

Ray, W. J. served as pastor of Crystal River Baptist Church and Pine Grove Baptist Church, Madison, 1927.

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Building in Crystal River

Many Dwellings and Business Houses Are Being Erected.

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CRYSTAL RIVER, Feb. 22.—This rapidly growing town is undergoing a period of building such as it has seldom known before.

The Spanish stucco building for the Crystal River Mirror was completed this week and turned over to John Kilgore owner and publisher of the Mirror by the contractors, Miller-Wilson Construction Company.

E. C. Bunch, has almost completed the frame bungalow to be used as a residence for Rev. W. J. Ray of the Baptist church.

Several small bungalows and bungalettes are under construction.

Material is being placed on the ground for the erection of the new 100 room Crystal River hotel and the builder, I. S. Satten of Chicago, announces that work will begin next week.

W. C. Miller will start work Monday on a new theater to be known as the "Plaza." The management of the present Crystalite theater will be merged in the new venture.

E. R. Perdue will start next week on three brick stores. One of them is to be occupied by the Crystal River Furniture Company and one of the others probably by a chain grocery firm.

MILTON CONDUCTED BY REV. W. J. RAY

Milton, Jan. 31.—Evangelist **W. J. Ray** and his singer, E. G. Johnston, both of Birmingham, Alabama, are now conducting in our town one of the greatest revivals in the history of the place. The services are being held in the Baptist church which is the largest in the town and it is filled to its capacity for every service.

These gentlemen have recently conducted a great meeting in the First Baptist church of Jacksonville with Dr. **W. A. Hobson** its pastor. Dr. Hobson has said of the meeting that it was the best ever held in that church during his pastorate of nearly twenty years.

Rev. Mr. Ray is a gentleman of pleasing personality, and, as a pulpit orator, has few superiors. He preaches the gospel with sincerity and power, and the large crowds attending the services hang on his words with unusual interest. Some who have heard "Billy" Sunday say that Mr. **Ray** is the more forceful preacher.—Mr. Sunday surpassing him only in the

matter of having with him a large force of co-workers making up a large organization within itself.

Mr. Johnston is a singer of distinction. He is a splendid soloist, and as a director of gospel singing, he is extra good. The music in these services is said to be the best ever heard in Milton, and it is needless to say that it is one of the big features of the meeting.

The meeting was begun Sunday the 20th and will continue through next Sunday, February 3rd.

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welcome to our great State. Right in the beginning of his ministry he mails us a list of names for awards in People Called Baptists. There were nine in the class.

CRYSTAL RIVER.—Sometime ago, before Brother **W. J. Ray** was called to the pastorate of the Madison church he sent us a list of 14 names for the Sunday School Manual, Award which is the S. S. Diploma. Brother Ray had the assistance of Mr. O. K. Radford in his training school.

STUART AGAIN.—The Intermediates are getting their share of attention these days. Pastor E. A. Burnette sends us a list of 12 names for the seal on Training in Christian Service.

<u>Minister</u>	<u>Date Called</u>
Rev. S. C. Craft	October 25, 1856
Rev. J. D. Evans	June 25, 1887
Rev. L. B. Plumer	November 19, 1887
Rev. F. M. Wells	August 26, 1888
Rev. M. K. Knight	October 27, 1889
Rev. J. N. Reid	October 25, 1890
Rev. W. H. Bryant	August 12, 1894
Rev. S. R. Clements	November 4, 1899
Rev. Moses Ward	February 19, 1905
Rev. T. A. Evans	September 8, 1907
Rev. A. N. Woodard	
Rev. W. R. Ivey	September 16, 1911
Rev. A. N. Woodard	October 6, 1912
Rev. S. B. Cole	December 15, 1915
Rev. J. M. Conner	May 11, 1924
Dr. A. J. Preston	February, 1925 (Asked to fill out the year)
Rev. W. J. Ray	December 4, 1927
Rev. A. T. Camp	October 21, 1929
Rev. W. J. Ray	October 12, 1930
Rev. A. M. Rowe	April 19, 1931
Rev. R. B. Keyes	
Rev. M. J. Fowler	
Rev. D. P. Hendry	
Rev. S. J. Graham	October, 1956
Rev. J. T. Fann	
Rev. E. L. Gurr	March 29, 1959
Rev. Carl A. Webb	
Rev. Douglas Mitchell	December 13, 1964
Rev. A. L. Brock	December, 1970 Interim Pastor