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Rev. George Slater has resigned as pastor of the Oceanway Baptist Church, Jacksonville to accept the call to Mignon Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Alabama. Mr. Slater has done a good job at Oceanway.

The First Baptist Church, Macclenny, has paid off the \$500.00 note for the roof on their church building. \$50.00 was subscribed to the Hundred Thousand Club last Sunday. Rev. Edward B. Jenkins is the new pastor of this church.

The Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, is rejoicing over the fact that they are debt free. At the beginning of 1942 the debt on their Education Building stood at \$55,000.00, the painting of the church auditorium and other portions of the building amounted to approximately \$2,000.00 and the church was assigned \$7,500.00 on the indebtedness of the Baptist State Board. All of this has been paid. Dr. W. Marshall Craig is the pastor.

First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Pastor, had twelve additions last Sunday, making a total of 807 since Dr. Lindsay became pastor a little more than two years ago. The Sunday Morning Worship Services can be heard each Sunday at 11:05 A.M. over station WMBR, 1400 kilocycles.

To the praise and glory of God there were 238 conversions and additions to the remarkable two weeks revival in the Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. Evangelist Hyman Appleman did the preaching and Shelby Collier led the singing. Dr. Charles R. Shirar is doing a record-making and record-breaking work as pastor. He did an extremely efficient job of preparing for the campaign.

The offerings for the Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. W. Herschel Ford, Pastor, for the year 1942, amounted to \$62,536.51. In a few days the church will have on hand in their new building fund the sum of \$60,000.00 They hope to be able to build their Main Auditorium just as soon as the war is over. This church is just four years of age and has made remarkable progress, having a membership now of around 1,400.

The Associational year of Palm Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., terminated with an Annual Business Meeting and Fellowship Hour. The attendance upon this meeting and the reports given by the heads of each department indicate that we are going forward with renewed confidence and determination.

Almost three years ago our church unanimously called Frank T. Anderson, a young minister who is a sound Baptist and who is building on a sound foundation. He preaches a real Gospel message, which is being used by the Holy Spirit to bring our church a spiritual awakening. Since coming to us our Sunday School has increased in interest and attendance, our Training Union has been fully depart-

matized; our Deacons have been utilized, each as Chairman of a Church Committee; an amplifying system has been installed in our church auditorium, a full time worker has been employed; our Educational Building remodeled, the church offices enlarged, and at the present time a modern church library is under way.

During the past-year our financial report shows an increase of gifts to all causes. \$13,268.55 was paid into the Lord's treasury. 134 individuals were received into the fellowship of our church. Tithing has been stressed with the result that we have a larger number of tithers than heretofore. The Baptist Witness is in our budget and is being read by our people. There are approximately fifty young men on our Service Roll and three young women. Every effort is being made to keep them tied to their home church.

We feel that God is abundantly blessing our people for which we are humbly grateful.—Church Secretary.

REV. EDWIN HARWELL NEW BAPTIST PASTOR AT TAVARES

You probably have not been informed that Rev. Edwin Harwell was called in December to the pastorate of the Tavares Baptist Church. Bro. Harwell, with his wife and young son, David, comes to us from Lake Butler, and a most cordial welcome has been accorded them by not only our church membership but the church-going public at large.

Following the scholarly Dr. W. A. Hamlett, Bro. Harwell, by his magnetic personality, earnestness and lucid presentation of the Scriptures has captivated our people and won everyone to him with cords of love that will be enduring. He is a soloist with a trained voice that has few equals outside of grand opera.

Bro. Harwell came to us as a part time preacher, for he holds a first lieutenancy in the U. S. Army, having oversight of the draft boards in the East Coast District, but with all his multiplicity of duties he has managed to fill his pulpit every Sabbath with an ever increasing attendance. He is a young man with marvelous vitality, and our church is extremely fortunate in securing his services, and we predict for him great work here for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. It is but fair to state that he has an able helper in Mrs. Harwell, who has endeared herself to all as an untiring worker in all branches of church work.

Reporter.

On January 24, members of Grace Baptist Church, Clermont, were asked to bring an offering of one thousand dollars, which would pay in full an 18-year-old mortgage, and leave some funds for repairs before the building is dedicated.

You can imagine our joy when it was announced that the goal had been exceeded by more than nine hundred dollars. We are extremely grateful.

H. D. Frink, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, KEY WEST CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSAR

On December 20, 1842, a Rev. I. Breaker, with the assistance of Elim Redge, I. A. Wolf and O. T. Braman, women and children, called to order meeting which resulted in the organization of the oldest Baptist church in So. Central Florida, there being several small churches organized of the denomination near Madison, Fla., three years prior. On Christmas Day, 1842, ten individuals were baptized, by immersion (the first persons to be baptized in that manner on the Island).

Living pastors who served the Key West church are Rev. T. J. Porter, Lebanon, Ky.; Dr. James S. Day, Sr., retired and now living in Lakeland; Rev. Harold Day, U. S. Army chaplain at Camp Cabelle, Fla.; Rev. M. C. Lunsford, Indianapolis, missionary with headquarters at Pembroke, N. C.; Rev. Edmund Rice, pastor First Baptist Church, Fernandina, Fla.; Rev. W. E. K. James, pastor Second Baptist Church, Phoebus, Va., and Rev. Yancy T. Shehane, now residing in Arkadelphia, Ark.

The present pastor, Rev. Ted M. Jordan, came to Key West in June, 1940. Since that time the church has paid out of debt purchased a lot on South Street to erect new pastorium and built two annexes the second to house the Sunday School Junior Department. Painting has been completed and full plans for the completion of the remodeling are under way which will give the Sunday School adequate room for its entire department. The present pastorium will be converted into a complete and modern annex. The membership of the church now number 351, a total of 262 having been added the past two years. Every phase of the church work is organized and growing except a Men's Brotherhood.

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary a program was presented which included a morning sermon at 10:50 A.M. by Dr. J. E. Johnstone, moderator of the Miami Baptist Association and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Homestead. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Ministerial Association, visitors and choir introduced a program at the climax of which Dr. Johnstone brought the Centennial Address. Ministers of the various churches participated and a brief history of the church was read. The centennial celebration was brought to a close at night when the choir gave a Christmas Cantata.

Negro Baptists of Florida are shocked and saddened over the news and death of our beloved friend, Dr. C. F. Brittain. He was loved by us personally, because he was a friend to all Baptist interests in the state. We wish to register our appreciation for his work and our sympathy to his dear family and the denomination.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

BETHEL BAPTIST

INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

John E. Ford, D.D., pastor

SPECIAL SERMON AT FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. Yancey Tillman **Shehane** has selected for his subject at the First Baptist church tomorrow evening, "The Present Day Depression Pretold In Bible".

In the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock, the children of the W.M.U. will present a very beautiful program before the sermon.

Every Sunday School member is asked to remain after Sunday School and see this beautiful program presented.

The pastor is also announcing a Bible Study Hour for American and Cuban children each Friday morning at 9:30 to 10:15. Everybody is invited.

Plan Reception For Friday Evening

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to all the members of the church and congregation, also to the pastors and families and friends of the other churches in the city, to attend a reception honoring Rev. Yancy T. Shehane and family, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the pastorium.

This reception was planned on their arrival, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Shehane was postponed until now.

A musical program has been arranged for the occasion.