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To be Held at
Liberty Baptist Church
Jacksonville
Our State Secretary, Dr. John Maguire,
will conduct the services.
Sept. 23-30, 1945 8:00 P. M.

Rev. James T. Barber, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Myers, has resigned to enter the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in September.

Dr. Raymond C. Kanne has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Eau Gallie, and is now on the field. Dr. Kanne is a graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., and Crozier Theological Seminary. He has been in the pastorate for twenty years. A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted recently with an enrollment of 71, with an average attendance of 52.

Rev. W. H. Edwards has resigned the pastorate of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, his resignation to take place November 1. He has been pastor of this church for nearly ten years. The church is now debt free and thousands of dollars have been spent on repairs and seating. There have been over 300 baptisms in these ten years and gifts to missions have increased more than two hundred per cent. Rev. Edwards will be available for evangelistic meetings or supply work after November 1.

Captain William B. Rittenhouse, Jr., who received his promotion from first lieutenant September 1, has been relieved from active duty with the AAF and will conduct services at the Southside Baptist Church, Miami, during the absence of his father, the pastor, who is serving as chaplain overseas. Captain Rittenhouse has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Unit Citation. He was captured in May, 1944, while on a mission to Ploesti, Rumania, and acted as chaplain in the German prison camp until his release. He has enrolled in the University of Miami and will attend classes there to complete his college education. He has previously attended Stetson University and Brewton Parker Junior College, Mt. Vernon, Ga., where he studied theology. His wife is the former Nell Cryder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Cryder, formerly of Fort Myers.

Dr. T. O. Reese, who has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Apalachicola for more than two years, has moved to his home at Bristol, Fla. He preaches at the Lake Mystic Church two Sundays each month and gives the other two Sundays to evangelistic work. He has recently conducted successful meetings at Phil Campbell, Ala., and at Providence

Church at Grand Ridge, Fla. On November 4 he goes to the First Church, Starkeville, Miss.

Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, has recently conducted an eight-day meeting with the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Tenn., in which there were 30 additions to the church, 25 of them for baptism. Among those who attended the meeting was the 94 year old father of Dr. M. E. Deaf. Dr. Paul Wieland is the popular and successful pastor.

Rev. W. L. Rollins has resigned as Regional Missionary of the Ocala area under the Florida Baptist Convention and has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Frostproof, Fla.

A definite, planned program of church improvement is under way at the First Baptist Church, Ocala, where Rev. Malcolm B. Knight is the pastor. A new sign identifies the church and a new sidewalk at the west entrance is helping keep the building cleaner. Much painting and redecorating has been done to improve the different departments of the Sunday School.

Mr. Elmer F. Bailey, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, is leading them this week in a great inside enlargement campaign. The church now has almost \$100,000 cash and government bond for their proposed Educational Building with central heating and air condition for both buildings. The estimated cost is \$125,000; construction will begin as soon as material is available.

Rev. M. N. Pearson of Branford did the preaching in a revival with the Mt. Pisgah Church in the Suwannee Association from August 27 to September 2. Rev. O. G. Owen, pastor of the church, led the singing. There were seven professions of faith. The last Sunday night the people came from Mt. Pisgah to the First Church, Branford, for the final meeting. The building was filled almost to capacity and one more came forward to accept Christ.

The Evergreen Baptist Church in the Beulan Association has just conducted a revival meeting with Pastor O. G. Owens leading the singing, and Rev. Austin McElroy, pastor of the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Live Oak, doing the preaching. There were two additions by baptism.

Dr. James F. Loomis, son of the late Rev. H. F. Loomis, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, is taking over the practice of Dr. J. L. Mathis, optometrist, in Jacksonville. Dr. Loomis has served for the last three years in the Medical Department of the United States Army.

Rev. W. L. Spears of Bradenton supplied the pulpit of the Second Baptist Church, Sarasota, recently in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Lawrence E. Hutto.



REV. J. K. HUTCHINGS

Rev. J. K. Hutchings, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Hiawassee, Ga. He has been pastor at Euclid Ave. for the past nine years. For the past three years the average has been one member a Sunday in additions. Forty new members have joined the church since April of this year. A lot for an educational building has been purchased and paid for during the last two years and approximately \$6,600.00 is on hand for this new building. Mr. Hutchings is greatly beloved by the pastors of Jacksonville and over the state, and will be sorely missed by all who know him.

Dr. W. E. Denham began his third year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Miami, on September 2. Dr. Denham preached his first sermon as pastor of this church on September 5, 1943. During these two years the church has retired its building debt, the budget has been substantially increased; the church membership has grown and the church building has been redecorated. A building has also been erected for the Orchard Villa Mission which is sponsored by the church. Dr. Denham served on the faculty of Baptist Bible Institute, as professor of Old Testament in Hebrew and English for eleven years. As an expression of appreciation for their loyal service, the church presented Dr. and Mrs. Denham with a silver tray.

Rev. W. H. Edwards, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, did the preaching in a revival with the Bethel Church near Humboldt, Tenn., where he was pastor while attending Union University some years ago. There were 31 additions by baptism, several reconsecrations and rededications. He is to be in a meeting with the Royal Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., in November.

Add Deaf Worker

Rittenhouse To Enter Evangelism

Dr. Rittenhouse Jr. resigned after two years as pastor of Roswell Street church in Marietta to enter full-time evangelistic work, effective Oct. 1. He will live in Hillsboro, N.C.

Rittenhouse served Atlanta's Sylvan Hills church

for seven years before going to Roswell Street. He is a Georgian, son of the late W. H. Rittenhouse, also a minister.

He attended Brewton-Parker College and Stetson University and received the MA degree from University of North Carolina and the PhD degree from Duke Divinity School.

Roswell Street has received over 700 new members during his 26 months as pastor, including almost 300 for baptisms last year with 112. Roswell Street is now selling \$850,000 in bonds to finance several expansion projects.

Sylvan Hills erected a new sanctuary-educational building during Dr. Rittenhouse's ministry. He pastored Southside church in Miami before going to Sylvan Hills.

Dr. Rittenhouse answered the call to preach while a prisoner of war in Russia in World War II. He has a mother, James Rittenhouse, who is a Marine Corps chaplain.

Mrs. Rittenhouse was Nell Crider of Fort Myers, Fla. They have three daughters.

JACK WHITEHEAD resigned after almost two years at Tunnel Hill church near Dalton to go to Carnes Creek church in Tugalo Association.

Mr. Whitehead is an Oklahoman who attended Truett-McConnell College. He formerly pastored Pendergrass church near Athens and the mission of Cleveland First church.

PAUL W. PEACE resigned the Rochelle church, effective Sept. 10, to enter school in Lubbock, Texas. From Louisville, he is a graduate of New Orleans seminary.

JAMES G. STERTZ, on emergency leave as director of the Foreign Mission Board's English-speaking work in Germany, will serve temporarily as assistant pastor of Atlanta's Second-Ponce de Leon church.



Dr. Rittenhouse

Mr. Stertz and his family returned to the states earlier in the year because of the illness of one of the children. He will return to his work in Germany as soon as possible but may serve the Atlanta church for approximately a year.

Before going to Germany, Mr. Stertz pastored Central church in Newnan and First church of DeLand, Fla., and was director of religious activities at Mercer University.

Second-Ponce de Leon is adding to its staff as it plans for the two Sunday morning services. Mr. Stertz will preach at the evening service and also assist in the educational program.

WILLIAM SIMMERSON moved from the West Millen church to Carlton church in Sarepta Association.

Mr. Simmerson formerly served Corinth church in Middle Association and Olive Branch in Ogeechee River Association. He also held Kentucky and Mississippi pastorates and was an Air Force chaplain four years. He was educated at Brewton-Parker, Mercer and Southern seminary.

Mrs. Simmerson was Sybil Malcom of Bostwick. They have one daughter.

MISSIONS:

SBC Gifts Climb

The 28 cooperating state Baptist conventions sent nearly \$2 million in August to support work of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, SBC Treasurer Porter Routh Announced.

Included was \$1,670,819 through the Cooperative Program. The remaining \$242,274 was in designated funds.

So far this year, the SBC has received \$28.9 million. Of this \$13,743,067 came via the Cooperative Program. The other \$15,163,150 during those eight months came as designations.

Cooperative Program gifts from January through August are running 8.14 per cent ahead of the same span a year ago. Designations are 5.55 per cent greater over the same two-thirds of a year.

Of the \$28.9 million to the SBC, \$18.7 million has been disbursed to the Foreign Mission Board. Another \$5.8 million has been for the Home Mission Board. Next largest sum—\$573,183—has been for New Orleans seminary.—(BP).

A full-time worker to serve among the deaf people of Georgia will join the staff of the Georgia Baptist Convention Oct. 1.

He is Charles Fanshaw, minister of education at Morningside church in Savannah.

Mr. Fanshaw will be stationed at the State School for the Deaf at Cave Spring, to minister to students and faculty there. He will also work with churches and deaf people across the state.

Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said one of Mr. Fanshaw's principal duties will be to help train interpreters for churches who conduct services for the deaf.

There are an estimated 5,000-6,000 deaf people in Georgia.

Mr. Fanshaw is a North Carolinian, a graduate of California Baptist College and Golden Gate seminary. He has been at Morningside about 18 months. Mrs. Fanshaw is from Tennessee.

FORUM:

Alarmed By Vote

THE EDITOR: I am alarmed because the vote on whether we Southern Baptists would join the North American Baptist Fellowship was 2,771 for and 2,738 against when there were over 14,000 delegates registered. This means that only about 5,500 voted on this, and only 7,500 voted in the president's election.

When we send a man to the state or national congress we expect them to take an active part in the debates and then vote according to the wishes of their constituents. They can't vote to suit all the people but they must represent them in some manner or the voters will throw them out at the next election. Churches spend large sums of money to send delegates to the SBC at the state and national level.

As God fearing Baptists the laymen of our denomination should seek the answer to these questions. Is it possible for this "fellowship" to lead to a National Council of Baptist Churches who will "speak" for all Baptists?

Are all our churches properly represented in the debates and voting? . . .

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DR. W. H. RITTENHOUSE

RITTENHOUSE, DR. W.H. JR. (Bill).
From Florida. Wife, Nell Crowder R.;
Father, Rev. W.H.R. Sr. SCHOOLS:
Brewton-Parker; Stetson; Univ. of N.
Car. M.A.; Duke Univ. Ph.D.; Came
from Southside Ch. Miami; At Sylvan
Hills Ch. 1955-62; Replacing burnt
audtm. in 1961 with a \$550,000 new
audtm and educational space. Audtm.
seats 1500. Room in SS for 1200.
1100 new mbrs. added; budget rose
from \$90,000 to \$155,000 in 1962.

Bill was in the army and in prison
many months. He preached to his
buddies and gave them courage. Bad-
ly wounded, he finally recovered

sufficiently to do two men's work....pastor and evangel-
ist. He is very effective with college students and is
a very successful evangelist. From Sylvan Hills he went
to the pastorate of the Roswell St. Ch. Marietta for two
years, then spent about two years in full-time evangelism.
Recently he returned to the pastorate, going to Texas.

Cecil Roberts

ROBERTS, CECIL: B. 3-25-24 in Atlanta.
SCHOOLS: Tech Hi Atl.; Ga. State, Atl.;
Trinity B. Sem. Atl.; Wife, Sarah N.
Mitchell R. Two Children. ORD. 11-4,
1951; Candler Rd. B. Ch.; Assoc. P.
Candler Rd Ch.; Fifth Ave.; Interim
p. at Mt. Tabor, Duluth; Live Oak, Col-
lege Park; and others. Pastor at Mem'l.
and Glenbrook Chs. ASSOCN. Dir. Y.P.
Tr. Union; On T.U. Comm.; Also teach-
ing at O'Keefe Hi Sch. Atlanta.

RUSH, CHARLES S.: From Texas. P. at
Cambridge Ave. CP. 1949-57; Mbshp. and
all phases of the work doubled.

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ROLLINS, REV., , , , , P. at Oakhurst 1926-

BERG, JOHN: Asst. Pastor at Atlanta First c. 1953-56;
at Cap. Ave. Ch. 1956-58. Wen to New Orleans. C. and Sem.

Biographies of Atlanta
Baptist Ministers 1846-1966
James L. Baggott

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Events And Places

as church/financial secretary/administrative assistant for Roswell First Church. **Lara Smith** observed her 25th anniversary as cook at Roswell First Church. **Tommy and Susan Corbitt** observed their 25th wedding anniversary. The church gave them a silver tea service. He is pastor of West Highland Church in Macon.

Professional Colleges

Mercer University's Walter George School of Law was named the prestigious **Dr. J. P. Howell Professionalism Award** at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Macon on Aug. 2. Dean Larry M. Howell accepted the award on behalf of the Law School. The award recognizes Mercer's commitment to professional education. In 1991, the Howell Award is presented annually by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism. Recipients receive a cash award of \$500.

Stacy and Robin Brock celebrated the birth of a son, Christopher Brock, born Aug. 1, 1996. Bryan is associated with education at Roswell First Church.

Deacons Ordained

The following churches ordained the persons listed as deacons:

Ebenezer Church in West Metro Association: Mike Cagle and Jack Hollis.

Brushy Creek Church in St. Clair, Hephzibah Association: Wayne Dye and Clifford Banks.

Westside Church in Gainesville: Bobby Boleman, Casey Cagle, Tommy Duncan, Robby Hall, Tim Sexton and Scott Sloan.

Deaths

William H. (Bill) Rittenhouse, pastor of Jefferson Avenue Church in East Point, died August 12. He came out of retirement earlier this year to serve that congregation, having celebrated 50 years in the ministry in 1993.



Rittenhouse

A native Georgian, Rittenhouse attended Brewton-Parker College and Stetson University and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Duke Divinity School, where he earned the Ph.D. degree.

Rittenhouse's life story was featured on national television

and he authored a book, *God's POW*, telling of his call to the ministry while a prisoner of war in Romania during World War II.

His previous pastorates included Sylvan Hills Church in Atlanta (twice), Southside Church in Miami, Roswell Street Church in Marietta, Nassau Bay Church in Houston, Texas (twice), and Tupelo (Miss.) First Church. He served at periods as a full-time evangelist and once served as executive director of an evangelistic corporation started by astronaut James Irwin.

Rittenhouse is survived by his wife, Nell C. Rittenhouse; children Sherrie and Rocky Forshey of Houston; Jo Ann and Pete Crye, Nancy and John Tully, all of Birmingham; and seven grandchildren. Memorial services were held August 15 at Jefferson Avenue Church. The family requests that memorial donations be sent to Global Outreach, Rittenhouse Romanian Ministries, P.O. Box 1, Tupelo, Miss, 38802.

Dedications

Albany First Church held dedication services July 5 for a new Prayer Room.

Homecomings

Eastern Heights Church in Columbus observes homecoming September 1 with John Forrester as speaker. He is pastor of Stapleton Church.

Parkwood Hills Church in Decatur will have homecoming Sept. 8, followed by a covered-dish lunch. Guest speaker will be Jim Dant, former minister of youth and interim pastor.

Harlem Church in Harlem has set September 8 for homecoming services.

Retirements

Jerry Songer, pastor of Roswell First Church for the past 13 years, has announced his retirement, effective November 1. He will have completed 40

of the GBC Administration Committee and has served as Roswell Association moderator,

Belmont College trustee, vice chairman of the GBC Executive Director Search Committee, and chairman of the GBC Budget Committee. He has



Songer

written extensively for various Baptist publications and has served as a consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Songer is married to the former Brenda Collicott. He is the father of four grown children and two grandchildren. His first wife, Jane, died of cancer in 1994.

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This little book is written so that I might in some way be able to share with you the testimony of a great and loving God. This is not my testimony but the testimony of how God can and does work in the lives of those who would place themselves in His Hands.

I hope that you will forget the author and see only the great things that God can do for those who love Him and are *the called according to His purpose.*

It is my hope and prayer that you would meet my Master and that your life will be given to Him.

I shall always be grateful to those who have helped so much in getting this book finally in print. To my secretary Mrs. Edna Allen, to Mr. H. M. Cail and to Mrs. Cleo Edmonds (who designed the cover), go my sincerest expressions of gratitude.

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Romans 8:28

Bill Rittenhouse

may God bless you always,
Yours in Christ,
Bill