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Silvers, James M. was a native of Lexington, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Silvers served as pastor of Coral Baptist Church, Miami.



Silvers Resigns As Pastor

The Rev. James M. Silvers, pastor's assistant of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church for the past three years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Coral Baptist Church of Miami.

Sunday evening, the Lord's Supper will be observed and Mr. Silvers will preach his farewell sermon. He will be on vacation until the end of July and begins his work in Miami the first of August.

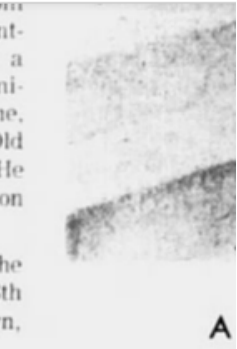
The Rev. and Mrs. Silvers came to Fifth Avenue directly from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1961. While here, he has directed an active young people's program including camps, retreats, drama, athletics and an annual trip to the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N.C. He has carried on an intensive visitation program and preached at most of the Sunday evening services. He has shared in hospital visitation and calling on shut-ins.

The Rev. and Mrs. Silvers have been active in religious and civil circles both in the city and in the county. They have two children, Shari Lynn age 2, and Barry age 3 months.

A reception will be held in the church banquet hall immediately after prayer service on Wednesday evening.

Washington University. Recently, Mr. Mikula has published a series of articles in the denomination's educational magazine, "The Leader," dealing with Old Testament interpretation. He assumed his full-time duties on July 1.

Mr. Mikula will reside in the church parsonage, 7040 38th Ave., N., with his wife, Carolyn, and three children.



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WOODLAWN PRESBYTERIAN
Corner 26th Ave. and 12th St. North
9:45 A.M. - Sunday School - 11:00 A.M. - Morning
Rev. William S. McKee Minister

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United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (New)
Serving East Largo Area
C. Melvin Elliott, Minister 1839 Belcher Road
Worship Service and Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PINELLAS
61st Street & Park Blvd. Rev. Richard B. Ross, Pas
10:00 A.M. "OUR LORD WAS A MAN OF LOVE"
Sunday School Classes For All Ages 8:45 A.M.

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THE REV. MR. SILVERS
studied the medieval art of the
pulpit drama under Prof. O. R.
Corey at Centenary College,
Shreveport, La. Corey has been
a prime force in the art form's
revival which began at Baylor
University.

Fifth Avenue Church

By **MARIANNE KELSEY**
Times Religion Editor

THE NEWLY APPOINTED assistant pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Fifth Avenue and Sixth Street South, will preach his first sermon here Sunday at the 7:30 **p.m.** service.

He is the **Rev. James M. Silvers**, a recent graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The new assistant pastor has been active in youth work and has spoken at youth revivals. Before coming to St. Petersburg he was pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, Deputy, Ind.

With his wife, the **Rev. Mr. Silvers** will make his home at 228 Lakeview Ave. S.

Mr. **Silvers** will assist the pastor Dr. Vaughn **M. Johnson**, with the preaching and teaching ministry of the church, as well as with visitation and youth work.

2 Pastors On The Move

The **Rev. James M. Silvers**, assistant pastor at Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, has been called to the pulpit of Coral Baptist Church, 2732 SW 32nd Ave. He will begin his new duties the first Sunday in August.

He is a native of Lexington, Ky., but grew up in Nashville, Tenn., where he attended Duncan College Preparatory School. Upon graduation he entered Georgetown College in Kentucky and later the University of Kentucky where he received his B.A. degree in 1957.

He was called to preach at the early age of 14 and began preaching when only 18.

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While at the University of Kentucky, **Rev. Silvers** was selected as one of a small group of U. S. students to attend the first and second international Student Retreat held by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Mammoth Cave, Ky., and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

He is pastor-advisor and associational representative for the Baptist Student Union at St. Petersburg Junior College.

In addition to Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, **Rev. Silvers** also has served Lancaster Baptist Church at Madison, Ind., and Muscle Shoals Church at Owenton, Ky.

He succeeds the **Rev. Forrest Watkins**, who has accepted a call to another church in South Florida.

The **Rev. Jack Hamby Mansfield**, who resigned a four-year pastorate at Immanuel Baptist Church, Clinton, N.C., to become pastor of Little River Baptist Church, will begin his new duties tomorrow.

He is a native of Cartersville, Ga., and received his education at Mercer University at Macon, Ga., and his theological training from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, N.C. He also holds a certificate from the School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Besides Immanuel Church, **Rev. Mansfield** has ministered at Oak Hill Baptist, Millen, Ga., and Salem Baptist, Sneads Ferry, N.C.

He and Mrs. Mansfield, the former Bobbie Jean Ingram, have two little girls.

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