

associational year. He has resigned, however, and it will be necessary to make other arrangements for a pastor. Also, there is need, to associate the Larkin field with some other. We hope and pray that this Church may be greatly strengthened during the next year. Larkin needs a strong man.

GOULDS—PERRINE

Rev. J. A. Maples served these two churches for more than a year. He did a splendid work while on the field. Circumstances arose which led to his resignation. This went into effect the first of August. Rev. O. A. Utley, of Memphis, Tenn., became pastor of these two churches September 1, 1924. Brother Utley comes highly recommended as a strong preacher and a faithful pastor. From reports the work is moving forward under his leadership in a satisfactory way.

KEY WEST

While Key West is not under the direction of your committee and State Board, but under the direction of our Home Mission Board, we have a peculiar interest in this Church both because of the importance of the field and also that the Church belongs to this Association. We are glad indeed to meet with the pastor and Church in this Association meeting and assure them of our interest and hearty co-operation in every way we may be able to help them.

ALLAPATTAH

On Sunday, November 9, 1924, a new Baptist Church in Allapattah was organized. The constituent members were 80; the Sunday School enrollment 175. For a long while it has been desired to have an independent work in this growing community. Recently Rev. M. J. Bouterse, pastor of the Stanton Memorial Church, offered his resignation as pastor and immediately it was suggested to Brother Bouterse that it would be a wise step for him to take the leadership in organizing our work in Allapattah. The result has been as above stated, which is extremely gratifying and the outlook is promising. This Church is self-supporting.

We rejoice in the fact that so many of our mission churches, are becoming self-supporting. This is as it ought to be. While this does not lessen the amount of work to be done, yet, it will enable your committee to look after other fields that are ripe already unto harvest.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

At the last meeting of our Association the Executive Committee was instructed to place in the field as soon as practicable an Associational Missionary. Your committee took this matter under consideration and decided for this past year that it would be wise to postpone such an appointment. This was done in view of the fact that the Home Mission Board decided to have another evangelistic campaign in our Association; therefore, the Executive Committee accepted this proposition of the Home Mission Board and Rev. Jesse Williams and Dr. L. C. Wolfe conducted meetings in Allapattah, West of Miami, and with our Church at Lemon City. Brother Williams was taken ill and Dr. Wolfe had other urgent engagements so that we did not continue the evangelism campaign.

EVANGELISM

We are glad to note that the spirit of evangelism is in our churches. Most of the pastors from West Palm Beach to Key West have had gracious revivals. However, we wish to emphasize the importance of our small churches having special revival services. Nothing will so bless our churches as prayerful efforts to win souls to Christ. Let us place our goal for 1925 at five hundred baptisms. We also urge the importance of intense activities on the part of our Baptist pastors and churches to enlist the many new Baptists moving into our section of the State. Unless we get in touch with them as they come, many of them will be lost to the church and the Kingdom work.

SOME THINGS NEEDFUL

We need to watch, over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the words of our Saviour to secure it without delay. Let us get selfishness out of our hearts and keep our eyes upon the cross. If we would do this there would not be so many disturbances in our churches, and the Kingdom's interest would be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WHITE, Chairman,

J. B. RODGERS, Secretary.

THE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN AND THE FUTURE PROGRAM

Five years of marvelous blessing is an apt expression for the 75 Million Campaign which is soon to come to a close. This has been the greatest and most successful missionary enterprise ever put over by Southern Baptists. It has exceeded the dreams of many, been a wonder to others; and commanded the attention of all denominations of our country. At the beginning of the campaign the question put forth by Southern Baptists and other religious denominations was: "Can it be done?" Some honest men and women thought it would be impossible to unite 25,000 independent Baptist Churches in one great mission cause. That we have demonstrated our ability to do so is no longer a question. It is true that several thousand churches refused to co-operate in this stupendous enterprise. The sad part of it is that these churches are the ones who have suffered spiritually. They lost their spiritual power, and began to take the dry-rot when they failed in this divine program. On the other hand the churches which sacrificed to pay their pledges have had a spiritual rebirth. The Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U., the W. M. U. have all made greater progress than ever before. The showers of blessings fell and the churches were revived for pledges to them meant vows to God, and these vows were paid unto the Lord. No one man or group of men claim the credit for the inauguration of the 75 Million Campaign. It is acknowledged in the heart of every spiritual Baptist that it was of God, and God alone. Hence the churches and individuals in these churches who responded to the great Macedonian call of Christ Himself received the greatest blessing. Pity upon the churches and the people who fail to answer this great call to world-wide missions.

It is true that a financial depression came in the midst of the campaign, and all our people were affected by it. In some measure it was

The History of Little River Baptist Church

Little River Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist Church, was planned in prayer, built on faith, paid for by sacrifice, and dedicated to the Glory of God and the service of man.

In 1923, a sub-division was begun near the Little River, on what was then known as Everglades Avenue. Today this is 79th Street. Baptists in this area realized the need of a place to worship. After a census was taken, under the leadership of H. P. Summers, it was determined that approximately sixty Baptists were interested in a gospel program. A tent was secured through the financial aid of F. M. Soar. Mr. Summer's son-in-law, Reverend C. R. Lee, was the evangelist for this meeting. As a result of the prayers and efforts of these and many other interested Christians, the Little River Baptist Church was organized.

The organizational meeting took place in a small portable schoolhouse located on N. W. 77th Street and 4th Court on the first Sunday in January, 1924. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Alex Tinsley. Other deacons that were instrumental in the organization were: Mr. J. Garwood and Mr. W. J. Roach of Stanton Memorial Baptist Church; Mr. S. H. Hennett and Mr. M. B. Plummer of Lemon City Baptist Church.

Records of the details of the organization were lost in the hurricane of 1926. Those believed to be the charter members are: Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Plummer; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Naylor; Paul and Kathryn Naylor; Mr. James Garwood; Mr. S. H. Hennett; Mr. Alex Tinsley; Mr. J. J. Soar; Mr. Green Conger; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lee; Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams and Reverend C. R. Lee. The deacons were Mr. Garwood, Mr. Hennett, Mr. M. B. Plummer and Mr. Tinsley.

The first meetings were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Naylor. Sunday School began with twenty-seven members, and Mr. Tinsley was the first superintendent. Mr. Naylor was elected chorister and leader of B.Y.P.U., as the organization was then called. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer were also Junior B.Y.P.U. leaders and primary Sunday School teachers. Mr. L. C. Coe was made Sunday School teacher for the young people and Mrs. Plummer served as W.M.U. President.

During these early days the spirit of missions was active in the hearts of these people. As a result, two missions were started during 1925 and 1926 that later became churches. The First Baptist Church of North Miami was begun with Reverend Reginald Johnson as pastor and 79th Street Baptist Church with Reverend Harry Whipple as pastor.

Later an old building was secured where the 79th Street Hotel now stands, which accommodated the newly organized church for about six weeks. The first building of worship was located on the corner of N. W. 79th Street and 4th Court. Extra Sunday School rooms were added on each side of the sanctuary as the church was growing rapidly. An upstairs room was added for the Men's Bible Class. These rooms were not structurally sound, so when the hurricane of 1926 struck, the building was demolished.

A garage, owned by Mr. F. M. Soar located at 101 N. W. 79th Street, was donated for Sunday worship. Seats, made by the members, and stacked outside, were moved into the garage for services. Since there were not any classrooms, the congregation met in different locations. However, these inconveniences did not dampen the spirit and determination of the people to proceed with their plan for a church.

With the gift of \$1,000 from the Baptist State Board, matching gifts from members, and an acquisition of the land on the corner of N. W. 77th Street and 4th Court, construction of a new church was started. During this period, services continued in the Soar garage. Also at this time, Reverend Lee announced his resignation. Reverend O. A. Utley of Memphis, Tennessee, was then called as pastor, and under his ministry, two outstanding revival meetings were conducted. He was followed by Reverend W. H. Sledge. Then came Reverend J. G. Gunter, who served for over a year, followed by Dr. W. L. Head, whose pastorate of three months resulted in forty-eight new members. Dr. J. H. Puddington was then called as pastor. Reverend A. M. Butler served, followed by Reverend Granville Fisher, under whose leadership revival services were conducted by Reverend Tony Dorris, brother of Mr. G. C. Dorris, then the Sunday School superintendent.

In 1935, Reverend Carl A. Moberg came from the First Baptist Church of Dania as our pastor. At this time, the church's membership reached 235 with 100 enrolled in Sunday School and 50 in Training Union. Several evangelistic meetings were held under the direction of the following: Reverend Clifford Lewis of Cleveland; Reverend W. C. Stracener of Riverside Baptist Church; Dr. W. E. Nowlin, the former President of the State Convention; Dr. William McBernie of Ireland.

During the Business Meeting of October 25, 1935, the church voted unanimously to construct a Sunday School Annex, valued at \$20,000, with the understanding that upon completion, it should be debt free. It was dedicated May 28, 1939. During this same year, under the direction of Superintendent G. C. Dorris, we were recognized as a Standard Sunday School and led the Miami Association in study course awards. Our Vacation Bible School ranked first in the state as a single church school. Pinewood and Golden Glades missions were started and later, both became churches.

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