights Church, Charleston Heights, S. C. during revival services led by Wilbur Herring of Jacksonville. John Huss is pastor.

On October 7 George T. Hobby was licensed to the Gospel ministry by Northside Church, Pensacola, Henry E. Marlow, pastor.

Fire Destroys Building of Philadelphia Church, McAlpin



The building and contents of Philadelphia Church, McAlpin were completely destroyed by fire on the morning of October 21. The fire was caused by the explosion of the air conditioning and heat pump.

The church was only partially insured. The loss includes an organ, new piano and the entire library.

The church will meet temporarily in the Community Center. If anyone can supply hymn books, please contact Pastor Vernon C. McDonald, Rt. 1 Box 129-A, McAlpin, Fla.

A leadership conference on "A Church Organized and Functioning" was held in September at Azalea Church, St. Petersburg, where Lane A. Patrick is pastor. Thomas J. Draper, minister of education at First Church, Columbia, S. C., directed the conference. A completely correlated church program was the central theme, and this provided a broad base upon which a church could build throughout the year.