

Samuel Reeves graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary, Georgia. Reeves served as pastor of churches in Texas, Georgia, Michigan, and Florida including First Baptist Church, Bradenton. He and his wife served as missionaries for the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board to Argentina. Reeves and his wife, Geraldine Elizabeth Baker Reeves had three sons.

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**Rev. Samuel Reeves**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRADENTON** will welcome its new pastor, the **Rev. Samuel D. Reeves** at the 11 a.m. service Sunday.

Prior to his call from the local church, the **Rev. Reeves** served as pastor of the Lithia Heights Baptist Church of Lithia Springs, Ga.

A graduate of Mercer University with a degree in psychology, and of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, the **Rev. Reeves** entered the ministry as pastor of the Thornberry Baptist Church near Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mission work then called and he entered the pioneer mission field as pastor of the Emmanuel Church in Midland, Mich. Then in 1967 he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Argentina.

As with most missionaries, his work included many duties not usually associated with church work. During the seven years that **Reeves** spent in the South American country, churches served were San Justo Baptist Church, one of the larger churches in the Argentina convention; the Del Centro Baptist Church, the first Baptist Church established in Argentina and is now over 100 years old. Also the Villa Pueyrredon Baptist Church, one of the fastest growing churches in suburban Buenos Aires, and Villá Urquiza, a new church.

First Baptist Church's new pastor comes to Bradenton with a wealth of experience, having served churches in many different circumstances that ranged from a rural community in North Texas to metropolitan Buenos Aires with 8 million

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The **Rev. Samuel Reeves** earned advanced degrees of Master of Divinity (Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1964) and Doctor of Ministry (Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., 1978).

He is married to the former Geraldine Elizabeth (Bette) Baker, born in Sarasota. They have three children, Thomas Mark, a musician, Michael Dwain and Erik **Samuel**.

Both the **Rev.** and Mrs. **Reeves** are bi-lingual in Spanish each holding a certificate of language from the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica.



**Rev. Samuel Reeves**

### Civitans celebrate Clergy Week

The Moonlighters Civitan Club of Bradenton held its first "Clergy Week" meeting Thursday in the Western Sizzlin Steak House.

Clergy Week is observed in February by Civitan Clubs around the world to honor the memory of four chaplains who died heroically in World War II aboard the Troop Transport, Dorchester and to show appreciation to clergymen of all faiths.

Featured speakers included Sydney Fishman of Gathersburg, Md., Civitan International president-elect and the Rev. Carl Shafer of Lakeland.

Local ministers who were guests of club members included the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Reeves, First Baptist Church of Bradenton; the Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Queen, Oneco Methodist Church; the Rev. and Mrs. David Terriaco, Suncoast Christian Church; the Rev. and Mrs. David Hoberman and the Rev. Cliff MacDonald, chaplain of Manatee Memorial Hospital and Mrs. MacDonald.

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will present Rev. Richard minister of the Unitarian Sarasota, as guest speaker Sunday. A discussion coffee hour will follow

**COVENANT FAITHSHIP**, 5614 Richardson feature Kenneth E. Hag- teaching on healing via 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun-

will feature shops with Christmas crafts, homemade candies, baked goods, and plants. There will also be a garage sale and a luncheon.

**THE REV. SAM REEVES**, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bradenton, has announced his resignation to go into a private business in New Orleans. A Pulpit Committee, chaired by Charlie Elmore, has been named to search for a replacement.