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righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. A life of wisdom, for Christ is our wisdom. A guided life, for He leadeth me and will guide me with His eye. A life of comfort, and joy. Troubled, but not distressed. Perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken. Cast down, but not destroyed. We have victory in temptation, and victory over death.

The Life That is to Come—Immortality.

We have a revelation through the Word of God of the future life. Oh wonderful immortality—a deathless body—like Christ's. Our mortal bodies, having put on immortality, transformed, translated, fashioned anew, free from natural limitations, no longer under law. A body capable of changing appearances, appearing and vanishing at will, living more in Heaven than on earth, not depending on food, or any means of locomotion, miraculously attired, robed in righteousness, free from the assaults of man or satan, crowned, glorified, praising, joyful, with Christ whom we love, reigning with Him where there is no more curse, tears, sorrow, nor death. Living in the New Testament, the Eternal City of gold and precious stones, illuminated by the glory of God forever. You cannot afford to miss it; therefore do not miss the spiritual life down here—the life that now is, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for if you miss the life that now is, you will miss also the future life or immortality.

INTERESTING EXERCISES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTONA.

The writer had the pleasure of taking part in the exercises attendant upon the laying of the Corner Stone of the new building of the First Baptist Church, Daytona, last Sunday, November 20th. At the invitation of the pastor we had been invited to address his congregation at the morning service on the 75 Million Campaign. Pastor Rightmire's people have responded royally in the past in the payment of their pledges, and at this particular time even though they have been busily engaged in building their new house of worship, and financing same, they have practically paid their pledges up to date. We feel sure that by December 1st, they will have met their pledges in full up to that time.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, quite a large congregation assembled to take part in the program which had been prepared in connection with the laying of their corner stone. While the auditorium had practically been finished, and was ready for occupancy, the Corner Stone exercises had been delayed for this particular occasion. Several of the pastors of other denominations in Daytona were present, and the Chamber of Commerce had loaned the use of its splendid brass band to furnish music for the occasion.

After the opening preliminaries, the writer addressed the congregation using, as a text on which he based his remarks, these words, found in the Second Epistle of John, the eighth verse, "Let us look to it that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

Some facts and figures relative to the progress made by our denomination along many lines were given.

Dr. R. S. MacArthur was next introduced, and made a very happy speech felicitating and congratulating pastor and people on their splendid achievement.

The closing exercises were held on the outside of the building where records were deposited in the metal box

to be enclosed in the corner stone, and it is interesting to note that two of the original charter members of the church were present and were chosen to deposit the records within the receptacle. The stone was then sealed up by the mason and placed in proper position where it shall rest for all time.

Reverend Holmes Rightmire has been pastor of the First church, Daytona, for many years past and has accomplished a wonderful work in the city and its environs. The church was organized in 1892, and as the city has grown so has the church developed until it has become one of the strongest religious organizations of the city. It now has a membership of nearly three hundred. In all the benevolent work of our denomination both pastor and people have shown a loyal spirit.

The congregation having outgrown its old building had faced the necessity of providing for themselves larger quarters. It was during the great war that plans were accepted looking towards the building of a magnificent house of worship. However, on account of the rise in price of labor, as well as building material, their plans were not projected until two or three months ago when they began construction of their present commodious house. The old building has been utilized in constructing the new, but even its closest friends would scarcely be able to find it. The seating capacity has been more than doubled, and the interior arrangements have been made beautiful and elegant, and the whole provides a splendid structure for the use of this aggressive congregation.

I may say in passing, that their building plans will not be completed until they have constructed some time in the near future a modern up to dat Sunday School addition.

The writer greatly enjoyed hearing the pastor preach at the evening service, and we heartily congratulate this splendid man of God, and his loyal people for the work they have accomplished.

C. M. Brittain.

A WORD OF COMMENDATION.

My Dear Doctor Mitchell—Please permit me through your columns to express my hearty approval and appreciation of the timely and informing article of Dr. S. B. Rogers as transcribed by you from the Florida Times-Union in your issue of November 10th.

From the Semi-Centennial address delivered by the writer before the Virginia Baptist Blue Ridge Association in August, 1908, we learn that "in the division of Virginia Baptists on the question of Missions in the years 28 to 32 of the last century all the Associations and churches and most of the individual members in this part of our beloved Commonwealth strangely and unwisely seceded from the great Baptist brotherhood and aligned themselves under the Anti-Mission banner, thus acquiring in local parlance the misnomer 'Old School,' 'Primitive' or 'Hard Shell' Baptists."

That the early churches were missionary in spirit and practices, no one well informed will care to deny. The Jerusalem church sent forth the first Home Missionary and defined his field of labor. The church at Antioch at the behest of the Holy Ghost separated the first Foreign Missionaries to the work whereunto they were called and James, Cephas and John acting as the first Foreign Missionary Board sent them forth to the work.

Thanks to Dr. Rogers for his article, and to my beloved Brother, the Editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, for giving it to his readers.

Spencer, W. Va.

J. Lee Taylor.



Rev. H. S. Rightmire
Pastor Ridgewood Baptist Church
Daytona Beach, Fla.

The history of the Ridgewood Church must of necessity be a short one since the church had its beginning as late as the year 1925. The authentic history has really been left in the records of the church by one of its charter members, Mrs. William Stenson, who for the first few years acted as its clerk. The first recorded meeting of the group that was responsible for the formation of the church held a meeting at the home of R. A. Singleton on the 22nd of March, 1925. The Rev. L. Lincoln Abercrombie, who was living at the time in the community, was present at the meeting as was the pastor of the First Church, Rev. H. F. Loomis.

For quite a number of months previous to the official organization Rev. Abercrombie had been preaching to the group and carrying on the prayer meetings in the homes of the people.

During the year 1925 the church purchased the site upon which the church was later built, paying \$3,000 for the site, which is a fine one on Ridgewood Avenue, only three blocks from the city line, but being on the best residential street in the city and now upon the new state highway, Road No. 4, from Maine to Miami. It is a most strategic site for many reasons.

It was during the year 1926 the congregation was successful in building the first unit of their ambition. Rev. A. L. Abercrombie was a splendid leader, not alone in the spiritual sense, but many a day did he labor with his hands in the building effort. It was due to his untiring efforts that finally the building was completed and the growing Bible school had an opportunity to make the gains that were due to it in its location. Rev. Abercrombie continued his ministry with the church until the time of his death, September 6, 1927. His going was a serious blow to the church at the time as all its progress up to that time was bound up in his leadership.

Soon, however, the church called to its leadership the Rev. William Meade, who was at the time the pastor of the church at

Groveland, Fla. He came upon the field during the month of October and wrought in a most splendid way and during his short pastorate the membership of the church was nearly doubled. Brother Meade passed to his heavenly reward the latter part of April, 1928, and was greatly mourned by the church, as he was a man of magnetic personality and a true preacher of the Gospel.

On June 10, 1928, the Rev. Burton Fisher, of Marked Tree, Ark., was called to the pastorate and began his labors on August 1, 1928. His pastorate continued until the early part of 1929, when he resigned.

On June 26, 1929, the present pastor, Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire, was called to the pastorate and from that time has continued to serve. Mr. Rightmire having been previously the pastor for nearly nine years of the First Church and the interim pastor of Calvary Church between the death of Dr. MacArthur and the coming of Dr. E. D. Webber, made him a logical man to fill the place of this new interest as he had a fuller knowledge of the community than one from a distance could gain in considerable time.

The work of Ridgewood Church has made splendid progress under his able ministry. One of the deacons of the church recently in conversation with a friend said, "I have been hearing Mr. Rightmire preach for the past seventeen years and he has never said a word in preaching the Gospel that cannot be backed up by the Old Book." Ridgewood Church is in full sympathy with the Cooperative Program and the whole church is lined up back of the pastor and the boards to make the every member canvass a success.

A SERMON

By Rev. Herbert F. Loomis
Pastor First Baptist Church
Daytona Beach, Fla.

Topic, Old Landmarks.

Text, Prov. 22:28, Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

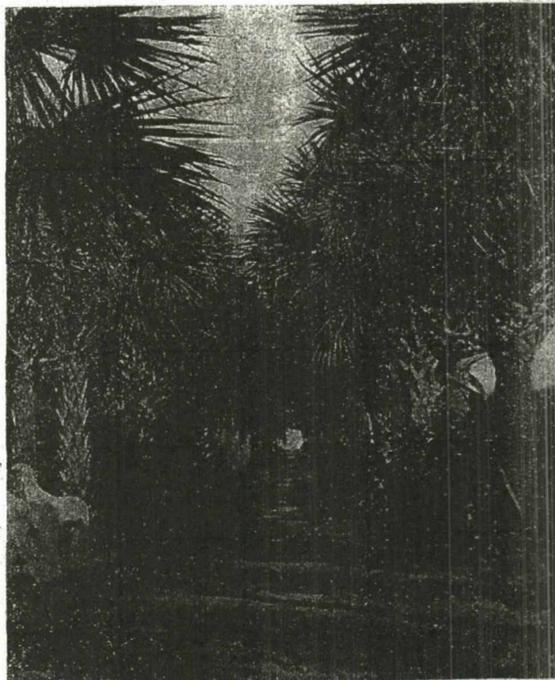
Today we go to the court house and search the records recorded there to determine our rights but in earlier days we set our claims by landmarks.

There are landmarks that are still important and should not be removed or disregarded.

We are removing many national landmarks that are sacred and indispensable to the founders of this country set landmarks of great principles and convictions so that they could not be bought or bribed.

Benedict Arnold, that brilliant officer of the Revolutionary war, who became a traitor to the American Colonist and Aaron Burr, that self-centered politician, were the exceptions in those days, but the landmarks of unselfish statesmanship have been removed and wrangling politicians wire-pull and buy their way into high office today and turn that public trust into self-gain. The United States of America has lost her standing with the nations of the world; the high prestige that we held in the world 25 years ago is gone and in some cases we are even held up to ridicule and there is no use in us denying it, and the reason we have lost our good name is

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**ENTERTAINED AT SIX
O'CLOCK DINNER**

Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire and family, including Mrs. Rightmire, and young daughter, Miriam, and Mrs. Rightmire's mother and sister, Mrs. Capron and Mrs. Pethral, were very pleasantly entertained Friday evening at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Julia R. Bolles, 73 First avenue with Madam Bolles and Mrs. Lillian Keech, the hospitable hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. Rightmire, who have been attending the Missionary State Convention at Orlando this week, were met at the station by Mrs. Wilson Allen and taken to the Bolles' home in her car. After partaking of a well served a tempting dinner, the evening was pleasantly passed in social conversation. Mr. and Mrs. Rightmire gave very interesting accounts of the missionary meeting and their impression of the good being done.

**RETURNED FROM STATE
MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire and Mrs. Rightmire returned from Orlando where they had been in attendance at the Florida Baptist State convention. They report it one of the best conventions in the history of the denomination with about 500 delegates present. During the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Union, Mrs. Rightmire delivered an address. The next meeting of the convention will be held at Tallahassee, beginning the second Monday in January, 1918. Much rivalry existed between the cities of Tampa and Tallahassee as to which should have it.

Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire, who lately resigned his pastorate here, was visiting his family in the city several days the past week, left for White Springs Saturday to fill an appointment at the Baptist church of that city.

Sergeant-Major Roy **S. Rightmire** and Mrs. **Rightmire**, a bride of six months, arrived Friday night from Waco, Texas, where Mr. **Rightmire** was stationed at Camp McArthur, and surprised his parents, **Rev.** and Mrs. **Holmes S. Rightmire** and young sister, Miss Miriam. Roy is a member of the motor transport corps, and is on a month's furlough. The family and the young officer's friends are delighted to have him home again, and to welcome his bride.

"WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"
Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire, pastor of North Ridgewood Baptist church, who is conducting a series of sermons on "Questions of Jesus" will speak tomorrow night on "Who Is My Neighbor?" he announced today.

REV. H. S. RIGHTMIRE

RESIGNS PASTORATE

MINISTER OF DAYTONA BAPTIST CHURCH GIVES UP WORK HERE

Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire, who has held the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Daytona for the past five years or more, tendered his resignation Sunday morning at the close of services, which was accepted by the church in view of a call for his services elsewhere. He has been appointed by the Baptist State Board of Missions to the position of secretary of Central Florida.

Mrs. Rightmire and daughter, Miriam, will remain at the parsonage until the close of school. Their further plans are not yet decided upon, but the family will keep as close together as possible when the new work has somewhat progressed. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rightmire have many friends in their congregation and otherwise, who will greatly regret their departure.

RIGHTMIRE HAS RESIGNED

To Devote Himself to Real Estate

Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire has resigned as pastor of Ridgewood Baptist church after serving that congregation for five years. He submitted his resignation yesterday.

This makes the fifth local minister who have given up his church work here this summer.

A similar epidemic of resignations struck Daytona Beach about 12 years ago when Rev. Rightmire gave up his pastorate of First Baptist church. Rev. Watson L. Lewis resigned from First Congregational church and Father O'Boyle withdrew as priest of St. Paul's Catholic church. It was not long after that when Dr. Robert McKay, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, and Rev. C. E. Wyatt, pastor of First Christian church, resigned.

Recent resignations include Rightmire and Rev. F. Raymond White, of the Lutheran church; Rev. H. P. Williams, Alliance Gospel Tabernacle; Rev. Fred A. Nichols, First Christian church, Rev. H. F. Loomis, First Baptist church. Members of First Baptist church are to vote on whether to accept or reject Rev. Loomis' resignation Wednesday night.

In submitting his resignation yesterday, Rev. Rightmire asked that it become effective at the end of the church year, August 31. It probably will be acted upon by the membership at a business meeting which has already been set for Thursday night.

Rev. Rightmire told his congregation that carrying on two professional lines had become too great a load for him and that after careful consideration he had decided to devote himself entirely to his real estate and insurance business. Keeping in mind his vocation, Rev. Rightmire told The News-Journal today that he intends holding himself ready to serve as supply pastor for churches where ministers are unable to fill their regular appointments.

MRS. RIGHTMIRE LONG ILL, DIES

Wife of Pastor Was Gifted Speaker

Mrs. Jennie May Rightmire, wife of Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire, died at the family home, 317 First avenue, early this afternoon following an illness of almost two years.

Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Preston (Miriam) Epps, Chapel Hill, N. C., who arrived at noon today; one son, Roy G. Rightmire, Los Angeles, who spent a month here with his parents a year ago; one sister, Mrs. Anna Mann, and two brothers, Leon and Curtis Capron, who reside in Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. Rightmire was a graduate of Binghamton high school and State Teachers' College, New Paltz, N. Y. Before her marriage she was vice principal of Laurel Avenue public school, Binghamton.

Immediately following their marriage Rev. and Mrs. Rightmire moved to Jackson, Tenn., where both became students of Southwestern Baptist university and where she studied and taught piano.

From Jackson they returned to New York state where he continued his theological studies at Bible School Park, N. Y. In 1903 Rev. Rightmire accepted his first call as pastor of the Cincinnatus, N. Y., Baptist church, in which he was ordained. He served that and other churches at Wyalusing, Pa.; Valois, N. Y., and Troy, from which place they moved to Daytona Beach in 1914 when he accepted the pastorate of First Baptist church.

Mrs. Rightmire was a gifted speaker and before her health failed frequently made addresses at state and national Baptist conventions and before young people's and other church meetings. She was the first president of a city-wide Missionary union here and taught classes in many Sunday schools during her married life. She devoted her entire life to her family and to her church.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Baggett, Wetherby and McIntosh.

Weddings

Rev. Holmes Rightmire Weds Emma Jane Martin At Ridgewood Baptist

MR. EMMA JANE MARTIN of Holly Hill became the bride of the **Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire**, local realtor, at 8 o'clock last night at the Ridgewood Baptist church. **Rev. R. W. Dickert** performed the ceremony assisted by **Rev. Watson L. Lewis**, long-time friend of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a white crepe dress with pleated skirt and her only ornament was a coral brooch belonging to her grandmother. She wore a corsage of pink roses. Her sister, Mrs. Forrest Ake, was matron of honor wearing a pink dress and corsage of white roses. T. L. Hale was best man. Mrs. Dickert played nuptial music. Large baskets of white lilies flanked the altar which was banked with asparagus fern.

Out of town guests included Miss Grace Sunday and Melvin Clark of Miami. W. D. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and Miss Lizzie Mae Cown, of Greensboro, relatives of the bride. After the ceremony the couple left by motor for a two week honeymoon in North Carolina. They will be at home September 15 at 610 State street, Holly Hill.

The bride, who has made Holly Hill her home for 15 years, is an active worker in Ridgewood Baptist church, is its assistant pianist and is program chairman of the Women's Missionary Union. **Rev. Rightmire** came to Daytona Beach in 1914 as pastor of the First Baptist church where he remained for 10 years. Later he was pastor of the Calvary Baptist church for two years and of Ridgewood Baptist for five years. He entered the real estate brokerage business in 1925 and twice has been president of the Daytona Beach board of realtors.

the EIKS Lodge.

Rightmire Rites Here Tomorrow

Services for **Rev. Holmes S. Rightmire**, 76, who died at Halifax Hospital yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist Church. **Rev. Lee Nichols** will officiate.

Rev. Rightmire, who came to Daytona Beach in 1913, was active in church and business affairs. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma J. **Rightmire**, a brother, a daughter, a son, a stepson and three stepdaughters.

The board of deacons of the Church will act as honorary pallbearers.

The body will be in the Baggett-McIntosh Chapel from 4 p. m. today until noon tomorrow. Burial plans will be announced later.

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Holmes Scott Rightmire

Birth 2 Aug 1873 Tioga County, New York, USA

Death 1950 (aged 76–77) Volusia County, Florida, USA

Burial Daytona Memorial Park Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA

Inscription

A servant of God
and his people.

Family Members

Parents

Charles Henry Rightmire 1848–1910

Josephine Scott Rightmire 1851–1888

Spouses

Jennie May Capron Rightmire 1872–1939 (m. 1893)

Emma Jane Cowen Martin Rightmire Dillingham Chastain 1904–2000 (m. 1941)

Children

Miriam Lois Rightmire Epps 1907–1990

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