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Sirman, Quimby (1911-1996) was born in Lowndes County, Georgia, the son of John Hamp and Lillie Bell Daughtry Sirman. He was ordained in 1941 at Golden Glades Baptist Church where he served as pastor. Sirman began a mission in Perrine and in the Everglades. He served as pastor of Bird Road Baptist Church, Sunset Baptist Church, Hialeah, Lake Harbor Baptist Church, Hollywood Beach Garden Mission, Ojus and West Gate Baptist Church, West Palm Beach. Sirman and his wife, Evelyn Crippen Sirman, had one daughter.



This, That, and the Other

Word has just been received from Dallas, Texas, where the State Secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are in session, that our own Secretary, Dr. John Maguire, has been elected President for 1950. Serving with him will be Dr. Willis J. Ray of Arizona, Vice-President and Dr. T. W. Medearis of Missouri, Secretary.

Pastor James A. Sawyer, First Church, Cocoa, announced that a debt of \$13,000 incurred in the process of completing the new and beautiful educational building has been cancelled and the funds turned into an outright gift to the church. This leaves the church debt free after having occupied the commodious and spacious new facility less than a year.

The congregation of First Church, in grateful recognition of this wonderful demonstration of interest and support by the donor, Mr. A. J. Carmichael of New Haven, Connecticut, has given the building the name "Carmichael Hall" in honor of the beloved deceased wife of the donor, Mrs. Louise Carmichael. In the near future a bronze tablet memorializing the occasion will be unveiled.



Hugh L. Ryals

Hugh L. Ryals recently accepted the pastorate of Philadelphia Church, Live Oak. Since his coming the Sunday School and Training Union attendance have increased, and the Brotherhood has re-modelled the pastorium.

Ryals was ordained at Dames Point Church, Jacksonville in 1945 and became their first pastor. Upon leaving that field of service, he served as a missionary for Franklin Street Church, Jacksonville in Frankfurt, Germany. After returning to the States, he continued to serve with the Mission Department of Franklin Street Church, and organized the Oak Crest Mission, which is now an organized church.

FIRST CHURCH, WEST PALM BEACH PRESENTS CAR TO PASTOR

R. Kelly White, pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach, and Mrs. White were presented with a beautiful new Chevrolet car on Christmas Eve Day, by a group of members of the church. It came as a great surprise to them and they were overjoyed.

C. A. Holcomb delivered inspiring messages recently in a Layman's revival at First Church, Sanford. The music was in charge of J. Martin Stonecipher of Sanford.

Amelia Church, Pasco Association, observed Homecoming Day Sunday, February 12, with an all day meeting and a basket lunch. F. C. Sawyer, N. V. Sessions, and W. P. Bates were ordained as deacons in the afternoon service. Pastor H. T. Burnette observed his first anniversary on this day.

Feb. 12 was Homecoming Day at Youmans Church, Plant City, J. Z. Crofton, pastor. Speakers for the day included A. J. Garner, Charles Crofton, and Hodge Malone.

Harold G. Sanders began his fifth year as pastor of First Church, Tallahassee on February 12.

Ojus Church sponsored a two weeks tent revival January 8-22 with E. J. Daniels, nationally known evangelist, preaching old fashioned gospel messages to large crowds. The music was directed by Lowell Leistner, and religious films were shown each night. Groups of Seminole Indians attended the meeting. There were 41 additions: 38 for baptism, 2 by letter, 1 by statement, and 5 rededications.

Baptismal services were conducted Sunday, January 29 with 39 candidates by Pastor **Quimby Sirman**. This is believed to be the largest group baptized at one time during the past 25 years.

Allen W. Graves, former pastor of First Church, Ft. Pierce and now pastor of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., did the preaching in a revival at First Church, Ft. Pierce, J. R. White, pastor. He inspired the large audiences with messages from the Word.

Harry Sayles, member of First Church, led the song services most effectively. Three choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Parson, brought inspiring messages in song.

Preceded by three weeks of prayer and followed by a continuing program of personal witnessing, this revival will have far-reaching results.



J. J. Dorough

Broadway Church, Tampa moved into the first unit of the new Educational Building, which will house the temporary auditorium, on February 5. Pastor J. J. Dorough was called to this field in October, 1945; a pastorium was purchased in January, 1946; and a building committee was appointed to remodel the pastorium and begin to make plans for a new church building. Mr. W. H. Alderman, chairman, has done a magnificent job in this great program.

There was no available property adjacent to the church, therefore two lots were bought five blocks away, and the building was started in December, 1947. They now have three lots 100' x 165' and a new building 36' x 118' with spacious grounds and parking lot. That total debt is \$2,500.00 and the men have done most of the work. One hundred and six have been baptized into the church and 103 have been added by letter.

First Church, West Palm Beach, R. Kelly White, pastor, has just closed a week's revival with Dr. Robert G. Lee preaching. The auditorium was crowded to capacity at almost every night service. Many people were there from Miami to Ft. Pierce and from around the Lake Okeechobee region. Dr. Lee, through his forceful preaching, blessed the church and all those who heard him. There were 82 additions to the church, 66 of them for baptism.

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On October 22, 1949, the all wise God saw fit to call from our midst A. L. Joiner.

Mr. Joiner was a deacon of the Beulah Baptist Church; he was seventy years old. He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, four grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

We bow to the will of the Lord, for he was sick many years. So for him to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord.

Be it resolved: that a copy be sent to the family, one to the Baptist Witness and one on the church records.

Mrs. W. H. Keen
Mrs. Ida McNott
J. M. Groover

Last Sermon At Ojus' Old Church

A reminiscent air will permeate the 11 a.m. service tomorrow of Ojus Baptist church when the congregation will worship in the historic building for the last time. On the following Sunday the congregation will move to its new home four blocks away.

According to the **Rev. Quimby Sirman**, pastor, the church has been using the same building, one of the oldest in South Florida, continuously since 1906. Services will be held in the church's new educational building while the church building is being erected on a "pay-as-you-go" plan. The whole layout will cost about \$120,000, he said, including four acres of land. The old church building, he said, is for sale.

1045 S.W. 27th Avenue
*Stanton Memorial—Rev. Lawrence Bradley
2948 N.W. 2nd Avenue
Sunset Heights—Rev. Quimby Sirman
510 E. 41st Street, Hialeah
Sweetwater Baptist Chapel—S. L. Freeman
634 S.W. 108th Avenue

WEST GATE BAPTIST CHURCH

1200 Tallahassee Drive
West Palm Beach, Florida

Rev. Sirman Resigns Post

The Rev. Quimby Sirman has resigned as pastor of Bird Road Baptist Church. He gave no explanation of the move, but said it was not to take any other pastorate.

During his two years at the church, its membership grew from 150 to 250, a parsonage was purchased, repairs were made to the church and gifts to missions increased by 12 times.

Year-round food bank organizer dies at 84



someone needed something, they knew they could go to (him),' a friend said.

For 15 years, the Rev. Quimby Sirman helped feed the hungry in the Westgate community.

By DALE FUCHS
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

For more than 15 years, the Rev. Quimby Sirman used money from his Social Security check and the sale of his woodcarvings to help feed hungry people in the Westgate community of suburban West Palm Beach.

The Rev. Sirman died Thursday in a Cherokee County, N.C., nursing home. He was 84.

"If someone needed something, they knew they could go to Rev. Sirman and get whatever

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they needed," said Susan Saint John, former principal of West Gate Elementary School.

The Rev. Sirman, a Georgia native who was ordained a minister in 1941, began his career preaching to Seminole Indians in the Everglades.

In retirement, he ran year-round food drives and told stories of the Bible from his shaded

lawn, where each year dozens of children would flock for a bit of candy, perhaps a piece of clothing, and always a dose of his quick wit.

He and his wife, Evelyn, who died in 1994, would stock their home all year with boxes of dried beans, macaroni and canned vegetables for the hungry neighbors who knocked on his door.

In 1974, he introduced the idea of a once-a-month "Can Sunday" at Belvedere Baptist Church to feed the needy.

He was especially devoted to children.

His tool chest was covered

with the scrawled names of children — many from West Gate Elementary School — who came to hear his stories.

The Rev. Ray Henry, pastor of Belvedere Baptist, recalled the Rev. Sirman as a "very compassionate, loving humanitarian who had a great impact on people's lives."

"He just had a knack for working with people and he was very good with children," Henry said.

The Rev. Sirman is survived by his daughter, Kathlyn Kremer; two brothers; two grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

REV. QUIMBY SIRMAN

age 84, of Murphy, N.C. died Thursday, January 4, 1996 in a Cherokee County, N.C. Nursing Home. He was born in Lowndes County, Ga., and the son of the late John Hamp and Lillie Bell Daugherty Sirman. He was ordained as a minister in April of 1941 at Golden Gates, Fla. and his Mission was in Perrine, Fla. He also started a mission in the Everglades where he Preached to the Seminole Indians. He then moved to Bird Road Baptist Church and was the Pastor there for several years. His next church was in Hialeah, Fla. at the Sunset Heights Baptist Church. From there he went to Lake Harbour, Fla. where he was pastor of the Lake Harbour Baptist Church; he also was Pastor of a mission and worked with the migrant workers who worked in the sugar cane fields. After that he moved to West Palm Beach, Fla. and became Pastor of the Westgate Baptist Church until his retirement in 1968. At this time he became a member of the Belvedere Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Fla. After his retirement from fulltime pastoring he and his wife Evelyn who died in 1994 used their home and resources to establish a year-round food distribution for the needy. He also had a special interest in children, and occasionally children would stop by his home after school and he would give them candy to eat and teach them Bible stories. He also found time to carve and sold his carvings to help fund his Mission.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathlyn and Larry Kremer of Murphy, N.C.; two brothers, Gomallyou Sirman of Miami, Fla. and Billy Sirman of Griffin, Ga.; two grandsons, Stephen and Scott Kremer of Murphy, N.C. and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Sunday, January 7, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Townson Rose Funeral Home Chapel, Murphy, N.C. The Rev. Aud Brown and Dr. Ray Henry in West Palm Beach, Fla. will officiate. Burial will be in the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Stephen and Scott Kremer. The family will receive friends Sunday, January 7, 1996 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Townson Rose Funeral Home in Murphy, N.C. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Murphy Medical Center Nursing Home, 2002 Hwy. 64E, Murphy, NC 28906 c/o Oletta Garrett. TOWNSON ROSE FUNERAL HOME, Murphy, N.C. is in charge of arrangements.

and A. C. Frost.

The **Rev. Quimby Sirman**, former pastor of the Perrine Baptist Church, has accepted the leadership of the Hollywood Beach Garden Mission. The Mission, sponsored by the First Baptist Church at Dania, is located between the Boulevard and Johnson St. at Seventh Ave., west of Hollywood.

The Dania Chamber of Com

Pastors To Talk At PTA Meeting

Rev. Leo Helm from the Hialeah-Miami Springs Jewish Center and the **Rev. Quimby Sirman**, pastor of Sunset Heights Baptist Church, will discuss "Moral Training, Responsibilities of Home, Church and School," at the North Hialeah Elementary School PTA meeting, Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The cafetorium meeting will also be held so that members may hear a report on the state convention in Daytona given by delegates, Mrs. John Adams, and Mrs. R. H. Pope.

Rev. Quimby Sirman

Birth

10 Dec 1911

Death

4 Jan 1996 (aged 84)

Burial

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, USA

Family Members

Parents

John Hamp Sirman

1862–1957

Lillie Bell Daughtry Sirman

1889–1933

Spouse

Evelyn Crippen Sirman

1910–1994