

**EI BETHEL**

El Bethel Baptist Church, of Tampa, Fla., was organized in the summer of 1902, with seven members. The church was first built on the corner of 23rd Avenue and 24th Street, and about twelve years later was removed to 20th Avenue and Campobello, the present site. The following ministers have served the church as pastors: Rev. J. N. Thompson, H. H. Norris, J. S. Thrasher, E. L. Todd, W. P. Head, S. S. Pickett, N. T. King, E. J. Barber, Irvin Walden, J. F. Russell, J. L. Hampton, G. W. Messer, W. G. Doyle, G. W. Messer, and the present pastor, Ramsey Pollard, who

Elks, George Walters, J. W. Sloan and the present pastor, P. C. Schilling. The church has outgrown their old quarters and have built and will move into their new building soon. This church last organized their mission, Belmont Heights, into a church.

Pastor Schilling is a native of Texas; educated in Texas schools; studied law under N. S. Perry; oratory under W. T. Knowis, of Memphis, Tenn.; has held pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma; worked under appointment of Boards in both states; a strict uncompromising Baptist and true



**DR. C. W. DUKE,**  
Pastor First Baptist Church  
Tampa, Fla.

was called to the church, November 22, 1915.

The church was organized with seven members and now has a membership of 214. Rev. Ramsey Pollard is a native of Texas. Before coming to El Bethel, he was associated with Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; South Avondale Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., and the First Baptist Church, Troy, Ala.

**JACKSON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH**

This church was organized in 1916 with sixteen members. The following brethren have served as pastors: Revs. G. W. Murphy, A. R.

to every item of the organized work of the Conventions of the South.

**THE SPANISH MISSION**

Under the auspices of the Home Mission Board, the first Baptist work was done among the Latins in Ybor City by Miss Mary Taylor, beginning in February, 1903. She opened a Sunday school and mid-week sewing circle in the public school building. Mr. W. H. Clark came from Cuba and took charge of the mission in October, 1903. Miss Adalee Branham, now Mrs. Mabry, opened the first day school in January, 1905. This be-

should fall on every Baptist in Florida. The power to continue the Home lies in the Baptist churches in this State and it is very important that each church do something from time to time to protect its holdings and its children. Our institution can never enlarge under the support that it is now receiving. At times it is impossible to protect the investment that Baptists have made in our Home because of the lack of funds. This is an unwise procedure. If the cooperation of one-half of the churches and Sunday Schools can be secured, our Home can be filled to capacity and every item of expense could be paid monthly. With the calls of childhood coming to us as they now are, we believe that it is incumbent upon all to aid our distressed children.

The Home is deeply grateful for the support given it—for the money and donations of farm produce that were so liberally given from the farming sections last year; they are profoundly grateful. It is the desire of those in charge of the Home to do more for the needy childhood of our denomination and to give them a Christian home and Christian training and to see that gifts and our prayers can always be mindful of the value and importance of rearing children.

We, your committee, wish to recommend that the Home be given more consideration in this association and that we take more interest in our boys and girls whom we have accepted as our very own.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE PHILLIPS,  
L. C. FOLSOM,  
E. H. SMITH,  
MRS. GORDON KEELING,  
CARL BURNETT.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In the name of our God we will set up our banners. Psalm 20:5. There are few references in the Word of God to banners, but those few references bring its forceful significance.

A banner has always meant a declaration of allegiance to a cause, showing that those who set it up and who are encamped under it are united for some definite object.

The W. M. U., using as its motto, "Laborers together with God," 1 Cor. 3:9, has as its aim to try and enlist every unenlisted woman in this association.

In all thy way acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6.

As we acknowledge God in all our ways, in home, social and church life, He will direct our paths, and we can lift up this banner of Christ, and make better strides in the Master's kingdom.

The W. M. U. is steadily making progress in its work, namely, contributing to the Cooperative Program and missions in all of its phases.

Much has been accomplished in Personal Service and Soul Winning.

Working together and co-laboring with God, the W. M. U. is trying to make this work one of the outstanding units of the Lord's work.

Signed,

MRS. M. D. MINTER, Chairman,  
MRS. A. F. O'KELLEY,  
MRS. J. S. WALKER,  
MRS. W. C. BAXTER,  
MISS EDITH LYNN,

Committee.

#### REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS

Your committee report the following on 34 letters:

Additions by baptisms .....	208
Additions by letters, etc. ....	144
Total membership .....	3,989
Revival meetings .....	32
Number of Sunday Schools .....	23
Total enrollment .....	1,966
Number of B. Y. P. U. ....	27
Total enrollment .....	564
Women's contributions to all purposes.....\$	1,312.36
Total local church expenses.....	16,034.20
Total contributions to all outside causes.....	2,325.54
Total value of church property.....	138,010.78

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. McCALL, Chairman,  
W. G. STRACENER,  
F. S. JACKSON.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to report as follows:

For Executive Committee—T. N. Jones, S. A. Lamb, T. J. Funderburke, J. R. Laney, Orwin McCulloughs and G. M. Sims.

Member State Board—Dr. A. F. O'Kelley.

Messengers to State Convention—John F. McCall, W. G. Stracener, G. B. Crawford, Fred P. Parker, A. H. Townsend, Mrs. M. H. Bagley, A. F. O'Kelley, I. M. Moore, G. F. Andrews, F. A. Goodman, J. B. Kelly, A. N. Warren and Carl W. Burnett.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED P. PARKER, Chairman,  
W. N. WEBB,  
E. C. WARREN,  
S. H. ANDREWS,  
J. B. KELLY,

Committee.

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS

We, your committee, beg permission to make the following report as the God of love has seen fit in his great wisdom to call from our midst and from his labor our dear brother, Rev. J. F. Russell, to his reward to ever be with his Saviour, who will wait for us in the city of the blessed where there will be no more heart aches, we recommend that a page be left vacant in our Association minutes to his memory. May our Heavenly Father bestow upon their loved ones his spirit of comfort and may he guide them through life until at last they depart this life and go home to meet their God and to be reunited with their loved ones forevermore.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. GOODMAN,  
IDA J. FARNELL,  
E. P. ANDREWS.

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**REV. J. F. RUSSELL**

The **Rev. J. F. Russell**, 76, former pastor of Tenth Avenue Baptist church of Tampa, died Sunday, at his home in Mayo, Fla. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Irma Maniaci, and a half-brother, **J. A. Glover**, both of Tampa, and a brother, **M. P. Russell** of Cornith, Miss.

**RUSSELL**—Mrs. **J. F. Russell's** funeral was held from the residence, No. 3302 Ninth Avenue, yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. There were a large number of beautiful floral offerings in evidence, testifying to her loving disposition, which won the admiration of a large circle of friends. Mrs. **Russell** was the wife of the **Rev. J. F. Russell**, a minister of the Baptist denomination. She devoted her life's work to the church and administering to those who needed her help. The interment was in the Jackson Heights Cemetery. **Rev. Golden** of the Palm Avenue Baptist Church officiated. The Woodmen Circle attended in a body. She was a member of this organization. Henderson-Blount Company, undertakers, handled the funeral.

### A GOOD MEETING HELD AT ANTHONY

Brethren of the various churches named below, in the Marion Baptist Association, met with the Anthony Baptist church in a fifth Sunday meeting, and endeavored to revive the interest in the old union meetings as we had in the days of long ago, and there was good interest manifested, and every one benefited. The following churches were represented:

Olivet, Oak-Griner Farm, Ocala, Oklawaha Bridge, Fort McCoy, Fellowship, Anthony, Lake Weir, Harroony and Sparr. Preaching at 11 a. m. by **Rev. R. F. Rogers**. The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by the moderator of the association, and a discussion by **Rev. Gus Padgett** on "What Do Baptists Believe," which was very instructive and helpful to all, both Baptists and others, for it other people who believe different from the Baptists would spend more time seeking the truth; and be less willin gto accept some criticism, I believe all would be benefited more. The meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock. Preaching Saturday night by **Rev. J. F. Russell**.

Sunday morning the meeting was called to order by the moderator and a discussion of the need of an associational missionary, led by **J. C. Boatwright** and **Rev. J. F. Russell**. **Rev. Russell** is a missionary of some years experience, and gave us some good advice which was greatly appreciated and needed inasmuch as we are just entering the field as a missionary for this association.

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An appeal for the Baptist Witness, our denominational paper, was made, and it was seen that our people as a whole are not taping the Witness as much as they should.

The meeting was dismissed to meet with the Olivet church Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1921, at ten o'clock.

Let everybody come with well filled baskets and enjoy the day with the people of Olivet.

The Anthony church was greatly benefited by the meeting and it is hoped that we will be able to revive the interest to wher we can have the old union meetings, with the religious enthusiasm like there was in the days gone by. **J. C. Boatwright**.

## Baptists To Hold Golden Anniversary

Sunday, Aug. 2, the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, will celebrate its golden anniversary. The church had as its first home an old cigar factory building on Second avenue in 1897. The first organization was a Sunday School under the leadership of Daniel Palmer, who served as superintendent.

Sam Boyette was elected superintendent August 4, 1903, and that year the Sunday School was moved from Second avenue to Sixth avenue. The same year interested residents of the area held a meeting and decided to organize a church—the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church—and after prayers and petitions for Divine guidance and consultation with members of other churches, a council was formed and the church was organized.

The members of the council were Rev. W. M. McDonald, chairman, J. R. Tatum, P. U. Gass, J. D. Blunt, A. O. Phillips and C. L. Jackson. The minutes show, in addition to the members of the council, the following charter members: John Rogers, Sam Boyette, Sara Hendry, J. R. Hendry, Sadie Hendry, W. L. Hendry, Ruby Hendry, Mrs. Elleen McMillan and Mrs. Ella Hendry.

Rev. W. M. McDonald was called as the first pastor of the church September 30, 1903, services to be conducted on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Rev. McDonald served the church as pastor until September 29, 1908. Since that date the following pastors have served: Rev. S. C. Sloan, October 11, 1908, to October 3, 1909; Rev. J. F. Russell, April 3, 1910, to June 21, 1911; Rev. Irvin Walden, June 21, 1911, to October 12, 1913; Rev. J. C. Kazee, November 18, 1913—it was under his leadership that the church was moved to the corner of Thirty-Second Street and Tenth Avenue and the name was changed to the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church. Rev. Kazee resigned after serving two years. Rev. W. D. Entzminger was called December 10, 1916, and served until September 5, 1917; Rev. E. A. Albritton became pastor after the resignation of Rev. Entzminger and served until May, 1920; Rev. D. W. Walters served as supply pastor from May to October, 1920; Rev. L. A. Rawls was called as pastor October 6, 1920, and served eight years. During his ministry the present church building was erected.

Following Rev. Rawls Rev. J.

Max Cook was called and served the church two years. Rev. W. B. Davidson was pastor the next two years, and following him was Rev. S. S. Mathis, who also served two years. Rev. W. H. Edwards was called December 1, 1935, and served 10 years. During the ministry of Rev. Edwards a large debt was paid off.

Rev. R. E. Laney was called as associate pastor and director of music in October, 1944.

Rev. A. J. Johnson was called as pastor and served the church 18 months.

Rev. B. L. Ernest was called as pastor October, 1946, and served until September, 1952.

Rev. John M. Dickson was called in January of the present year and is now the pastor.

The church takes great pride in the fact that seven young men have entered the ministry from its membership. They are Rev. D. W. Waters, Rev. Elbert Tyner, Rev. Milan Gowing, Rev. Ralph Gowing, Rev. Elwood Rawls, Rev. Glenn Stephens and Rev. Henry Inabinet. In addition, young men who have been licensed to preach the gospel are William Fox, Richard Howe and Malcolm Hughes.

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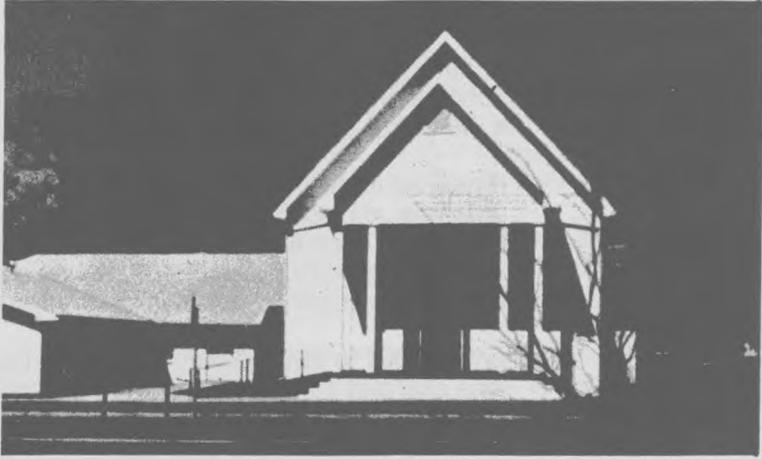
the state.

Rev. J. F. Russell, formerly the pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist church, who resigned recently, is now established in the furniture business on Seventh avenue, between Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third streets.

J. G. Griffin is another new man in

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## A History of Mayo Baptist Church



Early in 1894, 19 members of Half-Moon Lake Baptist Church with Rev. H.M. Frier as pastor, organized the Mayo Baptist Church, electing Dr. R.L. Goodbread, clerk. The same year the church was received into the Lafayette Association of Baptists. This was the year Mayo was designated as the county seat. Charter members included families of Wm. E. Bowman, Henry Koon, Rev. Zachariah Dees, J.C. Ramsey, Polk, Trammel and Scarborough. Rev. Zachariah Dees became pastor the following year. The initial building was built on a site given by W.T. Dees and wife, (present location of the Edward McCray residence) January 14, 1898. This building was destroyed by a hurricane in 1898 and never rebuilt.

It appears from 1898 until June 18, 1909 Baptists worshipped in the Mayo Methodist Church on alternate Sundays, operating a union Sunday School. In 1905 the present building site was secured from the same donors and plans made for building. On June 18, 1909 the new building was dedicated, free of debt. Rev. C.B. Cole was pastor one Sunday a month and served Perry three Sundays. During this 11-year interim, R.W. Phillips, R.F. Hacker, D.B. Harrell, W.L. Savage, and Rev. Dees served only one Sunday a month.

Rev. J.B. Rodgers, Ovedio, Florida, was called to be pastor in December 1909. The membership was 86. Early in 1910 a Baptist Sunday School was started with M.D. Rich the first Superintendent. R.R. Ware was church clerk, Mrs. H.T. Wilkes, first W.M.U. President. Ministerial students from Columbia College, Lake City, pastored during the teens. They included W.T. Saunders, W. Ira Sanders, J.T. Jenner, Scott Patterson (longtime missionary of Foreign Mission Board), G.H. Newton, Blanchard D. Law, and E.C. Dickens. The church withdrew from the Lafayette Baptist Association and united with Middle Florida Baptist Association in late 1909.

Late in 1919 Rev. D.F. Barry of Madison accepted the pastorage now reporting 111 members. Two years later the first resident pastor was called Rev. J.F.

**Russell** serving the church half-time. During his pastorate Irwin Radford was ordained as a deacon. **After six years Rev. Russell** was followed by Rev. E.R. Denny as interim for several months. Rev. S.P. Morgan from Texas was called in July 1927 and served less than a year and was followed by Rev. Gus Padgett of Ft. McCoy who because of distance served but six months prior to the call of Rev. A.M. Parker, of Pinetta in early 1930. During the next six years the first B.Y.P.U. came into being with Miss Werna Townsend as director, followed a year later by Guy McClain, when changed to Training Union. Rev. W.T. Newsome of Live Oak pastored for two years until Rev. A.M. Parker was recalled in September 1937 and served until mid-1939. In 1947 Rev. Parker delivered the "Convention Sermon" at the Florida Baptist State Convention that year. It was indeed an honor to all the churches Rev. Parker has pastored. Rev. Roscoe Hall followed in August 1939 and remained only six months.

Seeking to have a full-time ministry, Rev. Julian Dyess was called in February 1940. Due to existing conditions it was necessary that Rev. Dyess divide his time with Hatch Bend Baptist Church. Guy McClain was ordained a deacon December 13, 1940.

The first Brotherhood was organized with the aid of Mr. Upchurch on March 11, 1942. Rev. Dyess resigned in 1943 to enter Military Service. Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Folsom deeded the Manachi home to the church for a pastor's home with a reverter clause in the deed. After the church purchased the Lester Summersill home at corner Pine and Fletcher streets the Manachi home reverted to the Folsoms, in 1948.

It was in 1944 that the church attained its first membership of 200. During this year Rev. Horace C. Harvey of Cordele, Georgia, was pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. Mark Scarborough from Tennessee. In 1947 the first bulletin service was begun. Rev. Scarborough served just one year and was followed by Rev. Dave O. Alderman, present District 5 Missionary, who served a six-month interim period prior to the calling of Rev. M.B. Archibald who served until October 1948. Leon Land and W.G. Croft, Jr. were ordained deacons late in 1946. The Summersill home was purchased for a parsonage November 1947.

Rev. S.V. Cofield of Newberry, Florida, was called February 16, 1949. Curtis Goodwin, Sr. and M.M. Jones were ordained as deacons in November 1949. Starting in 1951 and continuing through 1953 the present Sunday School Annex was built and finished. Guy McClain, Oneal Boatright, J.D. Garden, Chas. Ware, Harvey Croft and Leon Land along with many others made the project a reality. Rev. Cofield retired on January 1, 1957 and resignation was received regretfully and he was asked to serve on three months as interim pastor, during such time Rev. E. Wilbur Carter was called and began service April 1957. While Rev. Carter was pastor, the choir was organized and robes secured. With Mack Suggs as chairman, Harvey Croft, Guy McClain, J.D. Garden, D.W. West, W.G. Croft, Jr., M.M. Jones and Curtis Goodwin as a planning committee the present sanctuary was designed and built with accessory rooms.

April 17, 1961, Rev. Carter resigned with Rev. S.V. Cofield being called as interim pastor again. May 17, 1961, Rev. Ted M. Jones was called from the Archer Baptist Church and assumed duties July 1, 1961. The sanctuary had just been completed. Since then it has been carpeted, air-conditioned and the Conn Electric organ installed. The last two items were gifts along with many others. More recently the church has been advised of the gift of a neon bulletin board to be placed in the front of the church property.