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Schultz, Michael Joseph (1898-1967) was a native of Scott Haven, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Stetson University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Alabama. served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Mango; North Boulevard Baptist Church, Wauchula; First Baptist Church, Wauchula; New Hope Baptist Church, Wauchula; First Baptist Church Umatilla; Eastside Baptist Church, Lakeland, 1949-1956 and Carter's Baptist Church, Lakeland. Schultz was the first pastor of North Park Baptist Church, Orlando in 1922.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

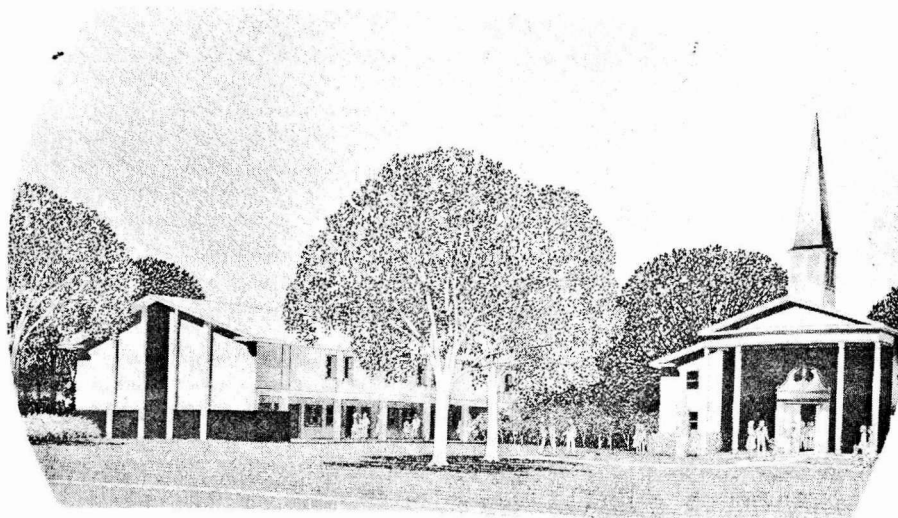
The beginning of the Eastside Baptist Church was in cottage prayer meetings and Bible studies held in various homes in the late 1930's and early 40's. In the spring of 1942 a religious census was conducted by the Southside Baptist Church under the direction of their pastor, Dr. James S. Day, Jr. In February, 1943, the Associational Missionary, Rev. Frank Faris, led an evangelistic campaign in a tent at the corner of federal highway #92 and Meridian Avenue. A Sunday School was organized with Mrs. I. B. Phillips as the first superintendent. Despite winds which blew the tent down and fire which eventually damaged it beyond repair, the work continued to grow. On July 23, 1944, the first permanent building was occupied and dedicated at the current location. Rev. George Curtice served as first mission pastor, while they continued to worship in the afternoons. In November, 1944, Rev. A. Flournoy Jernigan, a ministerial student from Stetson University, was called as pastor.

On September 22, 1947, the Eastside Baptist Church was organized, as an independent Southern Baptist Church. The Southside Baptist Church of Lakeland, which had sponsored the mission from the beginning, granted

113 letters of membership. Upon the resignation of the pastor in 1949, Dr. Charles B. Williams served as an interim pastor. June 12, 1949, the church called Rev. Michael J. Schultz as pastor.

December 2, 1951, ground was broken for the auditorium building. The Corner Stone was set in place in special services February 24, 1952, and the building was occupied for the first time Sunday, November 23, 1952. In 1954, the mortgage on the auditorium was paid off and burned May 9 in the worship service. August 15, 1954, ground was broken for the addition immediately behind the auditorium.

In 1956, Bro. Schultz resigned as pastor and the church called Rev. Hubert Barnes. In October, 1961, the church called Rev. Wendell E. Witte. The two-story office and educational building was built and the dedication service of the new building was held June 23, 1963. Rev. Alton Martin was called as pastor and served from June, 1968 through May, 1976. The present pastor, Rev. David C. Hall, Jr., began his ministry at Eastside April 24, 1977.



GIBSONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
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UMATILLA BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZLD EARLIER THAN 1882 Present Structure Built in 1925 —Rev. **M. J. Schultz** Pastor. In the beginning of its organized life, the Umatilla Baptist Church was known as the Live Oak Baptist Church. The date of its organization is not known. It has, for many years, reported to the association that it was organized in 1882, but from statements of older residents and from references in the available records it is evident that it was organized much earlier. It IB more than 60 years ago that it was located nearer Eustis than Umatilla. Later it moved into a building near the Umatilla cemetery and from there into a school house. In July, 1888, the lot it now occupies was accepted from N. J. Towell and a house was built and occupied in 1889. This building was dedicated, as stated in the records, “On the third Sabbath in September, 1892, being the first house dedicated since the church began.” Work was carried on in that building until Sept. 20, 1914, and then it was decided to add rooms for the Sunday school. With this additional room the work went on until the present house of worship was built in 1925. There is not a complete list of the pastors available, but records show that the church has been faithfully served by the following: Revs. Simmons, J. H. Hyman, S. F. Gove, J. E. King, W. T. Gordon, D. Palmer, T. W. Spicer, D. B. Farmer, W. E. Tallant, J. M. Devanon, Rev. Beck, W. N. Kingsley. A. V. Pickem, J. M. Thompson, W. G. Patterson, E. Lee Smith, J. R. Well, W. W. Williams, A. A. Stanley, A. L. Abercornbe, Wilson Finch, J. L. Jenkins, L. B. Johnson and the present pastor, Michael J. Schultz. The church has a well-organized Sunday school which for 15 years has been recognized as a standard school by the Southern Baptist Convention. The church has a membership of approximately 250 people. The seating capacity is 500. . The church has the reputation of contributing more per capita for church work than any other Baptist church in Florida. Umatilla Minister The Rev. **Michael J. Schultz**, who recently became the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Umatilla, was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Florida at the age of 13. He is a graduate of Plant City High School, Stetson University, Southern Baptist Seminary, University of Alabama and the University of Kentucky where he served on the faculty for a number of years, and of the University of Kentucky, where he did graduate work. Mrs. Schultz is a Kentuckian. She was born at Port Royal; attended Campbellsburg High School, Georgetown College and the W. M. U. Training School. Brother Schultz has held strong pastorates in Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama and was the first pastor of the North Park Church, Orlando, in 1922-23.

Rev. Mr. Schultz *Resigns As Pastor Of Carter's Church*

The **Rev. Michael J. Schultz** has resigned as pastor of Carter's Baptist Church, it has been announced.

His resignation becomes effective at the conference meeting Wednesday, Marvin M. Starling, chairman of deacons and trustees, said.

The **Rev. Mr. Schultz** has served this pastorate for slightly more than a year. He announced he will be available for pulpit supply, teaching and evangelistic meetings. The **Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz** make their home on Lake Parker Drive.

Homecoming services will be held Sunday at the church with the **Rev. T. E. Ellerbe** as guest minister. A basket dinner will be served at noon.

CARTER'S BAPTIST

Beginning Sunday, the **Rev. Michael J. Schultz**, pastor of Carter's Baptist Church, located five miles east of Lakeland on Highway 92, will open his office and library at the church. It will be equipped with telephone service and he will be available for counseling and other pastoral services to the community.

At the 11 a.m. service Sunday the **Rev. Mr. Schultz** will speak upon "The Need of Kindness." His 7:30 p.m. sermon topic will be "Must We Fight Russia?" All members and friends are invited.

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The wedding will be solemnized on May 23 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the **First Baptist Church**. The **Rev. Michael J. Schultz**, pastor of the North Boulevard Baptist Church, will officiate.

Tampa Pastor Will Speak At Wauchula Church

The **Rev. Michael J. Schultz**, pastor of the North Boulevard Baptist church, will speak at the First Baptist church of Wauchula today.

While he is away, the **Rev. Jerome Fred D'Arpa** will speak at the church this morning at 11 o'clock and **Joe Conte**, professor of the University of Tampa, will speak tonight at 8 o'clock.

REV. SCHULTZ OF DELAND NEW PASTOR NORTH PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

The North Park Baptist church has engaged Rev. Michael J. Schultz of Stetson University to become pastor of that congregation, it was announced yesterday. Rev. Schultz, who supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist church during the absence of R. J. Dean Adcock, will give his full time to pastoral activities to the North Park Baptist church until September 21, when he will resume his duties at the college. After that date he will come to Orlando Friday, remaining over the week-end. A permanent church organization will be effected as soon as enough members are enrolled, and the church will be registered with the Florida Baptist convention in the winter. This will give Orlando two Baptist churches.

The Sunday school has been conducted at 3 o'clock in the afternoon but beginning with next Sunday it will be held regularly at 10 a. m. Preaching will be held every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m., the schedule of services being similar to that of other city churches. Rev. Schultz will enter his senior year in the theological department of Stetson University this fall. During his

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NORTH PARK BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED HERE LAST NIGHT

REV. MICHAEL SCHULTZ OF
STETSON UNIVERSITY CALLED
FOR NEXT YEAR—THIRTY
MEMBERS ENROLLED

The North Park Baptist church was chartered last night, and a fairly good crowd witnessed the proceedings. Though a large number of people were held away by the threatening weather, there were enough present to make the program a real success. After a short and uplifting devotional service, the church went into conference, with Dr. J. Dean Adcock as moderator, and Mr. W. D. Napier as clerk. As soon as the preliminaries were ended, the new members of the church, some thirty in number, were enrolled as charter members. The calling of a pastor was next, and **Rev. Michael J. Schultz** of Stetson University, was called for the year. Several other officers were elected, among them being Mr. J. O. Lucius, clerk; Mrs. J. O. Lucius, treasurer; Mr. Ernest Ammerman, Sunday school superintendent. Announcement was made of a church social to be held on the 14th from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this "get-acquainted" meeting. Among those who took part on the program were Mr. O. S. Lang, Mr. S. A. Newell and Mr. Charles Phillips. The organization of this new church means much to the North Park community and to Orlando. The church is bound to grow, and there should be at least one hundred members enrolled by the end of the year.

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MRS. H. O. TAYLOR'S FUNERAL

"Hell or Heaven, Which?"
First Baptist church of Mango, the
Rev. Michael J. Schultz, pastor;
morning, "The Saving Power of
Hope"; night, "The King's Business."

low wildwood cemetery.

SCHULTZ, REV. MICHAEL J.—Funeral
services for the **Rev. Michael J.**
Schultz, Lakeland, who died Thursday,
will be held 10 a.m. Monday from
Glenn W. Morrison Memorial Chapel,
with the **Rev. Clyde Duncan**, pastor,
Parkview Baptist Church, officiating.
Interment will be in Mount Pisgah
Cemetery, Bowling Green, Fla., at 2
p.m., under the direction of Gentry-
Morrison Funeral Home. Veterans of
World War I will present the graveside
service. Pallbearers will be Leo Barker,
Joe Blanton, Dr. C. H. Benefield, Nor-
man Carter, Bud Seabie and Leon Will-
banks. Honorary pallbearers will be
ministers. Friends may call at the
funeral home Sunday from 3 until 9
o'clock. The family requests in lieu of
flowers donations be made to the Billy
Graham Crusade.

Eastside Baptist Pastor Resigns; Here Since 1949

The Rev. Michael J. Schultz, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church on the Combee Road since 1949, presented his resignation to the organization yesterday. It will become effective Aug. 26.

A native Pennsylvanian, he came to Lakeland from New Hope Baptist Church at Wauchula, of which he was pastor for three and a half years. Prior to that he was minister at the First Baptist Church at Wauchula.

The Rev. Mr. Schultz received

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REV. MICHAEL J. SCHULTZ

East Side Baptist Pastor Resigns; Here Since 1949

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his bachelor's degree from Stetson University. He took his seminary training at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and received his master's degree from the University of Alabama.

He was formerly a sociology and human relations professor at Florida Southern College and an instructor in public speaking at Baptist Bible Institute here. He also taught in the department of psychology at the University of Alabama.

During his ministry at Eastside Baptist Church the membership has grown from approximately 135 members to a congregation of almost 400.

Church Values Increase

The estimated value of church property has increased to approximately \$50,000. A new auditorium was erected in 1952 and an educational annex was completed in 1954.

His wife is a former Kentuckian and was graduated from Georgetown University at Georgetown, Ky. The Schultz's reside on East Lake Parker Drive.

The Rev. Mr. Schultz says that he has made no immediate plans but will be available for educational work and for pulpit supply.

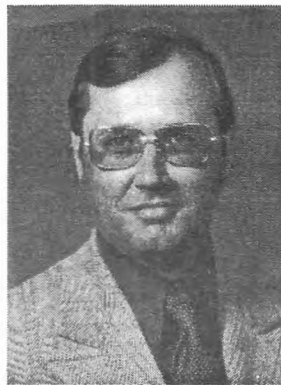
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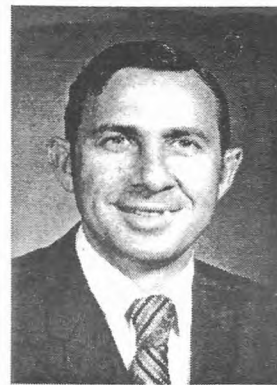
Rev. M. J. Schultz



Rev. Otis Garland



Rev. M. Felts Dent



Rev. Charles F. Granger

1876-1884.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1884-1893.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1893-1897.....	Rev. E. J. Hull
1897-1898.....	Rev. W. D. Payne
1898-1899.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1899-1900.....	Rev. M. S. Stevens
1900-1901.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1901-1903.....	Rev. E. L. Todd
1903-1906.....	Rev. R. Y. Walden
1906-1907.....	Rev. L. B. Boney
1907-1909.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1909-1911.....	Rev. R. L. Brandenburg
1911-1914.....	Rev. J. R. Wells
1914-1919.....	Rev. R. P. McPherson
1919-1922.....	Rev. W. T. Dart
1922-1928.....	Rev. R. J. Mincey
1928-1932.....	Dr. J. F. Savell
1932-1935.....	Rev. B. A. Roth
1935-1938.....	Rev. E. A. Rice
1938-1943.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1943-1947.....	Rev. M. J. Schultz
1947-1962.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1962-1969.....	Rev. M. Felts Dent
1969-1975.....	Rev. Rev. Charles F. Granger
1976-1984.....	Rev. Herschel Creasman
1984-1994.....	Rev. Cornelius Davis
1994-1999.....	Rev. Mark Douglas



Rev. Herschel Creasman



Rev. Cornelius Davis



Rev. Mark Douglas