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Harvey T. Self was born in Clearwater, Florida. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Self served as pastor of Beacon Baptist Church (aka Beacon Woods), Hudson and Eastside Baptist Church, Punta Gorda. He was married to Betty Self.

Music evangelists scheduled for Sunday concert at Beacon Baptist

HUDSON — The Liming Family will be in concert at Beacon Baptist Church, Fivay Road, at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The Limings are fulltime music evangelists. Their ministry involves the entire United States. They are presently involved in a ministry in Haiti's Foundation Pedodontique. This ministry strives to meet the medical, dental and spiritual needs of the Haitians.

Family members of the Limings include parents Leonard and Sharon, daughter Ami, 12, and son Chris, 10.

The Limings minister at nursing homes locally and in each city they visit.

Rev. Irby Tranum will conduct the Sunday evening sermon on the topic "The Antichrist vs. Jesus Christ."

At the 11 a.m. worship service, the choir, directed by Ruth Hoover, will bring special musical renditions of Christian fellowship. Tranum will preach on "Walking With Christ."

Tranum is filling the pulpit while **Rev. Harvey Self**, pastor, is in Missouri attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

The public is invited.

CAROLYN HOPKINS



First United Methodist Church

NEW PORT RICHEY — Pentecost Sunday observed at the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. worship services at First United Methodist Church, 506 N. J.

This will be the last Sunday for **Rev.** Robt. Hays preach at the church. His sermon topic is "... ." Hays and his wife Jean are moving to Saratoga Springs.

A farewell reception is planned in Hendersonville from 5 to 6 p.m. for the Hays and also for Margie.

Charlotte churches plan a joyous Easter

Christian religious leaders in Charlotte County are preparing to celebrate Easter with a variety of religious services that are open to all.

Seven ministers will speak on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" in a special Good Friday service from noon to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist of Punta Gorda at 507 W. Marion St.

Speakers for the service are:

- The **Rev.** Alex Carmichel, pastor, Friendship United Methodist Church.
- The **Rev.** Rod McClaron, Cleveland United Methodist Church.
- The **Rev.** Joe Doethette, pastor, First Chris-

tian Church of Punta Gorda.

- The **Rev. Harvey Self**, Eastside Baptist Church.
- The **Rev.** Charles Hughes, Punta Gorda Alliance Church.
- The **Rev.** George Young, Bethel (AME) African Methodist Episcopal.

For information about the Good Friday service, call 639-3842.

The **Rev.** Ben McKinney, pastor, AME Church, invites worshippers to a Good Friday service at First Alliance Church, 20444 Midway in Port Charlotte from noon to 1 p.m. Call 625-7435.

Old Punta Gorda Park on the shores of Charlotte Harbor is the sunrise setting for services at 6 a.m. Easter Sunday with The **Rev.** George Young of

Bethel AME. Beverly Heritzmater is soloist. Worshippers should bring their own chairs. Call 639-3842.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will hold its sunrise service at 7 a.m. beside the mangroves surrounding Ponce de Leon Park at the west end of Marion Avenue at Charlotte Harbor. The **Rev.** David B. Cronin will hold the Easter Sunrise Mass. Worshippers should bring chairs. In case of rain, the Mass will be held in the church at 363 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda. Call 639-3957.

The Port Charlotte Beach Complex on Harbor Boulevard is the setting for another sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. with the **Rev.** Buddy Jones of First Baptist Church officiating. For information, worshippers should call 625-4969.

Beacon Woods Baptist Chapel to change from mission to church

Pasco Times Staff Writer

HUDSON — Beacon Woods Baptist Chapel, a mission established three years ago, will constitute into a self-supporting church at a 3 p.m. service Oct. 1 at the chapel, 2694 Fiyay Road in Hudson (two miles north of State Road 52).

The name of the new church will be Beacon Baptist Church with the thought that "beacon" is a symbol of light.

The mission was established when the First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes, its pastor at the time, **Rev. Carl Bailey** and a member, **Ed Williams**, recognized the need for the mission. The first service was conducted in the new mission Oct. 5, 1975 with 55 worshippers present. Many were members of the "mother church" with the mission enrollment at about 15.

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Rev. Harvey T. Self, the young assistant pastor at the Jasmine Lakes Baptist, answered the call to be pastor the mission.

Self, 29, was born in Clearwater and grew up in Palm Harbor. He has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree of divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. **Self** (Betty) is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has a master's degree in religious education.

HISTORY BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH

In the year 1973, with the help of the Florida Baptist Convention, the efforts of Rev. Bill Guess, Director of Missions for the Pinellas Baptist Association, and First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes, five (5) acres of land was purchased on Fivay Road in Hudson. First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes was the sponsoring church of the new mission known as Beacon Woods Baptist Chapel.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held May 11, 1975, for the sanctuary, and in June 1975, First Baptist Church of Jasmine Lakes extended a call to Rev. Harvey Self to serve as mission pastor. The sponsoring church chose three (3) couples to help the pastor to begin this work. They were Bryce and Maggie Bliss, Peter and Mary Stilwill, and Jim and Marge Manley. In October 1975, they held their first services in this new building, with a "Dedication" in the afternoon. A fellowship hall was added in 1977, as the first step in their long-range building program.

Beacon Woods Baptist Chapel was a mission church for three (3) years. Then, on October 1, 1978, it was constituted as a church, with the name being changed to Beacon Baptist Church. There were 106 charter members of this new church.

A growth in church attendance was experienced in following years. Sometimes there were two (2) worship services held on Sunday morning, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. There was a building program in the plans for a fellowship hall in the back of the existing building. Ground-breaking took place on March 11, 1984 for that building. It was completed and "Dedicated" on July 21, 1985.

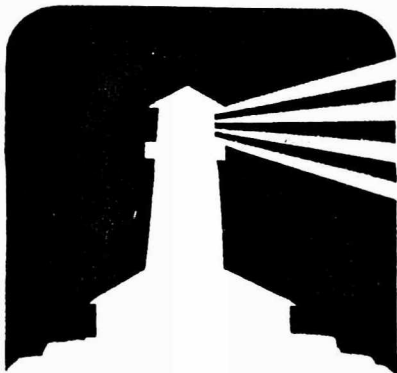
Rev. Harvey Self left the church September 1984, and Dr. Earl White, a retired minister served as interim pastor from October 1984 until the church called Rev. James Shriver, who came as pastor October 20, 1985. Rev. James Shriver served until July 1987.

Rev. David Howard came shortly thereafter as a pulpit supply pastor. He answered the call of the church to be its pastor on October 11, 1987. Pastor Howard served until January, 1993, at which time he resigned.

Rev. Ron Satterwhite was called to be pastor in June 1993.

Beacon is striving diligently to serve the community in any way possible. There is a warm and friendly fellowship - Bible Study and Mission Programs are being taught and kept before the people so that the work of the Lord continues to grow in His grace.

May God continue to keep His people at Beacon in the center of His will.



**"Into the darkness...
Light"**