

Rev. Rice Accepts Chipley Pastorate

Ohioan to Succeed
Rev. L. E. Sanders

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CHIPLEY, June 4 (Special)—
The Rev. Orden Rice of Blue Ash,
Ohio, has accepted an appoint-
ment as pastor of the First Bap-
tist Church in Chipley.

He replaces the Rev. L. E. San-
ders, who resigned here in Novem-
ber to become pastor of a Jack-
sonville church. From then until
April 15, Dr. A. H. Stainback,
president of Baptist Bible Insti-
tute in Graceville, served the
church as supply pastor.

Dr. J. A. Cook of Andalusia,
Ala., replaced Dr. Stainback as
supply pastor and will serve until
Mr. Rice assumes his duties here
June 26.

Mr. Rice is a native of North
Carolina and a graduate of
Georgetown College in Kentucky.
He is also a graduate of Southern
Baptist Theological Seminary in
Louisville, Ky.

He has a wife and a 13-year-old
daughter. They expect to arrive
here during the week prior to
June 26, when he is scheduled to
hold his first service as pastor.

He has been pastor of the Blue
Ash Baptist Church since its or-
ganization 13 years ago. Blue Ash
is a suburb of Cincinnati.

Rev. Orden Rice

Resigns Pastorate At Chipley Church

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CHIPLEY—The **Rev. Orden Rice** has resigned as pastor of Chipley's First Baptist Church, effective June 5. He had held the post for nearly three years.

He has accepted an appointment as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Arcadia.

Mr. **Rice** came here in July, 1955, from Blue Ash, Ohio, where he served as pastor of the Blue Ash Baptist Church for 13 years before.

A native of North Carolina, he is a graduate of Georgetown College and Baptist College of Kentucky and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. For the past two years, he has been moderator for the West Florida Baptist Association.

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Chipley Minister New Pastor Of Arcadia Baptist

ARCADIA, May 2. (Special)—
The **Rev. Orden Rice**, pastor of
First Baptist Church of Chip-
ley, has accepted the pastorate
of the First Baptist Church
here, Robert Sorrells, chairman
of the committee to obtain a
new pastor, announced.

Mr. **Rice** who conducted
services here as a guest min-
ister last Sunday, will assume
his duties June 8. The pastor-
ate here has been vacant since
the resignation of The **Rev**
Billy Blankenship. The **Rev**
Clyde Burke, a retired min-
ister, has been serving as in-
terim pastor.

Mr. **Rice** is married and is
the father of a 16-year-old
daughter. He has been pastor
of the Chipley church for the
past three years.

Pastor Gets Church Call

ARCADIA (Special) — At a business session Wednesday night the First Baptist Church of Arcadia unanimously extended a call to **Rev. J. Ralph Keene** of Idlewild Baptist Church, to be pastor of the local church. He has not indicated whether he will accept the call.

First Baptist Church here has been without a regular pastor the past six months since the resignation of **Rev. Orden Rice.**

Rev. Olie Matthews of Tampa has been acting as interim pastor while the pulpit committee made investigations and inquiries.

The pulpit committee consists of Harry Haynesworth, H. D. Ryals, George Lamb, Lynn Harrison and Lovell Lanier.

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ARCADIA (Special)—Calvary Baptist Church, on State Road 70 east of here, will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, with Dr. W. G. Stracener, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, the main speaker.

The church was organized by Rev. Orden Rice and 28 members from the First Baptist Church in March, 1961.

The church building and auditorium has been completed and a pastorium has been started.

New Pastor Called To Baptist Church

The **Rev. Orden Rice**, formerly of Arcadia, is the new pastor of West Lauderdale Baptist Church, 3601 Davie Blvd.

Rev. Rice is a graduate of Georgetown Baptist College in Kentucky and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He served for 14 years as pastor of the Blue Ash Baptist Church, Cincinnati, and has been first vice president of the Southern Baptist State Convention in Ohio; pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chipley, and

the First Baptist Church of Arcadia.

Rev. Rice has served as moderator of the North Florida and Peach River Assns. of the Baptist Church.

A member of the State Board of Missions for Florida, the minister has been active on the missions committee and served as president of the pastors' conference in the Ninth District in Florida.

He led in organizing the Calvary Baptist Church in Arcadia and served as its pastor until being called by the local church.

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Rice** have one daughter who is teaching in the public school system in Bartow.

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Orden Rice, 86, retired pastor and assistant pastor of **Tenth Street Baptist Church, Palmetto**, died Jan. 27. He served churches in Ohio, Kentucky and Florida during his 71-year ministry. Among the Florida churches he pastored are First Baptist Church, Chipley; First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church, both in Arcadia; West Lauderdale Baptist Church; First Baptist Church, Lake Alfred; and West Side Baptist Church, Lake Wales. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lydia Lucretia; a daughter, Gladys Knorr; three grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

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