

churches. Mrs. J. B. Boatwright spent a week in January visiting our rural churches and giving missionary addresses.

We regret that the Cassia W. M. S. and its auxiliaries have ceased to function. Lady Lake organized a W. M. S. which functioned part of the year.

Our Young People's camp enrolled 92 boys and girls and 11 faculty members. There were 85 mission study awards, 12 conversions and 8 volunteers for special Christian service.

Number of W. M. S.	10
Number enrolled	279
Number of Auxiliaries	29
Number enrolled	378
Number of tithers (W. M. S.).....	129

Gifts to:

Cooperative Program	\$1,543.47
Hundred Thousand Club	265.05
Specials	1,270.31

Total Mission Gifts as reported to State Office	\$3,078.83
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We have no accurate record of the amounts given to local objects.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROY L. LASSITER.

HISTORY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA

Early in the year, 1922, a movement was started among the growing number of Missionary Baptists of Mount Dora to organize a church in which they could worship according to their beliefs. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chapman were largely responsible for this movement. So, on March 19, 1922, eleven men and nine women met and organized THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Mount Dora, adopting the New Hampshire Confession of Faith. Rev. E. A. McDowell was called as pastor at this meeting.

Pastor McDowell resigning October 1st of that same year, the Rev. E. O. Thompson was called as pastor for an indefinite period.

A committee was appointed to obtain a lot on which to build a church and a lot was chosen at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Hawley Street. On September 3, 1923, this choice was changed to the lot at the corner of Sixth and Hawley (now Tremain) streets.

Rev. F. W. Overhiser was the next pastor and filled the pulpit from December 6, 1923, until June 27, 1926. On November 19, 1925, the church gratefully accepted an offer of the Princess Theatre for the use of their building on Sundays, the congregation having outgrown the Educational Hall (now City Library), which they had been using for worship.

The first Woman's Missionary Society was organized December 2, 1925, with twenty members. On January 6, 1926, a Baptist Young Peoples Union was organized with thirteen members.

Rev. G. T. Hinton was called to the pastorate, September 1, 1926. During Pastor Hinton's ministry the Tabernacle was erected, many were added to the membership, the church had it's first organized Sunday School, with Training Study Classes, and in the summer, a Daily Vacation Bible School.

Dr. D. P. Montgomery was called to the church in December, 1928, where he labored faithfully until March, 1930. Rev. M. J. Bouterse became the pastor following Dr. Montgomery, and his ministry ended in the summer of 1931.

Dr. W. R. Lambert became the pastor on September 25, 1932, and served until October, 1934. Under his leadership all departments of the church grew in numbers and organization.

Dr. A. A. Stanley came to the church as pastor in 1934 and served until 1936, at which time Rev. J. S. Wilson acted as supply pastor until the fall. Rev. Neslie V. Underwood was called to the church November 16, 1936, and labored untiringly until early spring of 1938.

Rev. R. W. Acree accepted a call to the church and began his ministry June 26, 1938. Shortly after he began his work a movement was launched to erect a new church building. A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. C. C. Moorhead, Mr. C. E. Brock, Mr. C. L. Stokley, Mr. C. M. Hall, Mrs. J. L. Lotz, Mrs. Amos Adams, and Mrs. C. M. Uithoven to secure plans and estimated cost. On September 24, 1938, plans were submitted and adopted by the church. In the year 1939, the Church edifice was dedicated.

October 20, 1940, under Dr. A. A. Stanley's able leadership as Chairman of the Building Committee, a very successful Homecoming Rally was enjoyed at the church building at which time a nice sum of money was raised to complete the interior of the building. A large portion of this contribution was a check from J. J. Chapman estate, one of the early founders of the church, this amount to be used for pews.

Rev. Floyd Montgomery has just accepted a call to our church and will soon be with us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. HALL.

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The **Rev. Neslie V. Underwood**, for more than seven years pastor of the Rockwood Baptist church, has accepted a call to Mt. Dora, Fla., and will leave Dec. 1. The **Rev. Mr. Underwood** has had a very successful pastorate at Rockwood. Mrs. **Underwood** has been counselor for the Y. W. A. for several years. Farewell services are to be held for the family tomorrow.

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Church Briefs

The **Rev. Neslie V. Underwood**, former pastor of the South Pittsburg (Tenn.) Baptist Church, will occupy the pulpit at the Central Baptist Church Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, who is taking a month's vacation. Mr. **Underwood**, after completing his studies at Crozier Seminary in Chester, Pa., held pastorates in Rockwood, Tenn., and Mount Dora, Fla. His sermon topics will be "The Horn of Salvation," 10:55 a.m. and "A Challenge to Understanding," 8 p.m.

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UNDERWOOD—In this city, September 23, 1951, Edwin Lawrence Underwood, beloved husband of Minnie Underwood, loving father of Rev. Neslie V. Underwood of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Mrs. Hazel M. Lovett of Sacramento, loving brother of Cloyd L. Underwood of La Mesa, Calif., O. B. Underwood of Evansville, Ind., Mrs. Lorene Tyler of Mt. Vernon, Ill., and Mrs. Blanche Buck of Denver, Colo., grandfather of Larry Lovett of Sacramento, Mrs. Joanne Schafer of Beverly Hills, and Stephen S. Underwood of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a native of Ohio, aged 71 years, 3 months, 19 days. Friends may call at the Citizens Mortuary Home, 2301 J Street, and are invited to attend the funeral today (Tuesday) at 1 P. M. in East Lawn Chapel, 43rd Street and Folsom Boulevard. Entombment East Lawn Mausoleum.

Series of Sermons Set At Smyrna Church

The Rev. Neslie V. Underwood, pastor of the Smyrna Baptist Church, will deliver a series of sermons on "The Simplicities of Christianity" beginning Sunday night, it was announced this week.

The subject for the nightly sermons, which will start at 7:30 o'clock, will be as follows: Sunday, "One Body;" Monday, "One Spirit," Tuesday, "One Hope;" Wednesday, "One Lord;" Thursday, "One Father;" Friday, "One Baptism;" and Sunday, May 12, "One God and Father."

There also will be services each morning at 10:30 o'clock from Tuesday through Friday, it was announced.

NEW PASTOR ACCEPTS PULPIT AT ROCKWOOD

Special to The Chattanooga Times.

ROCKWOOD, Tenn., March 4.—The **Rev.** Charles Bond, pastor of the Concord Baptist church at Farragut, near Knoxville, has resigned to accept the pulpit of the local church. He will arrive within a few weeks.

The **Rev.** Mr. Bond is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and will receive his master's degree from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville on April 26. He is unmarried.

The new **minister succeeds the Rev. Neslie V. Underwood**, who served seven years before resigning in April to accept a pastorate at Mount Dora, Fla.

Neslie Vincent Underwood

Birth 18 Nov 1901 Venice, Madison County, Illinois, USA

Death 8 Jun 1985 (aged 83) Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, USA

Burial Roselawn Memorial Gardens Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, USA

Family Members

Parents

Edwin Lawrence Underwood 1880–1951

Minnie K. Karn Underwood 1881–1969

Children

Alice Joan "Jo" Shaffer 1930–1983

Dr Stephen Sharp Underwood 1934–2026

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68632397/neslie_vincent-underwood

Neslie Vincent Underwood

Services for Neslie Vincent Underwood, 83, Birmingham, Ala., formerly from here, who died Saturday at Forrestdale Health Care Center, were held 3 p.m. today, Woodfin Memorial Chapel, with Dr. Tom Naylor, Bryan Trendt and Jack Weatherford officiating. Graveside services were at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, conducted by Ben Earthman and Oscar Johns.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Emma Sharp Underwood of

Birmingham; son, Dr. Stephen Underwood of Birmingham; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Fund.

A resident here for 40 years before moving to Birmingham in 1984, he was a member of College Heights Chapel and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Smyrna. He was a former principal of Walter Hill and Crichlow Elementary schools.