

## Rev. J. W. Russ

# To Take Florida Post

The Rev. James W. Russ, 48, pastor of Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church since 1962, has resigned to become associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Perrine, Fla.

Mr. Russ formerly served as pastor of Kingsland Baptist Church. He will begin his new pastorate on June 7.

The Florida church has a membership of 1,600, about twice the size of the Fairmount congregation.

Under the leadership of Mr. Russ, Kingsland Baptist Church, more than doubled its attendance between 1955 and 1962, when he went to Fairmount Memorial.

The Fairmount church recently dedicated a \$315,000 sanctuary to accommodate the much larger congregation.

Mr. Russ was the chairman of counselors last year during the Bob Harrington evangelistic crusade at the Coliseum. He also was an assistant to the chaplain at State Penitentiary and was also instrumental in organizing the VAPEN (Virginia Penal) Chess Club at the prison.

He is married to the former Louise Graham, a daughter of Dr. James Graham, who is a missionary to Formosa and the Far Eastern Representative for Billy Graham (no relation).

## Minister Set For New Duties

The **Rev. James W. Russ** pastor of the Kingsland Baptist Church for the past seven years, will assume new duties as pastor of Fairmount Memorial Baptist Church here July 1.

He replaces the **Rev. Letcher H. Reid** who accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church in Richlands late last year.

For the past four years, Mr. **Russ** has served as Sunday school superintendent for the Middle District (Baptist) Association. He has also served as a leader at the Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly.

He is a graduate of Columbia College and of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. While he was at the Kingsland church it more than doubled its membership by and attendance and built a new church plant.

# James Russ, 66, pastor in Manors

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The Rev. James W. Russ, a retired pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church, died on Friday of heart failure. He was 66.

The Rev. Russ, who was born in Kinston, N.C., earned a bachelor's degree in divinity at Columbia Bible College in South Carolina in 1950 and a seminary degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theology Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1955.

He then spent 18 years in Richmond, Va.

After about two years of living in Miami, the Rev. Russ moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1976 and became pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church. When he retired in 1982, he became interested in helping needy Indian villages and made two trips to India a year to preach to groups. "He was doing missionary work, going from village to village," said his wife, Louise Russ, a teacher at Wilton Manors Elementary School.

In addition to his wife, the Rev. Russ is survived by a daughter, Mindy Gatchell, of Irvine, Calif.; a son, James W. Russ Jr., of Taiwan; another son, Randolph Russ, of Boca Raton; a brother, the Rev. William Russ, of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Virginia Marshall, of Ormond Beach; and four grandchildren. Viewing will be on Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Kallis Funeral Home, 2505 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors. A memorial service will be on Monday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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**RUSS**

Mrs. Mildred Allen **Russ** of South Norfolk, Va., died Friday, August 14, 1970. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Marshall Jr. of Newport News; three sons, The **Rev. James W. Russ** of Richmond, The **Rev. William C. Russ** of Chester, and Allen M. **Russ** of Orlando, Fla.; four brothers, Miller V. Allen of Atlanta, Ga., Archie V. Allen of Jacksonville, Fla., Willie J. and Roy Allen, both of Norfolk; a sister, Mrs. Hugh Pinkston of Salisbury, N.C.; also 10 grandchildren. Remains will rest at the Woody Funeral Home, 2110 E. Laburnum Ave., until 10 A.M. Sunday. Funeral Sunday, 4 P.M., South Norfolk Baptist Church. Interment Riverside Memorial Park, Chesapeake.

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**WILTON MANORS** — The **Rev. James W. Russ** has been appointed the new pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church, 116 NE 24th St. He replaces the **Rev. Dr. Sam Shepard**, who was appointed an instructor at a Baptist seminary in Lisbon, Portugal.

**Rev. Russ** is former associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Perrine in Miami. He also taught evangelism last fall semester at Miami Christian College.