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Savage, W. L. served as pastor of Nocatee Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Winter Haven, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, 1903-1904.

WINTER HAVEN

Winter Haven, Feb. 21.—S. C. Guthrie has sold his home on Lake Howard and will soon remove to Sanford, where he will follow the trade of tailor. Mr. Guthrie and family will leave a host of friends, who regret their departure.

C. S. Miller lost a horse some days ago. It died of colic, caused by eating leaves of plants bitten by frost in the last cold spell.

Frank Peterson, who has recently purchased G. W. Brown's home and lot in the eastern part of town, has a force of hands at work upon the place preparatory for planting a large grove in the near future.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church, through the Aid Society, have purchased and placed new pews in the church to replace the chairs formerly used there. They are now preparing for the Washington's Birthday Bazaar, which is to be held February 22. Through these agencies they will add a new carpet and new pulpit furniture to the church shortly.

At the conference of the Baptist church held on last Thursday night, Rev. W. L. Savage, of Perry, was called as minister to the church for the coming year. The church is to be congratulated upon securing the services of so able a man. Mr. Savage has spent some days in town lately and has greatly impressed the people by his sermons and whole-souled, consecrated manner.

Sunday Morning, June 10, 1934

Baptist Church Opening Today Marks Climax Of Long Struggle

NEW
Of THE
CHURCH

Climaxing seven years of hard struggle, members of the First Baptist church today move into their new headquarters at South Olive avenue and Chicago street.

Not since the 1928 hurricane have the members had a church of their own. The large tabernacle, formerly located on the present site of the new educational building and church edifice, was destroyed during the hurricane, and since members have worshipped in theaters and, for the last several years, in leased property at Hibiscus street and South Poinsettia avenue.

New Buildings

The new properties were built through cooperation of members, who furnished approximately 55,000 working hours of free labor in demolishing condemned buildings here and at Kelsey City, and in constructing the buildings, the value of which at present is \$80,000, and when completed will be \$130,000, according to George A. Chalkler, local contractor and deacon of the church, who has supervision of construction. Architectural plans were drawn by Lester W. Geisler.

The services this morning will mark the beginning of the eighth year of the pastorate of Dr. C. H. Bolton, who came to the church in 1927.

The new headquarters will be one of the finest religious homes in the South. Members are paying as they go and at present have only an indebtedness of about \$7,500. There is no mortgage.

The auditorium will face east on Olive avenue, is octagonal with the roof rising from eight sides to a small dome. The first floor, when completed, will house the adult department of the Sunday school. The auditorium will seat 1,100 persons with the balcony.

The baptistry is built behind the choir loft and is elevated so that it can be seen from all parts of the auditorium.

The educational building has a capacity of 1,500 with 56 classrooms and seven assembly halls, one for each department. The present membership of the church is 1,175, with a Sunday school enrollment of 925.

Large Class Wanted

Today's aim is 1,000 members for Sunday school, which will start at 9:45 a. m. On the first floor will be the cradle roll, beginners' and primary departments. The young people's department will be located on the second floor, as will the church office and pastor's study. On the third floor the Juniors and Intermediate departments will be located.

The B. Y. P. U.'s have set as their goal for tonight's service 250 persons. They will meet on the second floor of the educational building at 6:45 o'clock. Dr. W. W. Willian, state secretary of B. Y. P. U.'s, will be the speaker at the general assembly of the organizations. Miss Fay Hamon is general director of the unions.

Dr. Bolton will deliver the morning sermon at 11 o'clock on "The Worthy Christ." Music for the service will include: Prelude, "Pilgrim's Chorus" (Walker); offertory, "Angelus" (Smith); anthem, by choir, "Festival te Deum" (Dudley Buck) and recessional, "Jerusalem the Golden" (Geordeler).

At the evening church services at 8 o'clock Dr. Willian will deliver the sermon. A male quartet will give special numbers for the service. Prof. Thomas A. Remington, director of music at Stetson university at DeLand and former music director of the church, will direct the music at both services today.

During the coming week, services will be held each night in the auditorium. These services will be known as "open house" services and members of other churches have been invited to attend. Dr. W. A. Myres, pastor of the First Methodist church and president of the West Palm Beach Ministerial association will deliver the sermon Monday night.

Tuesday night, the Rev. E. H. Rice, pastor of Allapattah Baptist church, Miami, and chairman of the executive committee of the Miami Baptist association, will be the speaker.

The Rev. J. E. Dutton, pastor of the First Baptist church of Delray Beach, will deliver the sermon Wednesday night and Thursday night Dr. J. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Miami will speak. The Rev. R. D. Carrin, pastor of the First Baptist church at Stuart, will be in charge of Friday evening's services.

A revival meeting will be held at the church from July 8 through July 15, with Dr. P. E. Burroughs of Nashville, as the principal speaker and Fred Scholfield of Longwood, as the director of music.

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The church was first organized September 17, 1901, with 17 members. The **Rev. F. M. Blitch**, a young preacher and carpenter, was supply pastor for several months and then the **Rev. H. H. Sturgis**, a pioneer preacher along the East Coast, came to the church as its first regular pastor. The next pastor was the **Rev. W. R. Lambert**, who served the church until November, 1903. The next pastor was the **Rev. W. L. Savage**, who served until June, 1904. His successor was the **Rev. C. V. Waugh**, who was pastor until July, 1905.

Other ministers who served the church and who carried on the work during trying times were the **Rev. Samuel S. Gibson**, **Dr. W. D. Nowlin**, **Dr. W. B. Hubbard** and the **Rev. E. B. Jenkins**. Following the ministry of the **Rev. Jenkins**, which covered six years, the **Rev. J. W. Williams** was called and served for several months. **Dr. John Roach**

Dr. Charles H. Bolton, who with the morning's service at the new headquarters of the First Baptist church at South Olive avenue and Chicago street, will begin his eighth year as pastor of the church.

He came here from Birmingham, where he was pastor of the Norwood Baptist church for three years. For six years he was in the printing business in Atlanta. He attended the Baptist seminary at Louisville, Ky., from 1915 to 1917.

NOCATEE

REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUED AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

NOCATEE, July 2.—Revival services are continued in the Baptist Church by **Rev. R. Y. Waldron**, assisted by **Rev. Loudermilk**, of Charlotte Harbor. **Rev. W. L. Savage**, pastor of our church, is engaged in like work at Zolfo.

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Herald.

Rev. W. L. Savage returned this morning from St. Augustine, where he has been visiting for the past two weeks, and will enter upon the work in his new field of labor, the Baptist missionary work between this city and Miami.—
West Palm Beach Tropical Sun.

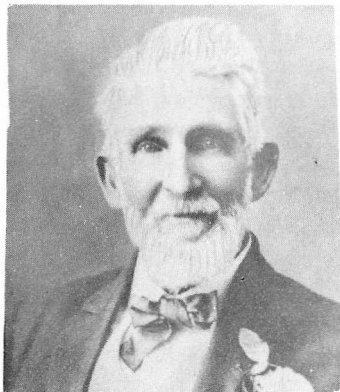
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PASTORS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Palm Lake 1901-1951

	Year	Membership
H. H. Sturges, Florida	1901-1903	37
W. R. Lambert, Alabama	1903	65
W. L. Savage, Jackson, Tenn.	1903-1904	83
C. V. Waugh, Lake City, Fla.	1904-1905	65
S. S. Gibson, Hendersonville, N.C.	1906-1911	101
Frank P. Gates, Lexington, Ky.	1913	107
C. R. Phillips, Florida	1913-1914	117
W. H. Hubbard, N. Y.	1915-1918	116
C. S. Lester, South Haven, Mich.	1919-1920	
E. B. Jenkins, Kershaw, S. C.	1920-1925	600
John Roach Straton, New York	1926	800
J. W. Williams	1926-1927	
C. H. Bolton, Alabama	1927-1939	1,438
Ira D. S. Knight, Virginia	1939-1945	1,739
R. Kelly White, North Carolina	1946-	2,644



H. H. Sturges



W. R. Lambert