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Leslie E. Sanders was born in Webb City, Missouri the son of Charles Theodore and Margaret Ellen Wheeler Sanders. He graduated from William Jewell College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. While working toward his doctorate at Goden Gate Seminary, Sanders served as professor of homiletics, 1946-1950. Sanders served as pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Jacksonville and First Baptist Church, Chipley. He and his wife, Jeanne Sanders, had two daughters.

This, That and the Other

LESLIE E. SANDERS IS NEW PASTOR WOODLAWN CHURCH, JAX



On Nov. 1, Leslie E. Sanders begins his service as pastor of Woodlawn Church, Jacksonville, coming here from First Church, Chipley.

A graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., Sanders also did work toward his doctorate at Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., where he served as professor of homiletics, 1946-50, while pastoring Golden Gate Church, Oakland, Calif.

During his ministry at Chipley, the church erected a \$60,000 educational building; enlarged, redecorated and air-conditioned the auditorium; increased Cooperative Program gifts by 40 per cent, Sunday school attendance 35 per cent and Training Union enrolment more than 100 per cent.

Sanders has served as president of Washington County Minister's Association, vice moderator of West Florida Association, program chairman of West Florida Pastor's Conference, dean of the Chipley Seminary Extension Center, professor of homiletics at B. B. I., Graceville and member of the State Board of Missions from this area.

He and Mrs. Sanders have two daughters, Sandra and Sharon.

IT PAYS TO START A MISSION

Eastside Church of Haines City, of which George H. Liner has been pastor since Oct. 15, 1953, organized its Westside Mission into a church, Oct. 10, 1954. J. L. Howard was ordained as pastor of the new church.

After starting Westside Mission, the Eastside Church immediately started breaking all previous records. Before starting the Mission the average attendance for Sunday school was 121. This year it has grown to 211, has 13 new class rooms and two assemblies.

The day the mission was organized into a church, attendance in Sunday school was 420. This not only broke the Eastside Church record, but all past records for Haines City. Additions for Eastside church for 1954 were 160, 89 of which were by baptism.

"We of Eastside Church know that it pays to start a mission, and with the help of the Lord we plan to start a new one in the near future," writes John Wetherington, church clerk.

Lebanon Church, Plant City and Pastor J. B. McCormick were assisted in revival services Sept. 20-29 by John R. Martin, pastor, First Church, Samoset. Besides the results in additions to the church, an outstanding feature of the meeting was that, following a requested sermon on tithing Sunday morning, more than 75 per cent of those present came forward pledging themselves to tithe their income through the church.

Beulah Church, Winter Garden held an eight-day revival meeting with Paul Carmichael, pastor of North Park Church, Orlando, preaching, and Joe E. Parker, associate pastor of First Church, Winter Garden, leading the music. Interim Pastor Jack Andrews reports 12 additions for baptism and three by letter.

Pastor J. Earl Lewis did his own preaching in revival services and C. J. Hoolsema the singing at El Bethel Church, Tampa, Oct. 3-10. Following a vigorous visitation campaign, this Home Meeting saw 29 new members added to the church, 13 by baptism.

Assisting Palatka Heights Church and

**TWO MATHEWS BROTHERS
ORDAINED AT LEESBURG**

On Dec. 22, 1950, a presbytery met at First Church, Leesburg, to examine Eston H. and Ronald P. Mathews as to their fitness for the gospel ministry. These two young men are brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mathews, Leesburg. The presbytery was composed of the following: O. T. Moncrief, Clermont; C. L. Hargrove, pastor First Church, Tavares; John W. Moffatt, pastor Main Street Church, Leesburg; C. B. Stallings, pastor First Baptist Mission, Leesburg; H. G. Wheeler, pastor Grace Church, Clermont; C. S. Thomas, supply pastor, First Church, Leesburg. The father of the young men sat in as a visitor. C. S. Thomas was chosen moderator and C. B. Stallings clerk.

After the candidates gave satisfactory evidence of their experience of grace and call to the gospel ministry, they were thoroughly questioned on Bible doctrines. The entire examination being satisfactory, the presbytery voted unanimously to recommend their ordination.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 24, at the 11:00 service the church authorized the ordination. Dr. Thomas preached the Ordination Sermon. Charge to the Candidates was given by Dr. Kenneth A. Amsler, president of Baptist Bible Institute, Cleveland, Ohio. Charge to the Church and Presentation of the Bibles was made by Lloyd King, Orlando, who also led the Ordination Prayer. All ordained present were asked to join in the laying on of hands.

Eston and Ronald attended Hargraves Military Academy (Baptist) at Chatham, Va., and each hold a B.A. degree from Stetson University. They are at present students in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Eston graduates this Spring. This is Ronald's first year. For the past two centuries, there has been in each generation of the family one or two gospel ministers.

**LESLIE SANDERS ASSUMES
CHIPLEY PASTORATE**



Leslie E. Sanders

Leslie E. Sanders has begun duties as pastor of the First Church, Chipley. He is a brother of Pastor Harold G. Sanders, First Church, Tallahassee.

Leslie Sanders was born and reared in Webb City, Mo. He attended Southwest Baptist College and William Jewell College of Missouri. He earned his Master of Theology degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. He worked on his Doctor of Theology degree at Golden Gate Seminary, Berkley, Calif., and at the same time was professor of Homilectics in the Seminary.

His two most recent pastorates were Golden Gate Baptist Church, Oakland, Calif., and Downtown Southern Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

The Sanders have two daughters, Sandra Lee and Sharon Jeanne.

**ROBERT LEE LOUK ORDAINED
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