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Self, William (1931-) was born in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He graduated from Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Self served as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Palatka and West Bradenton Baptist Church. He and his wife, Carolyn Shealy Self had two children.



Young Pastor Has Risen Rapidly

"Outstanding Young Man of the Year," "President of the West Side Chamber of Commerce," the titles could go on and on for William Self, pastor of the West Bradenton Baptist Church since 1960.

In the short space of 5 years since he graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forrest, N.C., in 1957, Rev. Self has moved rapidly upward in his chosen work—that of carrying the Lord's message to the people.

Even during college days at Stetson, The Pastor was associate pastor at First Baptist Church at Palatka and Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church there.

After graduation from the Seminary at Wake Forrest, he was pastor of the Edgemont Baptist Church at Rocky Mount, N.C. until accepting the call to the West Bradenton church here.

Rev. Self has been State President of the Florida Baptist Union, speaker at the 1953 and 1954 Florida Baptist Conventions, preacher for the Baptist Student Revival tem in the summers of 1953-4, and was voted one of nine outstanding seniors while attending Stetson.

While serving as pastor of the Edgemont Baptist Church, he was elected vice president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the youngest ever to hold that title, and his church was chosen "Church of the Year." During the time he served as pastor there, the

REV. WILLIAM SELF . . . PASTOR

church doubled its membership and contributions.

Self has been asked to speak at Baccalaureate services at Manatee High School, and was a weekly speaker at the Lion's Club in Rocky Mount.

Since he assumed the pastorate at West Bradenton Baptist, the energetic reverend has

built the beautiful new sanctuary and watched his membership grow by leaps and bounds.

Rev. William Self

Accepts Atlanta Call

The **Rev. William Self**, pastor of West Bradenton Baptist Church, has resigned in order to become minister of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. The **Rev. Mr. Self's** resignation is effective following services July 5.

He was awarded the Bradenton Jaycees 1962 Distinguished Service Award, and has been active in community and civic affairs. He was elected the first president of the West Side division of the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Board of the County Chamber. He is a Kiwanian and for two years taught Marriage and Family Relations at Manatee High School. In 1963 he delivered the baccalaureate sermon to graduates of MHS.

The **Rev. Mr. Self** will vacation with his family—his wife Carolyn, and two sons

William Lee Jr. 6 and Bryan, 4—until he begins his duties with the Atlanta church Aug. 9.

The minister came to Bradenton in 1960 directing the building of a \$450,000 church. During his pastorate, membership increased from 480 to 950 while income climbed from \$51,000 to \$113,000.

In Atlanta the minister will have four full-time ministerial assistants in addition to secretaries to help with his duties. The congregation numbers 1,500 and has an income of \$280,000.

The clergyman said "I am very sorry to be leaving Bradenton. My family and I have been extremely happy in this community."

Rev. William Self, pastor of West Bradenton Baptist Church, will be inspirational speaker tonight at the "M" Night services at First Baptist Church. Members of 23 churches and missions of the Royal Palm Baptist Association will take part.

Rev. Self is a graduate of Seacrest High in Delray Beach and Stetson University in Deland. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1957, and has held pastorates in Palatka, Fla., and Rocky Mount, N.C. He is leading the Bradenton church in an extensive building program which includes a new sanctuary seating 1,200.

Others on the program will be Kendrick S. Brunson, minister of education at First Baptist, with a discussion of the 1961-62 Training Union program, and Miss Betty Mayhugh, soloist. Arlo Deibler, minister of music at First Baptist, will direct the combined choirs in special music.

"M" Night means "Mobilization" Night for churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Goals are set and awards given.

Baptist Pastor Comes Here From North Carolina

Rev. William L. Self has accepted the call to be minister of West Bradenton Baptist Church.

He recently resigned as minister of the Edgemont Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N. C., and will begin his ministry here on Oct. 16.

Born in Winston Salem, N. C., in 1931, he moved to Delray Beach, Fla., when he was four years old. He holds an AB de-

gree from Stetson University where he was voted the outstanding member of the senior class. **Rev. Self** graduated from Southeastern Seminary with a bachelor of divinity degree.

He has been the assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church in Palatka, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Palatka, and pastor of the Edgemont Baptist Church since 1957. This church was voted the Church of the Year of North Carolina, in 1958.

Rev. Self served as vice-president of the State Baptist Convention of North Carolina in 1958-59.

He is married to the former Miss Carolyn Shealy of Ocala. They have two children.