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Shepherd, Samuel G. (also Shepard) and his wife served as missionaries to Portugal. He served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Florida including Little River Baptist Church, Miami, 1970; Wilton Manor Baptist Church, Plantation and First Baptist Church, Barberville, 1995.

Little River aka Good News Little River (Miami)

Reverend Billy D. Massey came to serve as interim pastor, then accepted the full pastorate. Under his leadership, the church established new programs and ministries to reach all cultural groups. A Week Day Program was organized which included Day Care, after school "Sing-A-Long" clubs, and special recreational activities. Additional Sunday School classes for children and adults were started. Our Spanish-speaking congregation called Reverend Humberto Cruz as pastor, and the church grew to be one of the largest in the Miami area. Because of these programs The Miami Herald nominated Little River Baptist Church to Guide Post Magazine as the outstanding church of the year. Mueller Christian Academy moved into our educational building. We started a bus ministry. The Home Mission Board seeing the need sent Miss Rosa Lee Franks and Miss Mildred Womack to take charge of the Week Day Program and other mission activities. Reverend Massey resigned in April, 1970, to become Executive Director of the Miami Rescue Mission.

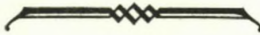
October 11, 1970, Dr. Samuel G. Shepard came from Tupelo, Mississippi to serve as pastor. While he was with us, we honored Mrs. Ruth Williams, our secretary, for twenty-five years of faithful, dedicated service. Also, our Spanish congregation was organized into a self sustaining church. With this addition, Little River Baptist Church, during its history, had organized seven churches. February 1972, Dr. Shepard resigned to accept the pastorate of the Wilton Manor Baptist Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Reverend James A. Fenton came to us as pastor from Macclenny, Florida, in July 1972. Our pastorium was renovated at a cost of \$3,500 with much of the labor and materials donated by members of the church. At the end of his first year, the church records showed 107 came on profession of faith, 28 were baptized and 18 came by letter.

Realizing the change in our area and the effect it was having on our church, in June, 1973, Reverend Fenton appointed a long range planning committee. July 15, the following action was voted on and accepted by the church: "That we place our building on the market for sale with the possibility of relocating the church. The sale would be to another church or school. The asking price for the building is \$375,000."


After a period of three months the church banded together and decided once again to reach the people of the area with new hopes and expectations.

As we reflect on the first fifty years of the Little River Baptist Church, with its outstanding ministry, the present membership under the fine leadership of Reverend James Fenton looks to the future with hopes of greater service to God and man.



"Therefore when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them — "See! This our fathers did for us."

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tured address at a convention next weekend at Pompano Beach High School.

He will speak at 2 p.m. Jan. 14 on the topic, "Is This Life All There Is?"

A series of talks, discussions and dramatic sketches will accent the role of the Bible in Christian lives in the sessions, beginning at 9 a.m. Jan. 13.

All sessions are open to the public.

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PLANTATION — The **Rev. Samuel G. Shepherd**, pastor of Wilton Manors Baptist Church, will teach a 15-week course in world religions beginning Monday at First Baptist Church of Plantation.

The course will involve all the ancient religions of India, China and ancient Babylon, Mesopotamia, Persia, Greece and Rome, in addition to modern religions such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism,

Christian Science, spiritualism, Satan worship and major Christian denominations.

The course is part of the extension program of Stetson University. It is accredited in all colleges and universities offering courses in this field.

For enrollment information, call 583-1920 or 735-4844.

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OAKLAND PARK — Gentle Ben, bear star of TV, will be present with his trainer to participate in 11 a.m. children's service tomorrow at First Baptist Church of Oakland Park.

Theme of the service will be the prophesied Millennium of rest when there is to be peace in the world, with no animosity between people and wild animals.

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serve him in life, are but a few of the products of a Church God has used. God has used the people of the First Baptist Church of Barberville.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BARBERVILLE

Roll Call of Pastors

Year	Name	Residence
1868	Rev. John Vasser	Lungren
1881	Rev. B.W. Becks	Palatka
1885	Rev. D.W. Glisson	Green Cove Springs
1898	Rev. M.F. Blitch	Daytona
1899	Rev. John Black	Deland
1903	Rev. D.W. Glisson	Green Cove Springs
1904	Rev. J.F. Tatum	
1907	Rev. T.J. Bell	
1908	Rev. E.C. Bostick	Deland
1909	Rev. R.N. Cate	Crescent City
1910	Rev. I.N. Entzminger	Longwood
1911	Rev. L.D. Burdick	Longwood
1916	Rev. C.O. Brookshire	
1917	Rev. R.J. Gorbet	Altoona
1921	Rev. R.C. Alderman	Bowling Green
1923	Rev. B.C. Collins	Barberville
1930	Rev. W.L. Brandon	
1932	Rev. B.C. Collins	Bishopville
1934	Rev. R.W. Dickert	Oviedo
1935	Rev. C.R. Robinson	Deland
1936	Rev. W. Lavender	Altoona
1937	Rev. J. Hough	Deland
1939	Rev. B. Yeargin	Deland
1941	Rev. E.R. Cooper	Deland
1943	Rev. C.E. Hall	Barberville
1947	Rev. O. Barfeild	Deland
1948	Rev. L.J. Barnard	Deland
1955	Rev. D. Gatch	Deland
1956	Rev. M.O. Boone	Barberville
1963	Rev. Danny Thomas	Pomona Park
1965	Rev. Daniel Thomas	Crescent City
1966	Rev. Hugh M. Miner	Port Orange
1967	Rev. E.V. Austin	Deleon Springs
1968	Rev. E.E. Dixon	Barberville
1969	Rev. J.C. Purcell	Pierson
1975	Rev. Dan Thomas	Deland
1976	Rev. Josh Long	Deland
1977	Rev. Warren Thomas	Barberville
1980	Rev. Howard Cox	Pierson
1993	Rev. Robert Gramer	
1995	Rev. Sam Shepherd	Deland
1999	Rev. Jimmy Dean	Crescent City

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Sam Shepherd**, foreign missionaries, will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 9, at Emporia Baptist Church. They will show slides of their work in the field. The public is welcome. **Rev. Shepherd** is the pas-

Jose Armarillo holds a Ch...
Saul the Bible, and Anna
flag, during the recent Vaca...
at Emporia Baptist Church.

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Sam Shepherd** were recent guests at the Emporia Baptist Church. The **Shepherds** are retired foreign missionaries. Mrs. **Shepherd** wore clothes like the people wore when she was a missionary overseas. They also had models of boats that were used and dolls that resembled the people.

Women's Club Luncheon Oct. 7

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Sam Shepherd**, recently returned missionaries from Portugal, will be the guest speakers at the Jessamine Woman's Club luncheon, at 12:00 noon, Monday, October 7, at the Lone Oak Country Club.

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Shepherd** were former residents of Nicholasville while

Rev. Shepherd served as pastor of the Nicholasville Baptist Church, before entering the mission work in Portugal.

Mrs. B. T. Moynahan, president, will preside at the meeting.

Hostesses will be Ms. Peggy Marrs, Mrs. Hargis Ison and Mrs. Wallace Taylor.