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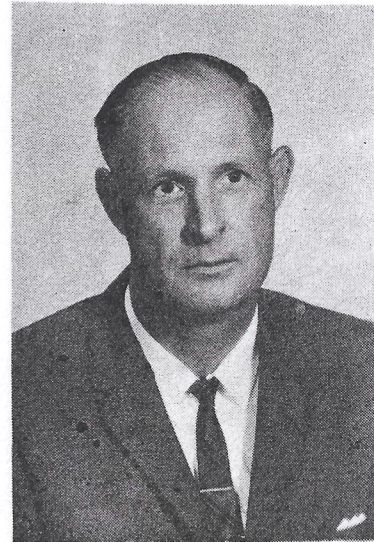
Scruggs, Edward L. (1917-2001) was born at Sandersonville, Mississippi. He was licensed in 1939 by the Plainview Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana, and ordained in 1945 at the Carrolton Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. Scruggs graduated from Mississippi College (1943), and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (B.D., 1951, Th.D., 1953). Scruggs taught at Runnellstown High School at Hattiesburg, Mississippi (1944-1947), and served as pastor at Sand Hill Baptist Church, Indian Hill, and Unity, all in Leakesville, Mississippi (1944-1946). He was pastor of County Line, Prospect, and Indian Springs Baptist Church in Hattiesburg (1946-1947). He was pastor of Plainview in Bogalusa (1948-1953), State Line in Mississippi (1953-1954), and First Baptist Church, Citronelle, Alabama (1958-1962). Scruggs then taught at Baptist Bible Institute from 1962-1982. Scruggs married Odelia Douglas of Clara, Mississippi, and they had three daughters.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Dr. Edward L. Scruggs
and
Mrs. Odelia Scruggs

Prelude	David Rodgers
Announcements and Welcome of Our Visitors	
Call To Worship Psalm 100	James Jones
Hymn 280 "So Send I You"	Congregation
Prayer	Gerald Johnson
Missionary Commitment "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"	
	J. Lynn Bartlow
Scripture Selection 593	Jerry Talley Windsor
	Former Student
	Summer Missionary to Minnesota
Mission Testimonies	Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Scruggs
Hymn 281 "We've A Story To Tell"	Congregation
Offertory	Congregation
Offertory Meditation	
Scripture Reading and Music Matthew 28:18-20	Larry and Lorri Strickland
	Summer Missionaries in Pennsylvania
Missionary Message The Plan of the Ages Acts 13:1-5	
	Jerry Windsor
Hymn of Invitation 361 "Wherever He Leads"	Congregation
Reception of New Members	Pastor and Congregation
Prayer for God's Continued Leadership	Jerry Windsor
Encouragement and Love Extended to the Scruggs	Congregation

Ice Cream Fellowship For all In the Fellowship Hall of the Church



DR. E.L. SCRUGGS



MRS. ODELIA SCRUGGS

Dr. Edward L. Scruggs is a native of Sandersville, Mississippi. He was licensed to preach by Plainview Baptist Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana, in 1939. Dr. Scruggs is a graduate of Bogalusa High School, Jones County Junior College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Scruggs was ordained by the Carrollton Avenue Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Scruggs served pastorates in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama for more than 20 years. He resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Citronelle, Alabama in 1962 to join the faculty of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida. Dr. Scruggs has been actively involved in interim pastorates, pulpit supply, revival endeavors, Bible studies and wide travels in addition to his teaching responsibilities. He has served three summers as mission worker in the Caribbean area of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This past spring Dr. Scruggs retired from Baptist Bible Institute after 20 years of service.

Odelia Douglas Scruggs is a native of Clara, Mississippi. She is a Christian mother and wife involved widely in local church and community programs. She has been vitally involved in WMU activities on the local and state level.

The Scruggs have three daughters, Mrs. W.H. Atkinson (Lethy), Mrs. James E. Renfroe (Edvia) and Mrs. Keith Williams (Nelda).

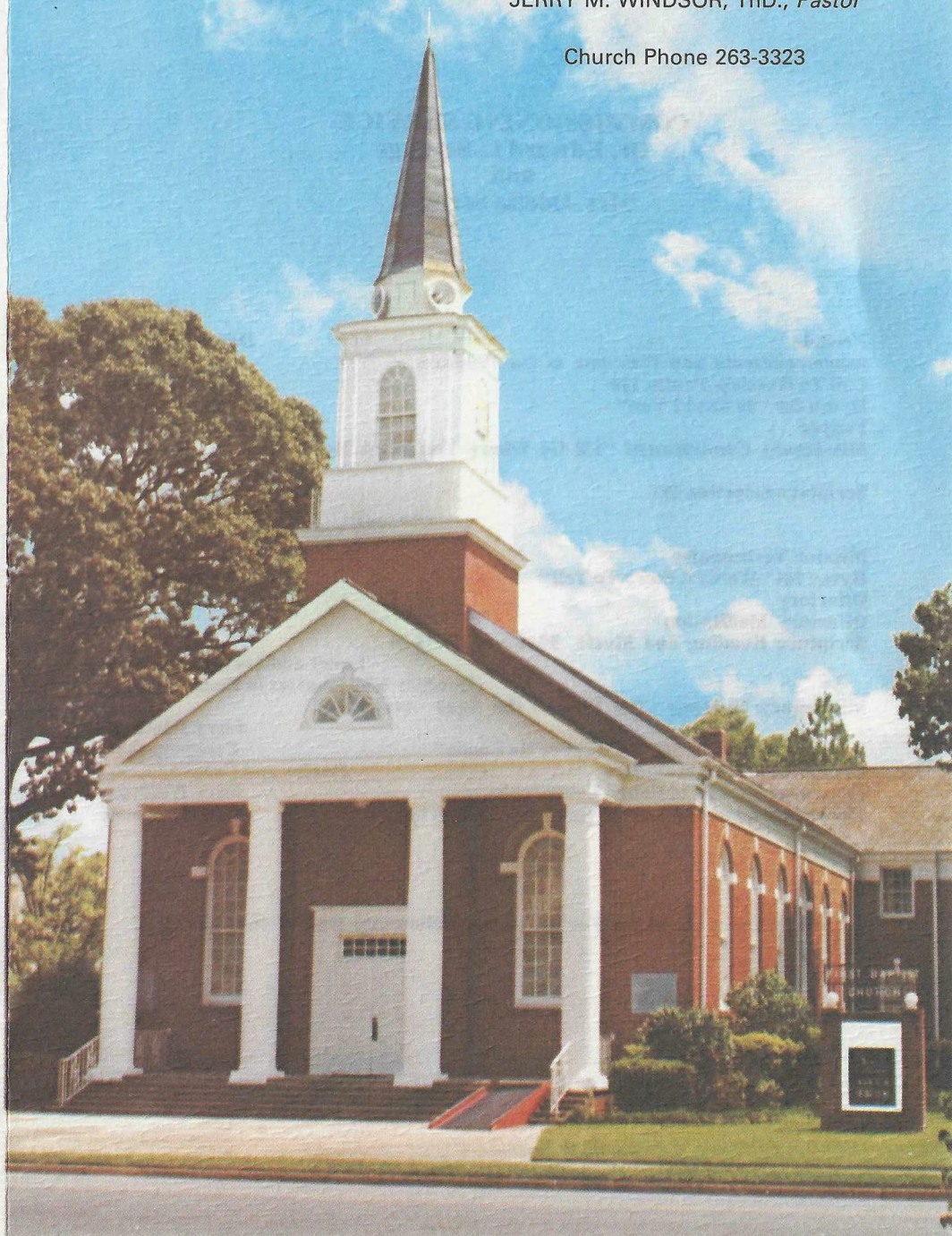
Our prayers go with these, our dear friends as they go to Zinababwe Africa.

First Baptist Church

GRACEVILLE, FLORIDA

JERRY M. WINDSOR, ThD., *Pastor*

Church Phone 263-3323



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF

EDWARD L. SCRUGGS

POSITION:

Professor of Biblical Introduction,
Associate in Old and New Testaments
at Baptist Bible Institute

ADDRESS AND PHONE:

1104 11th Avenue, E.
Graceville, FL. 32440
904/263-3318

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:

March 5, 1917
Sandersville, Mississippi

FAMILY:

Wife - former Odellia Douglas of Clara, Mississippi (1944)
Homemaker involved widely in local church and community programs.
W.M.U. activities from local to state level.

Children: Lethy (1945) Mrs. W. H. Atkinson, Edria (1949) Mrs. James E.
Renfroe, and Nelda (1947) Mrs. Keith Williams.

CALL TO MINISTRY:

Licensed (1939) Plainview Baptist Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana
Ordained (1945) Carrollton Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana

EDUCATION:

Graduated from Bogalusa High School, Bogalusa, Louisiana (1935)
Graduated from Jones Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi (1942)
Graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi (1943)
(B.A., English and Social Sciences)
Graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.,
in 1951 (B.D. degree) and 1953 (Th.D. degree, Biblical Introduction)

VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Teacher - Runnellstown High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi (1944-47)
Pastor - Sand Hill Baptist Church, Indian Hill Baptist Church, Unity
Baptist Church, Leakesville, Mississippi (1944-46)
Pastor - County Line Baptist Church, Prospect Baptist Church, Indian
Springs Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi (1946-47)
Pastor - Clara Baptist Church, Clara, Mississippi (1947)
Pastor - Plainview Baptist Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana (1948-53)
Pastor - State Line Baptist Church, State Line, Mississippi (1953-54)

*Hobbies - Word Puzzles
Dr. Scudder - fishing & hunting*

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Edward L. Scruggs - Native of Mississippi, born of farm family near Laurel in Jones County, Migrated to Louisiana at an early age and a graduate of the public schools of Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Attended Jones Junior College of Ellisville, Mississippi and received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College of Clinton, Mississippi, has pursued graduate studies at University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; received his Theological Training in the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the B.D. degree in 1948 and the Th.D. in 1953. In graduate years he served as Fellow in the Departments of Greek and Biblical Introduction.

He has served pastorates in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama for more than 20 years. He has taught at intervals in the Mississippi public school system as well as the Seminary Extensions Centers of Mississippi and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been honored with various associational officers and served as Convention Board Member in Mississippi.

He resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Citronelle, Alabama in August 1962 to join the staff of Baptist Bible Institute of Graceville, Florida, where he heads the Department of Biblical Introduction and teaches Homiletic's also. In addition to classroom responsibilities he is busily engaged in interim pastorates, pulpit supply, and revival endeavors, *Bible studies*.

*Retired after 20 years from BBI - ~~Teach~~
Headed Dept of Biblical Introduction and Archaeology -
Teach Evangelism, Homiletics as well as O.T. &
O.T. Survey courses*

*Three summers as mission worker in
~~Caribbean~~ Caribbean area of Puerto Rico
and U.S. Virgin Islands*

Two tours of Biblical world

& now 1 year term as volunteer in Zimbabwe
