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**Lester Scott** served as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield, Grace Gospel Church, Tampa, Goodwill Baptist Church, Tampa, Calvary Baptist Church, Dade City and Macedonia Baptist Church, Tampa.

## HISTORY OF BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

With the Lord's blessing, Bethel Baptist Church of Greenfield started as a mission in 1950 under the Elfers Baptist Church. Rev. Moody and others from his church came to the railroad crossing on Hwy. 52 to hold Sunday School. On July 23, 1950, Rev. C. W. Sadler came to pastor the mission which was meeting in a rundown one-room building owned by Mr. Lee Asbel. There were four orange crates and two rough boards used to seat the people. The church's present land was given by Rev. and Mrs. George Alexander of New Port Richey. The church bought a building that was located in Tampa for \$250.00, and it was dismantled and hauled to the present site where volunteers reassembled it.

On September 30, 1956, the mission was organized into a church. In October, 1960, ground was broken for the new sanctuary on lots purchased for that purpose just east of the original lots. Brother Sadler led the church until July, 1962. Rev. H. C. Stringfellow was called in December of that year. The first services in the new building were held Christmas, 1962.

Rev. Lester Scott was called as our pastor in September, 1971. He served until January, 1974. In August, 1974, Rev. Kenneth Tucker was called to pastor Bethel until his death in 1980. Rev. Bob Atkinson was then called and served until 1984. In January, 1985, Bethel called Rev. Buddy T. Mathis as pastor. Under his leadership and grace of God, the church has grown and prospered.

In June, 1989, Bethel Baptist Church started a mission in a donated building in Cyprus Bayou. Brother Ned Atkinson was called to pastor the mission which continues to grow and prosper under his leadership.

In August, 1988, construction began on a new 6,300 square foot addition to the church building. After generous financial support and personal labor from church members and friends, the building was completed and occupied in July, 1990. Formal dedication of the new building was set for September 30, 1990. The dedication is being held in conjunction with the 34th Anniversary Homecoming at Bethel. Members, family, friends, guests, and public officials all joined to praise God and rejoice on this historical day for Bethel Baptist Church.

Bethel continues to grow numerically and spiritually. Members are rightfully proud of their accomplishments,; and are quick to give praise and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God has truly blessed us with what has been accomplished, and His blessings will greatly multiply as we continue to be obedient unto His will to honor and sanctify His house.



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Florida, with the **Rev. Lester Scott**, pastor of the Goodwill Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation will follow. Jack was a lifelong resident of Land O'Lakes

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**STRINGFIELD, EUGENE MARION** — Funeral services for Eugene Marion Stringfield, 39, resident of rural Tampa, who passed away Tuesday morning at a local hospital, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Chapel of Wilson Sammon Company Funeral Home, 1902 Florida Ave., with **Rev. Lester Scott**, of the Grace Gospel Church of East Tampa to officiate. Interment in the Garden of Memories Cemetery. Pallbearers: Sonny Myrick, Ronald Vincent, Carol Hilburn, Tommy Morgan, Sal Forte and Lacy Lynn. Full military Honors will be furnished by

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## Calvary Baptist to have revival

**DADE CITY** — Calvary Baptist Church, with the **Rev. Lester Scott** as pastor, is preparing for a revival planned from April 13-20. Services are scheduled at 7 p.m. daily.

The **Rev.** Truman Woods, pastor of Aripeka Baptist Church, will be evangelist for the revival, and special music will be provided by Virginia **Scott**.

Calvary Baptist is at 210 N. 17th St.

## Revivals scheduled

DADE CITY — The Pasco Baptist Association, with the **Rev.** Jim Annis as missions director, will begin a series of "Good News — Jesus Loves You" revivals the last week of March through April.

Participating churches include Amelia Baptist of Darby, with the **Revs.** David Hope and Buddy Mathis as pastors and the **Rev.** Andy Carrigan as evangelist; Calvary Baptist of Dade City, with the **Rev. Lester Scott** as pastor and the **Rev.** Truman Woods of Aripeka as evangelist; and Doubleranch Baptist of Wesley Chapel, with the **Rev.** John Lennard as pastor and the **Rev.** Duane Evans of Tennessee as evangelist.

Also Fort Dade Baptist of Dade City, with the **Rev.** E.C. Tyner as interim pastor and the **Rev.** Loy King as evangelist; Clay Sing Baptist, with the **Rev.** Ronny Hunt as pastor and the **Rev.** Don Lane as evangelist; Highland Forest Baptist, with the **Rev.** D.K. King as pastor and the **Rev.** Tom Langlely as evangelist; First Baptist of Hudson, with the **Rev.** Jim Annis as pastor and the **Rev.** Jerry Alexander of First Baptist of Croomacoochee as evangelist; Richland Baptist, with the **Rev.** Eldrige Parrish as pastor and the **Rev.** Earl Justice as evangelist; Trilby Baptist, with the **Rev.** Sol Whitten as pastor and the **Rev.** David Hope as evangelist; and Weekiwachee Acres Baptist, with the **Revs.** Dick Groves and Forest Wright as evangelists.

## Riverview

### Revival Begins Wednesday

Evangelist David Ring, of Kansas City, Mo., will be the guest preacher at a revival at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Riverview beginning on Wednesday and continuing through Saturday.

According to the pastor of the church, the **Rev. Lester C. Scott**, Ring was born a victim of cerebral palsy and has overcome his handicap to become a dynamic speaker.

"Ring's testimony of his conversion to Christ has been described by many who have heard it as 'one of the most moving experiences they've ever witnessed,'" said **Scott**.

Church of Greenfield, Florida, with the pastor, **Rev. Bob Adkinson** and **Rev. Lester Scott**, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Mr. McKis-seck, Bob Faye, Bill Weigand, Bruce Hutchinson, Ray Brumley and Mark Shepard. Interment will follow in Lutz Cemetery.