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Shuler, Allen C. was a native of Georgia the son of William Jackson and Elizabeth Townsend Shuler. He graduated from North Georgia Agricultural College and the State Teacher's College of Atlanta. He served as pastor of churches in Georgia, North Carolina and Florida including Franklin Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Springfield (aka Calvary) Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Central Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church, Jacksonville. Shuler resigned from Franklin Street Baptist Church in 1918 to serve in the U. S. Army as chaplain. He was married to Carolyn Louise Rodgers Shuler.



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SHULER, ALLEN CANDLER
Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Fla.; born, Union

County, Georgia, April 19, 1883; son of Elizabeth Townsend of Blairsville, Ga., and William J. Shuler of Sweetwater, Tenn.; education, Hiawasse Junior College, North Georgia College, State Teachers, Lanier University, Moody Bible Institute, receiving Th.D. and D.D. degrees; ordained, Union County, Georgia, 1904; married Louise Rodgers of Atlanta, Ga., December, 1910, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Julian S. Rodgers; children, Evelyn, Allen Cromer, Jr.; teacher and pastor, Middle Georgia, 1907-1910; pastor, Western Heights, Atlanta, Ga.; pastor, Baptist Tabernacle, New Born, N. C.; pastor, First Baptist Church, Boston, Ga.; pastor, Franklin Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; chaplain, 118th infantry, 30th division, France, 1918-1919; evangelist, Moody Bible Institute, 1920-1922; founded Calvary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., 1922; pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, 1922 to 1936; editor, Crusader of Florida, 1925-1936; preacher, WJAX, Jacksonville, Fla., 1926-1934; author: "The Experiences of an Army Chaplain," "Religion and Politics," "Social Service and Religion," "In the Twinkle of an Eye," "Rome in Politics," "Was Peter the First Pope?" "The Holy Spirit," "Twenty-five Gospel Sermons," "Why Be a Baptist?"; Pi Gamma Mu, Mason, American Legion, V. F. W., Capt. 307th Engineers' Reserve; chaplain, Florida Service Connected Veterans. Home: 2800 Riverside, Jacksonville, Fla.; office: Calvary Baptist Church Building, Jacksonville, Fla.

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This, That, and the Other

Pastor W. Perry Crouch, First Church, Asheville, N. C., will be with Avondale Church, Jacksonville, in a revival February 19-March 5, John S. Rasco, pastor.

Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida, observed two anniversaries recently. The first was the twenty-seventh anniversary of the church which was November 27th, 1949. The second was that of the pastor, Dr. James S. Day, Jr., who on January 1st completed sixteen years as pastor of this church. The church reported to the Association a total membership of 1,331, expenditures of \$85,113.40, with 189 new members being received during the year. The church began on January 1st dividing all undesignated gifts 50-50.

Jim I. Brown, Jr., ministerial student at Stetson, from Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville, is supplying at Bryceville Church.

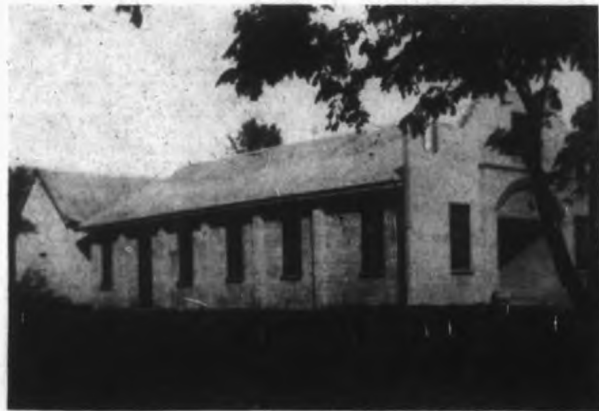
Second Baptist Church, DeLand, will have its pastor, L. A. Colding, back after an illness of two months. Dr. H. H. Barnette, Department of Religion, Stetson University, has served as interim pastor and has made for himself a warm place in the hearts of the people. His spirit has also made him a beloved counselor and friend to the students at Stetson. Dr. Barnette has served similarly in numbers of the churches of Seminole Association and has been lovingly called the "Seminole Association Circuit Rider."

Serving with Dr. Barnette during the pastor's absence had been Bob Perkins, Stetson ministerial student of Jacksonville, who has directed the music, and Harry W. Holland, Jr., also a ministerial student, from Miami, who directed the pastor's radio program, "Family Hour," broadcast from 9:00 to 9:30 every Sunday night.

Lake Buffum Church, Ft. Meade, Dedicates Building

On January 15, the recently completed building of Lake Buffum Church, Ft. Meade, was dedicated, with the dedicatory message delivered by Dr. John Maguire, Jacksonville.

Three months after the coming of Pastor Clyde Futch to this, his first pastorate, on Oct. 1, 1948, work on this building (which had been stopped for some time) was enthusiastically re-started, the building entered in July, 1949, and completely paid for on Dec. 18, 1949. Not only has this building been completed and paid for, but there have been 51 additions to the church (37 for baptism) during the same short period of service.



A WORTHY WOMAN

There recently passed on, to glory a noble, yea a great woman. She was the wife of a great man and the mother of five children, two sons and three daughters. She was a beautiful woman in appearance, strong in character, and devout in her religious duties. She was a true picture of Proverbs "Worthy Woman." Her price was far above rubies—not only did she have the heart of her husband trust her but her children rose up to call her blessed. She never ate the bread of idleness and she stretched out her hand to the needy and remembered the poor. Her household was clothed with scarlet and tapestry. Her husband was one of the great rulers of the state. While she was the "First Lady" of the state the doors of the stately mansion were ever opened for the women and young people of her church. Strength and dignity were her clothing and the law of kindness was on her lips. She celebrated her sixtieth wedding anniversary and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-six years. While her husband was fighting the battles of the state she stood by his side and was a true helpmate.

Her pastor praised her and her neighbors loved her. Mrs. Sidney J. Catts was born near Montgomery, Alabama, October 7, 1863 and died in DeFuniak Springs recently.

Some day history will write their names large on its pages. He was the first world war governor of the state of Florida. He put Prohibition on the statutes and was the first Florida governor to leave one million dollars in the state treasury. He was a man of war while he preached the gospel of the Son of Peace. The righteous element of this state believed in his character and supported his principles. The wicked pursued him and defamed his name even after his departure to the land of glory.

It was our joy and pleasure to have Christian fellowship with these noble servants of God and their country. We bless God upon every remembrance of them.

E. D. Solomon

A. C. Shuler has resigned the pastorate of Liberty Church, Jacksonville, to re-enter evangelistic work. E. B. Slay of Atlanta will be his associate. Dr. Shuler organized Springfield Church, Jacksonville, of which he was pastor 14 years, was active in last year's merger of Immanuel and Central Churches, and was elected Pastor-Emeritus of Central Church.

First Church, Tavares, has just finished a year marked by 47 additions to the church, of whom 21 were by baptism, bringing total membership to more than 300; the building fund has reached \$10,300, two-thirds of this contributed during 1949; just completed "Studies in Acts" with an average of more than forty persons attending.

Special services will begin in early February with Pastor Orey Weeks, Porter Memorial Church, Lexington, Kentucky, preaching.

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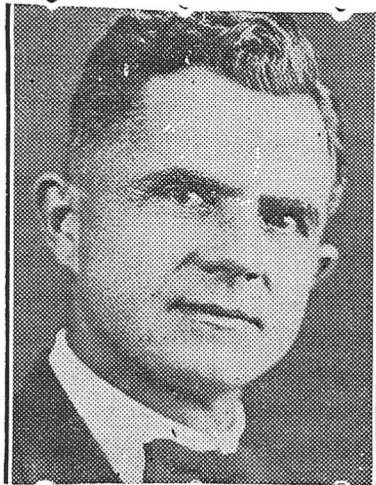
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CALVARY

A. C. SHULER, Pastor

The splendid new Sunday School building of the Calvary Baptist Church, erected 1928 and 1929. The building is three and a half stories, modern throughout.

The Rev. A. C. Shuler is a North Georgian, educated in the Hiwassee High School, North Georgia Agricultural College, and the State Teachers' College at Athens. He studied law, but did not realize his ambition to



PASTOR A. C. SHULER

practice, entering the ministry before he became established.

For several years he was pastor in Georgia and North Carolina. He also did considerable evangelistic work throughout several of the Southern states, and came to Florida as an evangelist fifteen years ago.

When the World War broke out, he volunteered, and went to France as chaplain of the 118th Infantry. He returned home and did evangelistic work in many of the states, North and South, and in June, 1923, organized the Calvary Baptist Church, of which he has been pastor ever since.

Before entering the army, he entered, as a special student, the old Lanier University, now defunct, and from which, years later, he received his theological degree.

The Calvary Baptist Church, during the seven years of its history, had grown from nothing to one among the largest congregations in Jacksonville. It's centrally located, and no doubt has a great future before it. It employs a paid secretary and field worker, and is open seven days in the week. Miss Ethel Morris, from the Baptist Bible Institute, and Rev. Harry C. Danner, of the same institution, and a product of the Calvary Church, are assistants to Dr. Shuler. Mrs. O. O. Bray is president of the Women's Missionary Society, and Dr. W. J. Conway is superintendent of the Sunday School. For several years the Calvary Church has led the Jacksonville Baptist Association in their accessions and baptisms.

The Challenge is a monthly paper published in Washington City, of recent origin with the avowed purpose to fight the Methodists and nominate Al Smith for president in 1932.—Exchange.

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Franklin Street, Jacksonville

restored for a total of eight additions to membership. Dismissed were fifteen by letter and ten by erasure plus three by death for a total of twenty-eight. Total membership was 158.

Brother Walden served the association as chairman of the committee on education. He is remembered as a man of fine personality, an excellent preacher and an all round good man.

1916

Our church seems to have been without a pastor when the association convened October 24, 1916. As no pastor was reported, The name of Brother Walden appeared in the list of ordained ministers of that association but evidently this was an error as he had already left the association. Again there were no statistical tables in the associational minutes.



REVEREND A. C. SHULER

For the first time the name Franklin Street Baptist Church appears in the associational minutes. It is recalled that the property at Twenty-first and Fisher Streets had been sold and a lot containing an old dance hall and a small wooden building in which a grocery shop was operated had been purchased at the southwest corner of Franklin and 16th Streets. The lot was 100 feet square and was thought to be all the space needed for future growth. How wrong that assumption was has become increasingly evident over the years. The dance hall was used as a sanctuary for some years.

Our association was currently omitting statistical tables from the associational minutes. The church's own records having been lost, we are unable to supply statistics for that year. Brother Shuler's name appears among the ordained ministers of the association, but no list of churches and pastors appears.

Mrs. Shuler was an accomplished musician and contributed much to the music of our church.

1918 seems to have been a good year. Forty-one were baptized, thirteen were received by letter for a total of fifty-four. The pastor's salary was \$917.75 and \$1025.50 was received for all expenses. The W.M.U. contributed \$67.25 and the Sunday School \$114. The value of the church property was listed as \$2700 which seems to have been the price paid for the property at the new location which included the dance hall.

It is recalled that the church made a substantial down payment on the property the balance to be paid in one year. It seems that the seller had found another buyer during the year and when the time came to make the final payment and to receive the deed, he made every effort to block the final transaction. However, through the cooperation of a kindly lawyer who contributed his services free of charge, the deal was put through in good shape.

S charge of the meeting.

Springfield Church Cornerstone Placed By Rev. A. C. Shuler

A religious ceremony of more than passing interest to many members and former members of the Springfield (formerly Calvary) Baptist Church was participated in Thursday afternoon at First and Liberty Streets when the new cornerstone, marking the founding and building of the church, was placed by the **Rev. A. C. Shuler** who founded the work in 1923.

Dr. **Shuler** remained with his congregation for nearly 13 years, being succeeded for a short time by Dr. E. D. Solomon, editor of the Baptist Witness, who himself was succeeded by the present pastor, the **Rev. Claude Bridges**.

A year ago Calvary Baptist Church incorporated became Springfield Baptist Church, and the Calvary Church corporation, by order of the trustees, will be dissolved immediately in favor of the Springfield Baptist Church, Dr. **Shuler** stated.

Shuler Will Begin New Sermon Series

Dr. A. C. Shuler, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Roselle and Chelsea Streets, will preach the first in a series of Sunday night sermons on "Love, Courtship and Marriage" at the 7:30 P. M. service of his church tomorrow.

The pastor described the messages as "of vital interest, in view of the social and economic unrest following the war."

A program of music will be offered by the Immanuel Choir, directed by Hattie Weathers. Evelyn Shuler will be soloist and Gordon Howard pianist.

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Immanuel Baptist Will Plan Revival

A city-wide revival campaign is planned for the Immanuel Baptist Church for September and October, it was announced yesterday by the Rev. Allen C. Shuler, pastor. A special business meeting for the congregation has been called for Wednesday night to discuss the revival and at the same time find ways of eliminating the church department. The new church has succeeded in organizing itself and clearing away the major portion of the purchase price of its property, the pastor stated.

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<p>Don't Fail to Attend the Services Tomorrow in the Calvary Baptist Church</p> <p>Special sermons morn- ing and evening by the Calvary Pastor— Dr. Allen C. Schuler</p> <p>11 a.m.—“STANDING BY THE CROSS”— with our gifts, our lives, and our service.</p>	<p>lady, pa (Servi J. S. I who are</p> <p>MURR avenue pastor. Bible 11 a. 6:45 7:50</p> <p>W E CHURCH Montg a. m., 2 Morni Eveni Junio Inte-c RIVER —Corne ert H. Bible Big B Hark</p>
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'FIGHTING PARSON' SHULER TELLS OF SERVICE WITH DIVISION WHICH BROKE LINE AND LED TO VICTORY

Former Pastor of Local Church Tells of Wildcat Division Which Was First Through German Lines in Final Great Battle of the War—National Guard Troops Praised for Work—Wears Wound Stripe for Having Been Gassed in Action.

After service with the 30th (Wildcat) Division of the American Expeditionary Forces, one of the two divisions which were credited with breaking the German line at the Nurod Canal, where the final big thrust of the war began successfully, **Rev. Allen C. Shuler**, formerly pastor of the Franklin Street Baptist church, has returned to Jacksonville, discharged from service and wearing a wound stripe.

Rev. Shuler attended the Camp Taylor school for chaplains and was sent overseas on August 1, being immediately attached to the 30th Division, composed of North and South Carolina and Tennessee troops. This division was already in action when he joined the 118th Infantry regiment early in September. The division was brigaded with the Fourth British Army and was fighting around Ypres when Lieutenant **Schuler** joined.

After more than a week's fighting around Ypres, the division was moved to Northern France and engaged in fighting which started near Peronne. They next went to Rosiel and then into the front lines at Hargicourt on the Cambrai front.

Held Long Front.

into range. Lieutenant **Shuler** was with a party that became detached from the main body of the advance and ran into such a nest, where a short but effective hand-to-hand fight took place.

The guns were silenced.

The lieutenant, being a gentleman of the cloth, said little of his part in this fighting, but admitted that he had picked up "at least one pistol" some where and that he tried to do his duty for the flag when his party established contact. He brought home a souvenir ring which had been worn by the captain who had commanded this machine gun nest. The captain fell valiantly, Lieutenant **Shuler** said.

Reached Objective.

The objective of the 27th and the 30th divisions was Bellecourt, a mile and a half or two miles beyond what had been the German front when the advance started. An hour after going over the top the divisions had occupied this place.

Victim of Gas.

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The 30th and 27th Divisions of the A. E. F., according to Lieutenant **Shuler**, held a front of twelve miles and were supported on the right by the French before St. Quentin and on the left by the Canadians at Cambrai. The portion of the line held by the American divisions was considered one of the most important of the entire sector and faced the Nurod canal before which the heaviest German forces had been concentrated.

The greatest strength of the British army in Northern France had been concentrated on the Nurod canal to make a success of the effort which was planned and which turned out so magnificently. Naturally the German forces opposing were made as strong as possible and the result was that when the word came to go over the top, across the canal and into German territory, some of the heaviest fighting of the war took place.

Over Top September 29.

Lieutenant **Shuler** declares he will remember to his dying day September 29, 1918, as it was on that day that the Wildcat Division and the other forces of the Fourth British Army went over the top to cut their way through the German line. For days artillery bombardments had been conducted on both sides. On September 28, in the day time and under tremendous German artillery fire, Australian artillery was drawn up in preparation for the barrage which was to prepare the way for the sweep. Over a twelve-mile front this artillery locked wheels by night of September 28 and at 3 a. m., September 29, the barrage was laid down. This barrage continued three hours and Lieutenant **Shuler** declares, was without let-up. At the end of the designated time, "zero hour", the forces climbed from their trenches and, supported by cavalry and tanks, swept toward the German wire.

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ever the advance, Lieutenant **Shuler** was gassed and though he continued with his regiment until Bellecourt was reached, he "gave up" when the town had been occupied and for nearly half a day lay beside a stone wall. He was moved to a casualty clearing station and was given medical attention and ordered to a base hospital. Somehow, though, he never reached the hospital, for he rejoined his regiment in less than a week. He was accorded a wound stripe for this contact with gas, the effects of which he declares he still feels occasionally.

Praises Guard Troops.

"To much praise cannot be given the troops of the national guard," he declared this morning. "They are the boys who did the fighting. Particularly I had opportunity to notice the work of the 30th division. Those Wildcat division boys are certainly fighters and there was never a call for volunteers for a particularly hazardous undertaking that there were not many times the necessary number responding."

One instance the lieutenant told of five volunteers were asked for a burying detail. As chaplain of the regiment Lieutenant **Shuler** had charge of burials and in this instance there were four bodies lying between his regiment's trench and the wire. A barrage was scheduled later in the day by the Australian artillery and in order to have these bodies from further mutilation it was desired to bury them immediately.

Timed Hun Shells.

The Germans were sending shells over that vicinity every seven minutes, so by timing themselves the detail was enabled to work five minutes, rush back to their trench until the shell landed and then rush back to the task. "We worked for nearly half a day at this job," the lieutenant said, "and had just laid the bodies of the poor fellows in the grave when a gas shell came over and hit the very edge of the hole, blowing the bodies out and gassing four men of the detail. The remaining man and myself had the task of collecting the bodies of the dead, re-depositing them in the grave and then getting our wounded back to the trench."

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Machine Gun Nest.

However, some machine-gun nests remained and the gunners became active when the advancing troops swung

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Will Remain Here.

Lieutenant **Shuler** plans to remain in Florida, probably in Jacksonville.

"I was never so glad to get to any place as I was when I arrived back home here Saturday night," he declared. "I had not seen sunshine for two months until I reached Florida, and it is good after witnessing the sights I have seen since leaving the United States."

'PEOPLE'S CHURCH' ORGANIZED; SHULER CALLED TO SERVICE

Organization of Calvary church, described by people instrumental in its formation as "a people's church," was begun last night following the evening service at the city-wide revival tent, First and Liberty streets, where **Rev. Allen C. Shuler** has been preaching for three weeks. Final steps toward the organization will be taken tonight when a board of trustees will be elected and by-laws will be adopted.

A call to the pastorate of the church was extended **Rev. Shuler** and was tentatively accepted by him.

Seek Location.

It was said that more than one hundred people have already taken part in preliminary organization activities of this church and that steps will be taken at an early date to secure a suitable location for a building. A site near the location of the revival tent is being considered, it was said.

"While adhering to Baptist doctrines, Calvary church will be a people's organization," **Rev. Shuler** said last night. "It will be projected on a basis of evangelism and Bible teaching and it will be an active organization. There are, according to my estimate, more than ten thousand unaffiliated church members of Protestant denominations now in Jacksonville and we are going after these people. I believe that within a few months Calvary church will have a membership of from eight hundred to one thousand."

Declaration of Principles.

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In the preliminary action last night four cardinal principles of the new church organization were adopted. Two of these are striking in that they are not embodied in the declarations of any other Baptist or other Protestant organization. These are the third and the fourth articles of the declaration.

The four points follow:

1. The inspiration of the Scriptures and the direct word of God.
2. The atoning blood of Jesus Christ.
3. Divine healing according to the will of God.
4. The personal, visible pre-millennial coming of the Lord.

Shuler Well Known.

Rev. Shuler is well known in the city and throughout the southern section of the country. Prior to the great war he was pastor of a local Baptist church and upon his return from service, where he was chaplain of a unit of the Wildcat division with which he saw much action overseas, he entered evangelical service and has conducted a number of meetings at various points in the South.

REVIVAL SERIES CAMPAIGN OPENS FOR REV. SHULER

Well-Known "Fighting Par-
son" Announces Decision
to Enter Evangelistic
Field at Once.

Opening a series of revival meetings which he expects to take him to various sections of Florida and into other states, **Rev. Allen C. Shuler**, recently returned from France where he participated in some of the heaviest fighting of the war, goes to Fernandina tomorrow for a two weeks' stay and a campaign at the First Baptist church. Mr. **Shuler** has decided to devote his time and energies to the evangelistic field and does not expect to return to the regular ministerial field, though this course has been strongly urged since his return to the city recently.

Mr. **Shuler** has received since returning to Jacksonville several invitations to hold revivals and the Fernandina engagement is the first he has accepted. He will announce, he states, later his other engagements and is planning a "devil licking campaign" of considerable magnitude.

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"The war has changed the hearts of many people and the country is on the verge of a great moral revolution," Mr. **Shuler** said this morning. "People have come closer to the vital things of life and they are anxious to live different lives. In engaging in the evangelistic field I feel that I am making the proper decision and my only regret is that this work will take me from Jacksonville, which I have grown to love during my residence here."

Mr. **Shuler** was for several years pastor of the Franklin Street Baptist Church, which during his pastorate doubled its membership several times and expanded into one of the largest church organizations in the city. He has a reputation here and elsewhere as a "straight-from-the-shoulder" preacher and has for a number of years been in considerable demand for revival meetings.

War Taught Lesson.

"The war has taught the people of the world a big lesson," Mr. **Shuler** said, "and they are ready to get right down to right living. They ought to, for too many people have been living the wrong kind of lives and the devil has a strangle hold in places not ordinarily believed to be polluted with sin. I am going to preach plain old-fashioned religion and I am not going to mince any words about it. Folks in Jacksonville know me for a plain talker and a plain speaker. You can't fight sin with honeyed words and that's not the way the devil operated to get a grip on people and communities. And you've got to fight fire with fire."

"This war has taught us all some things and I've learned my share. I know people want plain talking, for one thing, and that the American public can face facts. We preachers don't have to use smooth gloves any more, for they know that our audiences are broad-minded enough to take realities just as they are and to make personal comparisons."

Mr. **Shuler** will preach tomorrow at the Main Street Baptist Church, delivering a war talk and telling some of the thrilling sights he witnessed while attached to the Wildcat Division, which broke the German line and forced the signing of the armistice.

OFFER DR. SHULER PASTORATE OF ALBANY CHURCH

The pastorate of the Byne Memorial Church, Albany, Ga., was unanimously tendered **Rev. Allen C. Shuler**, of Jacksonville, at a meeting of that church held Saturday.

Dr. **Shuler** served overseas as chaplain of the 118th Infantry, Old Hickory Division, and he is at present prominently connected with military affairs in Florida, being chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Florida National Guard.

Rev. Shuler came to this city as the pastor of the Franklin Street Baptist Church, some six years ago, and since that time he has made this city his home. For the past two years, since his return from overseas, he has done Baptist evangelist work in the southern states.

When called, at his home, Tuesday morning, **Rev. Shuler** stated that he was not certain whether he would accept the call from the Albany church. "It is possible, but hardly probable," he stated. "I have been in Jacksonville so long that it seems like home to me and I hate to think of leaving."

SHULER - Col. **Allen C. Shuler**, Jr. (Ret. U.S. Army), 80, born June 19, 1913 in Atlanta, GA, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 1993 in Fernandina Beach, FL. Col. **Shuler** was the son of the late **Rev. Allen C. Shuler** and Carolyn Louise **Rodgers Shuler**. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1932 and received his AB degree from the University of Georgia in 1936 and did post graduate work in English and History at the University of Florida and Duke University. He was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity. Prior to entering the service, he served as director of athletics and head football coach at Fletcher High School. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he was called to active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant, and served as an instructor in various training units throughout the United States. In June 1946, he was integrated into the Regular Army and detailed to the Military Police. His wife, Mrs. Mary Elsie Stover **Shuler** of S. Boston, Virginia predeceased him in death in 1969. Col. **Shuler** is survived by his five children, Mary **Allen** Bishop, of Norwood, Mass., Elizabeth Louise Seaman, of Warrington, FL, Carolyn Lee Wood Ferguson, of Fernandina Beach, FL, **Allen** Cromer **Shuler**, II of Orlando, FL, and Kathleen Virginia **Shuler**, of Nashua, NH; six grandchildren, Madeline Inge Johnston, Mark **Allen** Marlatt, Charles Timothy Wood, **Allen** Cromer **Shuler**, III, Clare Stover Bishop and Christopher McNair Wood. Graveside Funeral Services will be held 3 P.M. Friday, Sept. 10, 1993 from Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, with Chaplain Isler, officiating and with

tober.

Rev. E. L. Shuler

Will Fill Pulpit For His Brother

The **Rev. E. L. Shuler**, associate pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Riverside Park and Roselle Street, will fill the pulpit during the 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. services Sunday in the absence of his brother, the **Rev. A. C. Shuler**, pastor.

A graduate of Mercer University and the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky., tomorrow's speaker has held several successful pastorates in cities throughout Florida, having one term on the Florida Baptist Mission Board.

Dr. A. C. **Shuler**, the pastor, has entered evangelistic work which will cause him to be away from the city on various occasions, the announcement added. He gives assurances to his congregation that the newly selected assistant pastor will give the church able and competent leadership during his absence.

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The Rev. Edward Leander Shuler—mountain lad

Rev. Edward Leander Shuler (1886-1959) Rev. Edward Leander Shuler (March 15, 1886-October 21, 1959)

Brother of Allen C. Shuler

One of fourteen children born to William Jackson Shuler (1830-1936) and Elizabeth Townsend Shuler (1861-1947) of Ponder, Georgia, a section of Upper Choestoe along the Logan Turnpike, Edward Shuler knew it was through "buffets and rewards" of fortune and the grace of God that he had succeeded in completing his college degree. He would go on to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky for a master's degree, and then return to Georgia and Florida where he completed his career as a minister and teacher. Born March 15, 1886 in Choestoe, Edward Leander Shuler died October 21, 1959 in Jacksonville, Florida.

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