

April 11, 1963

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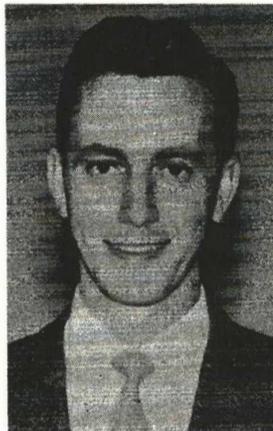
First Church, Melbourne Calls Minister of Education



Howard B. Williams has been called as minister of education at First Church, Melbourne, where Stephen H. Zukor is pastor.

A native of North Carolina, Williams is a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary. He has served as pastor of Swan Quarter Church in North Carolina and Clio Church, Clio, S. C.; and as minister of education at Colonial Heights Church, Columbia, S. C. and Buechel Park Church, Louisville, Ky.

Medlock Joins Staff of First Church, Lake Worth



First Church, Lake Worth has called William Medlock as minister of music.

A graduate of Middle Tennessee State College of Murfreesboro, Tenn. and of Southern Seminary, Medlock holds a B.S. degree, Bachelor of Sacred Music and Master of Church Music degrees. He has been minister of music at Una Church, Nashville, Tenn.; First Church, Murfreesboro; Tenn.; Crestwood Church,

Patrick Anderson Ordained By No. Jacksonville Church

Patrick Anderson, a student at Furman University and son of Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Anderson of Jacksonville, was ordained to the Gospel ministry by North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville on March 10.

Participating in the ordination were Robert Yates, Spring Park Church; Elwin Anderson; Harrell Cushing, Woodstock Park Church; William Thirlwell, Brentwood Church; R. Wilbur Herring, host pastor; and Charles Julian, minister of evangelism at North Jacksonville Church.

Anderson is pastoring Buckeye Forest Mission, sponsored by First Church, Spartanburg, S. C.

Revival Reports

Westside Church, Lake City, Evangelist A. Jay Wimberly, Singer Donald Freeman, one for baptism, one by letter, Pastor I. K. Clements.

Northside Church, Brooksville, Evangelist J. A. McKeithen, 13 for baptism, seven by letter, Pastor J. H. Davis.

The annual luncheon for alumni of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be held on May 7 at the Muehlback Hotel in Kansas City, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Special tribute will be paid to Dr. W. W. Adams, for nine years professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern, who retires this summer.

Luncheon tickets may be ordered from Prof. Inman Johnson, alumni president, for \$3.75 each.

On March 31 Carl A. Howell marked his 18th anniversary as pastor of Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville.

During these 18 years 1,952 people have been baptized. Church membership is now 1,997. Ten missions, nine of which are now churches, have been sponsored. Gifts to mission causes have totaled \$270,075.

On March 17 Dick Wayne Johnson was licensed to preach the Gospel by First Church, Polk City, where Wilson Shields is pastor.

Johnson is the son of Pastor and Mrs. William D. Johnson of Sterling Church, Brunswick, Ga.

On March 20 Sherman L. Scott was licensed to preach the Gospel by First Church, Waldo, C. E. Rentz, pastor.

Scott is available for supply and may be contacted at P.O. Box 58, Waldo, Fla.

Crestwood, Ky.; and goes to Lake Worth from Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.

The Medlocks have a son, Kenny.

Two Tampa Ministers Die

W. FRANK BISHOP

W. Frank Bishop, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Tampa, died on March 27.

A native of Tallahassee, Ala. Bishop had resided in Tampa for 42 years. He was ordained to the ministry in 1937 and served the following churches: State Highway West Hillsborough, Southside of Bradenton, and Belmont Heights, where he had been pastor since October, 1945.

Bishop was moderator of Tampa Bay Association two times, and was a member of the State Board of Missions of the Florida Baptist Convention.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Jessie Bishop; one son, William F., Jr.; a daughter, Dorene; and four brothers, Fletcher Bishop, Lonnie Bishop, J. Earl Tharp, and Surrie Tharp.

C. E. RODGERS

C. E. Rodgers, long active in Tampa Bay Association, died on Sunday, March 24.

Rodgers was pastor of First Church, Brandon; and Bayshore Church, Tampa before going to Vero Beach, where he retired. He returned to Tampa and remained active in the association, serving as interim pastor in a number of churches.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Foster left the States March 20 to begin their first term of service as Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana. They may be addressed at Box 78, Tamale, Ghana, West Africa. He is a native of Palatka, Fla.

William R. Flury became pastor of Collins Chapel Baptist Church, Greenwood on April 1. He will preach there on the first and third Sundays.

The son of a Baptist preacher, Flury grew up in Atlanta, Ga. He was a salesman in Jacksonville before entering the ministry and enrolling at Baptist Bible Institute in 1961. This is his first pastorate.

Mrs. Flury was Miss Frances Oliver of Atlanta. They have two daughters: Brenda Jean, 12; and Wanda Ann, 9.

Leo D. Barnes, from Central Church, Leesburg, became pastor of Sunset Point Church, Clearwater on April 1.

Leon M. Gambrell has been interim pastor at Sunset Point Church for five months.

O. S. Rutherford, custodian of West Side Church, Lake Wales, has retired after ten years' service. The church presented him a gift at a reception held in his honor.

Rutherford has held various offices in the Sunday school and Training Union.

Middle Florida Home Cooperative Revival

Challenged by the Gospels of James A. Sawyer of First Church, Cocoa, music leadership of W. Sims, secretary, Church Department, Baptist School Board, 22 of the 25 churches of Middle Florida Baptist association helped to maintain average attendance above an association-wide record March 11-17, in First Madison.

The meeting was sponsored by the Associational Brotherhood with Bill Coody in charge, planning and organization. Jack A. Shaw of Madison was host for the services. Vernon Ragans and Miss Grace Sapp were accompanists.

"The success of the meeting," says Shaw, "crowned a year of cooperation and fellowship which has been an inspiration to people of this area."

LaVern Plett, minister of education at North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, has received a call from Kennedy College, Memphis, Tenn. to be minister of education.

Minister of Music-Y



Philip Lambert, from Shores of Miami Springs, has been called as minister of music and church secretary at Miami Springs Church.

The Lamberts, originally from Louisville, Ky., have one son.

Migrant Missionary J. E. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, who serve the SBC Home Missions in the Florida, Georgia and South Carolina areas, have completed the season's work in Florida and moved to the South Carolina work. Until August their address is: Missions Department, Baptist Building, 907 Richland, Columbia, S. C.

They will be back in the Florida responsibilities from 1-April 1 and may then be addressed at Box 605, Clearwater, Fla.

North Dade Heights

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Miami in a fish hatchery to Miami Shores Church too. The sponsorship of the Chapel. The Chapel bought two-and-a-half acres of ground for \$37,700, remodeled the old building approximately \$10,000. The church contributed some \$10,000 to the Chapel and is all indebtedness on the project.

James Kirstein was called to the Chapel until January when T. E. Williams was called as pastor.

PORT FOR SUNDAY, E 9, 1963	S.S. T.U. Bapt.
180	53
260	74
211	68
102	37
117	45
250	20
380	131
179	70
500	172
85	36
74	53
195	107
304	114
205	105
317	137
210	61
886	189
338	111
369	71
180	75
108	30
340	106
27	21
293	80
81	28
666	149
603	148
192	47
318	95
435	171
807	137
79	78
137	36
138	50
486	137
101	17
188	18
886	192
227	82
206	45
246	50
365	116
358	97
140	67
141	76
121	38
170	53
289	76
410	99
764	146
430	140
298	80
338	83
528	186
200	52
698	143
146	95
404	196
231	77
353	200
185	87
378	130
71	58
213	105
321	111
239	96
251	88
244	86
301	98
808	244
681	402
148	88
464	140
287	83
191	46
182	103
632	130
259	94
449	116
656	178
261	204
235	81
216	100
641	223
050	181
286	101
1,291	877
312	133
121	51
453	138
273	90
160	53
107	53
255	121
224	121
77	70
460	222
533	177
645	305
413	137
744	137
803	340
235	141
176	90
363	99
463	113
424	95
374	142
296	71
217	39
1,017	380
681	182
839	556
109	51
411	105
85	48
404	79
952	348
518	144
19	83
255	52
395	79
184	49
333	105
189	94

Church	S.S. T.U. Bapt.
Lake City, Westside	48 23
Lake Garfield, First	109 52
Lakeland, Bonny	183 87
Central Avenue	193 86
Crystal Lake	144 37
Dixieland	67 37
First	831 268
Mt. Tabor	48 30
Parkview	198 95
Southside	681 197
Webster Avenue	368 121
Lake Park, First	138 41
Lake Placid, First	210 43
Lake Wales, First	350 151
Golfview	172 100
Lake Worth, Montana	61 24
Largo, First	309 36
Haines Road	71 4
Leesburg, Main Street	201 46
Live Oak, First	367 95
Westwood	370 99
Longwood, First	184 43
Marianna, First	463 234
Melrose, Eliam	147 64
Miami, Blvd Road & Mission	433 154
Carol City	298 103
Central & Mission	852 362
Coral	317 118
Coral Villa	300 109
Cutler Ridge	271 101
First	502 195
Flagami & Mission	711 244
Flagler Street	519 100
Gateway	299 113
Lake View & Mission	351 142
Little River	374 137
Miami Springs	924 383
Northside	278 90
North Shore	305 151
Northwest	1,078 101
Opp-Locka	230 82
Parkway	445 76
Perrine	422 156
Riverside & Missions	974 231
78th Street	272 90
Southside	157 58
University & Missions	840 233
Wayside	724 187
West Flagler Park	359 126
Milton, First	542 172
Mount Dora, First	309 101
Mulberry, First	285 77
Neptune Bch., Neptune & Mission	437 131
New Port Richey, First & Mission	304 52
Niceville, First	343 146
Ocala, First	683 143
Highlands	358 67
Wyoming Park	231 84
Okeechobee, First & Missions	447 81
Oneco, First	180 82
Orange Park, First	878 94
Azalea Park	803 174
College Park & Mission	870 260
Delaney Street & Mission	843 310
Edgewood	354 73
Fairview Shores	133 68
First & Mission	1,498 397
Florida Shores	303 63
Holden Heights	289 134
North Park & Mission	601 132
Pine Castle	306 127
Pine Hills	563 206
Riverside	189 77
Tangelo	235 109
Walnut Street	230 124
Orlo Vista, Lake Hill & Mission	279 140
Oviedo, First	121 36
Pahokee, First	349 61
Palatka, First	274 137
Palmetto, First	349 96
Panama City, Cedar Grove	175 97
Cove	247 132
Hiland Park	234 96
Immanuel & Missions	451 185
St. Andrews	430 63
Parker, First	281 101
Pensacola, East Hill	384 151
First	1,076 232
Heights	382 88
Myrtle Grove	573 176
Oakcrest	172 80
Olive & Mission	486 187
Plainview	213 53
Pleasant Grove	200 93
Warrington & Mission	641 230
Whitfield Memorial	280 108
Perry, First	178 67
New Home	343 134
Southside	141 87

IN MEMORY OF REV. C. E. RODGERS

WHEREAS God in His infinite wisdom and love has seen fit to call Rev. C. E. Rodgers to his heavenly home on March 27th, at the age of 72.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of First Baptist Church, Brandon, Florida, in regular session June 3, 1963, do pass the following resolutions.

1. That we are profoundly grateful for God blessing us with a dedicated, devoted and steadfast minister.

2. That Brother Rodgers was a consecrated Christian, whose devotion to God was an inspiration to all who knew him.

3. That we will always remember with fond affection this man of God who gave his utmost to promoting Christianity, wherever he served.

4. That it can be truly said of Brother Rodgers, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of the June business meeting of the First Baptist Church, Brandon, Florida, one copy sent to the Florida Baptist Witness, and one copy sent to Mrs. Rodgers.

Respectfully submitted,
L. G. Meadows, Pastor-Moderator
G. Oscar Lastinger, Clerk

222 CHURCH LIBRARIES REGISTERED IN MAY

NASHVILLE — The statistical scorecard shows that 222 new church libraries were registered with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board during May.

The new additions bring the total number of registered libraries in the Southern Baptist Convention to 9,329.

"The year 1963 is proving to be an exceptional one for beginning new libraries," said Wayne E. Todd, department secretary. "As of May 31, the year's total was 912. The best year on record was 1961, when 848 libraries were registered."

Thirty-two states, the District of Columbia, and Mexico were represented in the May count.

Church	S.S. T.U. Bapt.
Plant City, Alafia	144 89
Bethany	255 100
East Side	252 107
First	540 145
Springhead	231 108
Turkey Creek	243 176
Pompano Beach, North Pompano	346 86
Port Charlotte, First & Mission	130 26
Port Orange	209 70
Port St. Joe, First	288 122
Providence Village	94 53
Punta Gorda, First	136 35
Rio	122 35
St. Augustine, Ancient City	241 86
St. Petersburg, Azalea	486 187
Beach	152 57
Emmanuel	195 89
Fifth Avenue & Mission	851 251
First	1,021 288
Lake Maggiore	278 110
North East Park & Mission	450 189
Northside	274 80
Sanford, Pincrest	365 77
Sarasota, Bay Haven	274 104
First & Missions	311 154
Southside	275 115
Scottsmoor, First	100 28
Sebastian, First	127 35
Sebring, First	72 111
Snedka, First	146 42
Stark, Madison Street	175 50
Stuart, First & Mission	328 122
Tallahassee, First & Mission	1,075 362
Parkway	345 172
Seminole	297 122
Thomasville Road	208 70
Tampa, Ballast Point	341 86
Bayshore	335 180
First & Mission	835 228
Forest Hills	204 59
Jackson Heights	486 187
Lake Carroll	461 121
Mango	322 152
Old Fashion	168 115
Palma Celsa	619 212
Providence	575 222
Riverside	528 115
Spencer Heights	671 168
Spencer Memorial	807 255
Trinity	188 43
Wellswood	205 61
Tavares, First & Mission	330 77
Titusville, First & Mission	462 135
Valparaiso, First	253 85
Venice, First	245 83
Venus	49 23
Veru Beach, First	498 113
Glendale & Mission	257 125
Wauchula, First & Missions	540 155
Waverly	178 81
West Palm Bch., First & Mission	1,274 270
Haverhill	484 170
Northwood & Mission	588 128
West Gate	153 69
Whitehouse	122 85
Wildwood, First & Missions	377 100
Williston, First	201 93
Winter Garden, First & Mission	399 74
Winter Haven, First	481 149
Inman Park	203 86
Parkland	215 69
Winter Park, East Side	204 69
Killarney & Mission	519 111
Zephyrhills, First	279 53

FOR
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EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE
Dallas, Texas
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added. The motion carried. For unknown reasons, perhaps with healing in mind, a motion was made and seconded that Rev. W. B. Davidson, the former pastor, be invited back to preach a series of sermons on three designated nights. The motion failed.

Wise counsel prevailed, at least in part, when the church accepted a motion made by Sister D. D. Thompson that a committee visit the M. Z. Brandon's and ask them to come back. The committee was also asked to visit H. W. Cornett and wife to seek to restore fellowship. The make-up of this committee was:

Bro. Woods, Chairman; Bro. Pelt;
Sister Watson; Sister Fontaine;
Sister J. C. Cornett; Sister W. W. Marlowe

The hurt feelings, however, must have run deep for "... H. W. Cornett stated that the Committee need not visit his family because the vote was not unanimous. H. W. Cornett also stated that he severed forever his connections with this church." (However, that proved not to be so.)

Fellowship with the Brandons was restored in short order for their names were re-entered on the church roll on November 16, after being absent less than two weeks, noting how these outstanding Christians proved themselves again. Somehow this opened the flood gates for an exodus. Before it was over letters for the following members were granted:

J. C. Cornett, Mrs. J. C. Cornett, Edna Cornett, Edith Cornett, W. Cornett, Mrs. W. Cornett, Sam Cornett, Elsie Cornett, Nathan Cornett, Mary Cornett, W. W. Marlowe, Mrs. W. W. Marlowe, Evelyn Groves, Catherine Marlowe, Charley Pelt, Mrs. Charley Pelt, Gilbert Pelt, Milton Pelt, S. L. Durrance, Mrs. S. L. Durrance, Mildred Durrance, Gwendolyn Durrance, Jules Durrance.

But God was not through with this congregation (though grieved He surely must have been) for He had a man named C. E. Rodgers waiting in the wings. Rev. Rodgers has later been

spoken of as "a revitalizer of churches" and this church was a ten on the one-to-ten scale in need of restored fellowship and restatement of purpose. God could not have given the church a better Christmas present, than when on December 21, 1930, a Call was extended, a unanimous Call, which Rev. Rodgers accepted.

Rev. C. E. Rodgers was born in Mango, Florida, September 25, 1895. He received his college training at Mercer University in Georgia, where, upon graduation, he taught Greek for two years. He then attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. His pastorates included: Five years at Brandon, eight years at Bayshore Baptist Church in Tampa and thirteen years at First Baptist Church in Vero Beach, Florida. He married Miss Flora Crum of the Plant City area on January 19, 1917. She actively supported and assisted him during college and career.

Rev. Rodgers died March 27, 1963, six months after serving as Interim Pastor at the Brandon Church where earlier he had done so much to improve the fellowship within the congregation. Mrs. Rodgers survived him and lived at the Florida Baptist Retirement Center in Vero Beach, Florida. (Note: During the writing of this history, Mrs. Rodgers died January 6, 1986.) In Rev. Rodger's memory, the church passed a resolution which included the following line:

"That we are profoundly grateful to God for blessing us with a dedicated, devoted and steadfast minister."

(Further, in 1963, the church installed electronic Carillon bells atop the church building honoring Bro. Rodgers. Their beautiful tones are still heard around the area as they play hymns of faith for the townspeople from atop the present sanctuary.)

The church arose from despair and continued to function. On January 4, 1931, a slate of officers was elected to lead for the year. On January 7 the church approved a motion that the deacons serve as the Finance Committee with authority to handle bills as they saw fit.