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Richard G. Salter was a native of Jacksonville, Florida the son of Walter H., Sr. and La Verna Salter. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Salter served as pastor of churches in Virginia and Florida including Dinsmore Baptist Church, Jacksonville and Norwood Baptist Church, Jacksonville. He and his wife Alice Mattox Salter had two sons.

This, That and the Other

Powers Drive Church Calls Milham as Pastor

Richard J. Milham, who recently resigned as pastor of Alston Avenue Church, Durham, N. C., began his duties as pastor of Powers Drive Church, Orlando on October 4.

Milham is a graduate of Wheaton College, received a Master's degree from Stetson University, attended Southern Seminary and is a graduate of Southeastern Seminary. He has completed the residency and class work requirements for a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of North Carolina. He has served as associate pastor of College Park Church, Orlando.

Under Milham's leadership, Alston Avenue was cited for outstanding growth and development for three consecutive years by the Church Development Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Norwood Church, Jax Welcomes Salter as Pastor



Norwood Church, Jacksonville called Richard G. Salter as pastor, effective November 15. On this date there were 19 additions, and following the service a reception honoring the new pastor and his family was held.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina and Southeastern Seminary, Salter has held pastorates in Virginia and Florida. For the past several months, he has been associate pastor at Central Church, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Salter is the former Alice Mattox of Jacksonville. They have two sons, Richard and John.

On November 8 Hubert T. Hayes and Keith A. Marr were ordained as deacons of Pine Hills Church, Orlando, where James B. Henry is pastor.

Religious Education Group Elects New Officers

The Florida Baptist Religious Education Association (for music and education workers) elected new officers at its meeting on November 9 at First Church, Tampa.

Those elected to serve for this year are: President — Joseph Abernathy, minister of education, First Church, Tampa; Enlistment Vice President—R. Terrell Lawless, minister of education, Main Street Church, Jacksonville; Education Vice President — Wert Campbell, minister of education, Miami Shores Church, Miami; Music Vice President—Wendell Carpenter, minister of music, Ancient City Church, St. Augustine; Secretary-Treasurer—John Pruitt, minister of education, Riverside Church, Tampa; Pianist — Al Washburn, minister of music, Terry Parker Church, Jacksonville; Chorister—Bill Colle, minister of music, First Church, Palatka.

Revival Report

Pine Hills Church, Orlando, Evangelist Edgar Cooper, Singer Roger Kuder, 35 for baptism, 11 by letter, Pastor James B. Henry.

New Pastor at Bristol

Kenneth L. Kinley of Trafford, Pa. has resigned as pastor of Macedonia Church, Blountstown to accept the call of First Church, Bristol.

A student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Kinley was pastor of Macedonia Church for 22 months. During this time the church had 23 additions, added a Training Union and increased the budget. The church building has been renovated and a new parsonage is near completion.

Mrs. Kinley was Grace Yates of Planterstown, Pa. They have four children.

First Church, Goulds will have Homecoming Day and dinner on the grounds on December 6. This day will climax a week of revival services led by Evangelist Ray Dobbins and Singer Clinton Miller. Clarke Nelson, Robert Collier and John Thompson will be ordained as deacons. Doyle Denny is pastor.

Stetson University has received \$2000 from the Sears Roebuck Foundation, under a new program of aid to privately-supported colleges and universities, Don Barker, local representative of the Foundation has announced. Mr. Barker presented the check to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds. It was part of unrestricted grants totaling \$700,000 being distributed in November by the Foundation.

James Smith New Pastor At Friendship Church

James W. Smith of Dover began his duties as pastor of Friendship Church, DeFuniak Springs on October 4.

This is the second pastorate for Smith, who is a student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville. He was a purchasing agent in Tampa before entering the ministry.

Mrs. Smith was Judy Hiers of Dover. They have two small children.

Since October 1 North Central Church, Gainesville has had 65 additions (26 for baptism). The church has increased its budget from \$45,000 to \$90,000 with 49 per cent of the 1965 budget going to world missions through the Cooperative Program. N. B. Langford, Jr. is pastor.

Colburn Goes to Vero Beach

R. Frank Colburn resigned as pastor of Medulla Church, Lakeland to become pastor of Forest Park Church, Vero Beach on November 1.

Since January, 1956 when Colburn went to Medulla Church, there have been 508 additions, Sunday school has increased 75 per cent and Training Union nearly 200 per cent. The church plant has been air conditioned and a new parsonage built.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Gainmange, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Korea, may now be addressed at 2006 Broadus, Ft. Worth, Texas 76115. He is a native of Miami.

Benedict Joins Staff of Southside Church, Lakeland

On November 1 Jimmy Burke Benedict became pastor's assistant at Southside Church, Lakeland, where T. Rupert Coleman is pastor.

A native of Kentucky, Benedict is a graduate of Murray State College in Kentucky and Southern Seminary. While a student he was pastor of Bethany Chapel, Paris, Tenn.; Hebron Church, Madison, Ind.; and associate pastor of Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Benedict is the former Margaret Ruth Hausman of Illinois.

Lewis C. Futch of Plant City is the new pastor of Poplar Springs Church, Chipley. He resigned as pastor of Starke Lake Church, Ocoee before enrolling at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville last September. He has been a pastor for 11 years.

Mrs. Futch was Estelle Cooper of Plant City. They have three sons.

Perfect Sunday School Attendance at Waverly Church

E. M. Ricks, second from left, Sunday school superintendent of Waverly Church, Waverly, recently presented pins for perfect Sunday school attendance to Howard Thornton, left, 7 years; Mrs. Edith Johnson, second from right, 14 years; and Miss Cindy Whitley, right, 8 years.

Mr. Thornton is a night watchman and has worked every Saturday night during these seven years.

Salter Joins Central Staff

Rev. Richard Salter has resigned his pastorate at Dinsmore Baptist Church to become associate pastor at Central Baptist Church. Dr. Robert Witty, Central pastor, announced yesterday

The Rev. Mr. Salter, a native of Jacksonville, is a graduate of Jackson High School, the University of North Carolina and Southeastern and Luther Rice Theological seminaries. He presently is serving as professor of Greek and New Testament at the latter school.

He resigned a regular Navy officer's commission to go into the ministry.

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also at making parents and children keep Sunday school books in permanent libraries in the homes.

The church also expects the more attractive quarterlies to draw the attention of parents for their own self-education in Christian teachings, and to encourage parents to take the books with them and teach the children themselves when the kids miss Sunday school during vacations.

While the Methodists are re-vamping their teaching program for children, the Presbyterians last week started their new Christian education program with a first phase aimed at adults.

Presbyterians, too, adopted the more attractive instruction booklets, but the subject mat-

Main St. To Rise

Central Baptist Aide Named

Rev. Richard Salter is new associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, a large Southside congregation of which the **Rev. Dr. Robert Witty** is pastor.

Former pastor of Dinsmore Baptist Church, the **Rev. Mr. Salter** resigned a regular Navy commission to answer a call to the ministry and had since held pastorates in North Carolina and Virginia as well as Florida.

He is a native of Jacksonville, a former student at Andrew Jacksonville High School and attended the University of North Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to his duties as associate pastor, he will teach Greek and New Testament in Luther Rice Seminary, a Christian training school which is housed at Central Baptist Church.

Norwood Church Is Growing Fast

One of Jacksonville's "middleaged" churches, situated in a neighborhood where many observers would expect membership to be stagnated or fading, is getting bigger by leaps and bounds.

It is Norwood Baptist Church, situated in the northernmost residential area inside the Jacksonville city limits.

Rev. Richard Salter, the pastor, said his church expects to break ground next month for a new Sunday school building.

The \$90,000 structure will be the first new building project for the Norwood congregation in a decade. Its 16,000 feet of floor space will more than double the total space of the church.

Norwood Baptist Church, which is 40 years old, has a current membership of more than 700.

Its sudden spurt of growth began eight months ago when the Rev. Mr. Salter, formerly assistant minister at Central Baptist Church, became the Norwood pastor.

Despite the fact that many churches are moaning about the current vacation-time drop in Sunday-worship attendance, Norwood has been putting extra chairs in the vestibule to handle Sunday attendance.

The sanctuary—a World War II Army chapel which was chopped into three sections and floated down the St. Johns River from Camp Blanding—will hold 350 persons when it is crammed full.

Yet, when the Lord's Supper was prepared for 350 persons on June 13, the deacons and the choir couldn't participate. There wasn't enough of the grape juice and wafers to go around.

One of the factors boosting membership, said the Rev. Mr.



REV. SALTER

Journal Photo

"As I See It!"



Baptist Church, became the Norwood pastor.

A total of 125 new members have been added to the church roster since the Rev. Mr. Satter began preaching there, 45 of these by baptism.

The Norwood area hasn't shown any great influx of new residents, the factor which often guarantees growing membership of freshly established suburban churches.

The minister refuses to take credit for the upsurge.

"It's a blessing from the Lord," said the Rev. Mr. Satter. "We've had a genuine revival here."

Some of the new members live as far away as Orange Park, Southside and Arlington.

One of the factors boosting membership, said the Rev. Mr. Satter is the work of Charles Pinkerton, the congregation's minister of youth. Pinkerton, married and the father of two, quit his job as an electrical-parts supplier in June and entered Jacksonville University to begin studying for the ministry.

Wednesday night services at Norwood, aimed especially at young people in the congregation, often attract more than 150 persons.

The Rev. Mr. Satter himself was a latecomer to the ministry. He served in the Navy Supply Corps for more than 16 years and was a lieutenant when he entered the ministry in 1958.

He is also former pastor of Dinsmore Baptist Church.

Rev. J. M. deVette - was born in the Netherlands - Newendyke, Almkerk on December 25, 1884. In 1888 the family settled in Muskegon, Michigan. The deVettes belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church and Rev. deVette learned woodworking in the Muskegon area. As a young man he worked in a Rescue Mission in Muskegon and it was there that he had a real conversion. He felt led into the ministry in 1913. He was ordained one week and the next week, August 20, 1913, was married.

In between serving churches in the North Florida and South Georgia area - Yulee, Callahan, Hilliard, St. Marys, Ephesus, and Ruhamah - Rev. deVette had a woodworking shop in Fernandina.

Rev. deVette served Ephesus at different intervals during the 1930s, 1940s and early 1950s.

During his pastorate at Ephesus he built a house for the Don Haddocks; two sisters and two brothers who lived together; built the plywood pews for the church, and donated a piano which is still in use.

"I recall that Mother and Dad both enjoyed the fellowship with folks at Ephesus and they called on folks on occasions during the week making the trip from Fernandina. I also recall their making Wednesday night trips to Ephesus for prayer meetings. I recall that Dad said on one occasion, jokingly of course, that the Apostle Paul had nothing on him for he had also preached at Ephesus."

Robert O. deVette
May 1994

Rev. Walter H. Salter, Sr. - was born August 1, 1904, native of Wilcox County, Georgia and lived in Jacksonville since 1926. He and his wife, LaVerna had the following children: Richard Gaston Salter, LaVerna Salter McKinney, Walter Salter, Jr. and Robert Salter. Rev. Salter died on June 5, 1994, the 149th Anniversary of Ephesus Baptist Church.

While working for the Jacksonville Electric Authority, Rev. Salter felt the call into the ministry. He worked shift work and for a while was able to make arrangement to have Sundays off so that he could preach. This arrangement did not last very long, so Rev. Salter retired from the City and went into the ministry full time. His first sermon at Ephesus was August 1, 1946 but was called as pastor on November 16, 1947.

Evangelistic Services Scheduled at Churches

Three churches here will conduct revivals during the next week, while one will conclude its fall revival tomorrow.

Northside Church of the Nazarene, 10310 Lem Turner Road, will hold services at 7:30 p.m. daily tomorrow through Oct. 4. **Rev.** H. P. Cooper, pastor, will be the speaker.

The **Rev.** Mr. Cooper is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tenn., and was ordained in 1950. He was pastor of Northside Church from 1956 to 1961, left to pastor at Sulphur Springs Church of the Nazarene in Tampa and returned here last June.

Barford Baptist Church on Arnold Road will have **Rev. Richard Salter** as the evangelist at revival services at 7:30 p.m. daily, beginning tomorrow.

The **Rev.** Mr. **Salter** is the son of the church pastor, **Rev.** W. H. **Salter** Sr., and is associate pastor at Central Baptist Church.

Highlights of the revival will include singing by the Centra-aires Quartet of Central Baptist Church and the Woodland Acres Baptist Church choir on Thursday and Friday nights, respectively.

Revival services will be conducted at Friendship Advent Christian Church at 1410 Tuttle St. in Arlington nightly tomorrow through Oct. 4.

Guest speaker will be **Rev.**

Pomeroy Carter, manager of the Advent Christian Home at Dowling Park. He also will lead services in the homecoming observance on the final day of the revival.

Parkwood Baptist Church, 700 Lone Star Road, will conclude a revival tomorrow, with services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. Paul Meigs, evangelism secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, will preach. Emphasis will be on youth at the evening service.

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SALTER—Mrs. Vivian Marie Salter, age 64, formerly of Algonquin Ave. in Jacksonville, passed away Saturday in Lewiston, N.Y. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was associated with May Cohens in the stationery department for many years before retiring. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Betty Gannon of Lewiston, N.Y.; two brothers, Chester Palmquist of Alsip, Ill. and Earl Palmquist of Jacksonville; one sister, Mrs. Esther Short of San Jose, Calif., and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held, 10 a.m. Wednesday from the chapel of Giddens Griffith Funeral Home, 729 S. Edgewood Ave., with the Rev. Richard Salter of the Jacksonville Heights Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow in Oaklawn Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be, E. Neal, David Holt, Mitchell Palmquist, J. I. Lusher, F. E. Berrie and Lester Tillman. Honorary pallbearer will be O. W. Timmons.