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Smith, Howard M. served as field secretary for the Indian River Baptist Association and missionary to the Jewish people in the Miami Baptist Association.

This, That and the Other

Squires Joins Staff of Flagami Church, Miami



On February 1 William T. Squires will become minister of music and education at Flagami Church, Miami, where J. Elwood Rawls is pastor.

A graduate of Southwest College, Bolivar, Miss., Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans Seminary, Squires holds the B.S.M. and B.R.E. degrees. He served in a similar capacity at First Church, Huntsville, Ala. and Inman Park Church, Atlanta, Ga. He has directed music for the Alabama State Convention, and has written extensively for the CHURCH MUSICIAN magazine.

Mrs. Squires, the former Martha Louise Smith of Lamar, Mo., is also a graduate of Southwest College and she attended New Orleans Seminary. They have three children: Bill, Jr., 20; Bob, 17; and Mary Lou, 12.



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY—Marking the fifth anniversary of Pastor James Graves, First Church, Leesburg honored the Graves family on January 12. Following the evening worship service, the Graves were presented with a silver coffee and tea service (shown above) at an anniversary party. Pictured, from left, are: Debbie, Mrs. Graves, Joseph, Pastor Graves, and Becky.

Frontenac Church, Sharpes Organizes with 130 Members

On January 19 Frontenac Chapel, Sharpes was constituted into Frontenac Baptist Church, with 130 charter members, by the sponsoring First Church, Cocoa. Participating in the service were: James A. Sawyer, pastor of the sponsoring church; C. S. Vernon, moderator of Brevard Association; W. E. Cain, chairman of First Church, Missions Committee; Jack A. Shaw, a former pastor who is now at First Church, Madison; Chan C. Garrett, pastor of the new church; C. Frank Johnston, moderator of First Church; James R. Owens, moderator of Frontenac Church; and **Howard Smith**, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.

The Chapel had been a mission of First Church, Cocoa for ten years. Chan Garrett began his ministry in October, 1962.

Lake View Church, Miami Ordains Three Preachers

Gary Whipple, a student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville and pastor of Orange Hill Church, Wausau, was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Lake View Church, Miami on December 29.

On January 12 William S. O'Dell, also a student at B.B.I. and pastor of Unity Church, Bonifay, and Wayne Outland, who has just been called as pastor of Lake View's mission on Big Pine Key, were ordained to the ministry.

Richard E. Whipple, pastor of Lake View Church, preached the ordination messages in both services.



FLORIDA SEMINARY GRADUATES—Six students from Florida are among the 89 students scheduled to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. at mid-session commencement exercises on January 28.

Pictured, from left, are: Daniel F. Laird, Lakeland, bachelor of divinity; Herbert D. Maynard, St. Petersburg, bachelor of church music; John D. Pelham, Plant City, bachelor of divinity; Clarence W. Shelton, Jr., Boynton Beach, bachelor of church music; and Freddie H. Williams, St. Petersburg, master of religious education. Not pictured is Henry J. West, Plant City, bachelor of church music.

Awarded \$1,000 Prize

Dr. Rollin S. Armour, Stetson University assistant professor religion, has been awarded the 1963 Brewer Prize of \$1,000 for his doctoral dissertation on "The Theology and Practice of Baptism in 16th Century Anabaptism."

The award, made every three years by the American Society of Church History, is given toward the publication of the manuscript.

Armour began research on this thesis in 1958 at the University of Zurich in Switzerland while he was there on a Westgard Fellowship for travel and study from Harvard University. He received his Th.D. degree in June 1963 from Harvard.

On February 2 First Church, Fellsmere will observe its 17th anniversary with special services and a basket dinner. J. A. Peterson of Vero Beach (first pastor at Fellsmere) will bring the morning message, and former Pastors Adrian P. Rogers of Ft. Pierce and Wayne H. Collins will speak in the afternoon. Jack Eppes, executive secretary of United Christian Action, Lakeland, will bring the evening message.

Pastor George W. Martin invites former pastors, members and friends to attend.

Stetson University's Extension Division of Christian Education opened its Alachua Center in First Baptist Church, Brooksville, on Jan. 28.

Courses offered are "What Baptists Believe," taught by John H. Davis, and "New Testament II," taught by William S. Shaw. They provide credit toward a diploma in Biblical Studies.

Anyone 17 years of age or above may enroll for Stetson extension courses without restriction as to academic training. For enrollment and more information, contact the Northside Baptist Church, Brooksville.

Dean Gatch, a former pastor of Blake Memorial Church, Lake Helen, is available for part-time service and may be reached at Rt. 1, Pierson, Fla.

Nubern Goes to Tampa

Warren Nubern, pastor of First Church, Greenacres City, resigned effective January 19 to become pastor of ElBethel Church, Tampa.

During Nubern's two-year ministry at Greenacres City, the church had 147 additions (81 for baptism), completed the downstairs of a two-story education building, and organized its mission into a church. Four people answered the call to the ministry, and ten others made commitments of life for church-related vocations.

Green Cove Springs Pastor

Joe R. Olachoa became pastor of First Church, Green Cove Springs on January 19.

A graduate of Bob Jones University and Temple Seminary, Olachoa has been pastor of Tampa Bay Church, Tampa for the past eight and one-half years. He has also been pastor at Ruskin.

Mrs. Olachoa is the former Ermina Draeger of Wisconsin. They have three children: Connie Rae, 12; Joe, Jr., 7; and James, 6.

Jim Tatum, a layman from Trinity Church, Jacksonville, was interim pastor at Green Cove Springs.

Franklin Wayne Jessup of Fern Park will become pastor of New Orange Church, Chieley on January 29. He also returns home for ordination by Elder Springs Church, Sanford the same day.

Jessup was a postal clerk at Orlando before entering the ministry and enrolled at Baptist Bible Institute in September, 1963.

Mrs. Jessup was Jeannette Carol Dees of Sanford. They have two sons: Franklin, Jr., 3; and Timothy Daniel, 1.

Rev. Howard Smith To Direct Religious Survey

The **Rev. Howard Smith**, field secretary of the Indian River Baptist Association, will serve as director of the countywide religious survey that is planned for March 10-17, according to action taken Friday by the executive committee of the St. Lucie County Ministerial Association.

Other committee chairmen were appointed as follows: Enlistment, the **Rev. Robert B. Chapman**, pastor of the First Methodist church; Publicity, the **Rev. Fayette L. Hall**, First Baptist; Zoning, the **Rev. O'Neal Jacobs**, Community Methodist; Records and Compilation, the **Rev. John Bennett**, First Christian; Finance and Supply, Rabbi Joseph Levine, Temple Beth El.

Two additional workers will be employed to assist the director, it was decided, and workers from



THE **REV. SMITH**

it was decided, and workers from each church will be needed to make the actual census.

All the committee chairmen will make up the steering committee for the survey.

The survey will be similar to the "Gold Coast" survey made last year for the area from Miami to Key West, it was stated. Objectives of the survey will be to ascertain the names, addresses and religious affiliation or preference of residents of the county.

Next meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held Jan. 3, in the social hall of the First Methodist church.

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New Address Is 1790 NE 2nd Ct.

Miami Baptist Association Moves To Recently Purchased Building

Greater Miami Baptists are starting New Year '1957 with a new home of their own and a full year's program ahead of them for the entire area.

This week the Miami Baptist Association, composed of Baptist churches and missions throughout the South Florida area, moved from Central Baptist Church into its new building at 1790 NE 2nd Ct., purchased from Westminster Presbyterian Church for the sum of \$82,500.

Space For Spanish Mission

The congregation of Westminster moved to its new edifice at Christmas, allowing the Baptists to take possession of the building the first of the year.

The church building will be used by the Spanish Baptist Mission, which will hold its first services there Jan. 13. A section may later be devoted to the Russian Ukrainian Baptist mission which also operates under the Miami Baptist Association, and also to the Woman's Missionary Society.

The educational building will be used for officers and departmental meetings.

Among those having his headquarters in the building will be the **Rev.** J. Ray Dobbins, new superintendent of missions, who assumed his duties Jan. 1.

He was formerly pastor of Beechmont Baptist Church, Lou-

isville, Ky., for eight years. Before that, he held a pastorate at Owensboro, Ky. He will devote his time primarily to the organization of new churches.

Offices for Directors

He and Mrs. Dobbins have three children — Michael, 10; Donald, 7; and Sherry, nine months old.

Also maintaining offices there will be the **Rev.** Milton Leach, director of the association's seven Spanish Missions, who is working principally with Puerto Ricans and Mexicans in the ar-

ea, and the **Rev. Howard Smith** director of Jewish work. The **Rev. Mr. Smith** joined the association staff Oct. 1. He is from New Orleans where he did similar work for the New Orleans Baptist Association.

Miss Jackie Steinhauer, association secretary, whose duty it is to keep track of the records, make appointments and keep



TWO CHAPELS ARE SPONSORED IN AREA BY BAPTISTS HERE

The First Baptist Church in Stuart will officially begin sponsoring two new chapels Sunday, May 3. Services have been going on at Tropical Farms for a number of weeks under the auspices of a few of the local people in that area. They have asked the First Baptist Church to be the sponsoring church and they will start with a revival meeting this Sunday. The pastor of the First Baptist Church will be going out for revival services each night during the week and preaching. Arden Yingling will lead the singing. The church building is located across the road from Jack James' General Ranch Store. Services will begin each night at 8. It will be known as the Tropical Farms Baptist Chapel.

Also this Sunday the First Baptist Church will inaugurate a work in Palm City. A full program of services will start the first Sunday meeting in the Palm City Civic Center on E. Ninth St. The temporary pastor will be the Rev.

Howard Smith of Ft. Pierce.

Permanent buildings for the

day meeting in the Palm City Civic Center on E. Ninth St. The temporary pastor will be the Rev. Howard Smith of Ft. Pierce.

Permanent buildings for the Palm City work will be erected as quickly as possible on W. Ninth St. one block west of McCord Ave. A corps of teachers and officers from the First Baptist Church in Stuart, who live in Palm City, will be taking over the lay responsibilities. On the first Sunday a full program will be held. The Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The morning worship service will be at 11. On Sunday evening the Training Union will have their activities at 6:30 and the evening worship service at 7:45. This work will be known as the Palm City Baptist Chapel.

The membership of the First Baptist Church in Stuart and the people of the two chapels extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend.

The two Sundays that the Rev. Lee will be preaching at Tropical Farms Baptist Chapel, Dr. George Middleton of Ft. Lauderdale will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church.

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Chapel Becomes Church Dec. 10th

The St. Lucie Baptist chapel is to be formally constituted into an independent church in special services to be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, according to announcement of the pastor, the **Rev. Loys Frink**.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. John Maguire, executive secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist State Board of Missions. Moderator will be the **Rev. Howard M. Smith**, Indian River Associational field secretary. A basket dinner will be served at 12:30.

The new church will be known as the Northside Baptist church. It was established as a mission by the First Baptist church in October of 1956.

Another sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the Port St. Lucie Marina. The **Rev. Howard Smith**, secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, will give the sermon at the service, which is sponsored by the Methodist and Baptist Churches of Port St. Lucie.

Speakers rotating in various churches are Dr. J. T. Williams, missionary to China; The **Rev. Roy Crosby**, missionary to Japan; The **Rev. I. E. Enlow** of state mission board; The **Rev. Ralph Gwinn**, local pastor on cooperative program and stewardship, and John H. Witt of state mission board who is leading the school of missions and director of missions in this district, and The **Rev. Howard Smith**, director of Jewish work in Miami.

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Baptists Hold Sunday Picnic

EAU GALLIE — Members of the Harbor City Baptist Chapel and their friends gathered at the W. E. Broome home on Turtle Mound Rd. last Sunday for an old-fashioned picnic.

Guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Steve Zukor of the Melbourne First Baptist Church and the Rev. Howard Smith, Fort Pierce, Dist. 12 field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention.



Shenandoah Baptist Holds Retreat For Junior Youth

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of stories telling what the various churches of Greater Miami are doing to help make the world a better place in which to live. Other stories will appear on succeeding Saturdays in this section.

By LOUISE LEYDEN

Miami News Religious Editor

Christian leaders are challenging churches to intensify their various programs in the face of the catastrophe which threatens mankind at home and abroad today.

Shenandoah Baptist, 2225 SW 17th Ave., has accepted the challenge and has broadened its overall program in every respect.

The youth department is one area receiving special emphasis.

Under the leadership of Mrs. June Hosea, director of Christian Education, a series of retreats are being conducted on

"The program is a varied one," Mrs. Hosea explained. "The youngsters met at the church at 8:45 a.m. and were taken in cars directly to the park where a devotional was conducted by Lois Mitchem of Riverside Baptist Church. This was to be followed by an inspirational message by Mrs. Sterling Hunter of St. John's Presbyterian Church, a talk on Baptist mission work among the Spanish-speaking people of Miami by the Rev. Milton Leach, associational director of this work, and a talk on Baptist Jewish work by the Rev. Howard Smith, who is in charge of this phase of work for local Baptists.

Both the Rev. Mr. Leach and the Rev. Mr. Smith had exhibits explaining their work.

Planned Recreation

The second phase — the supervised recreational phase — was to get under way following the talks with all kinds of

games scheduled for the youngsters.

Last, but not least, were the eats to be prepared on the spot by A. F. McClain, a member of the city's Fire Department.

The retreat was planned by the church's youth committee headed by E. C. (Tony) Wilcox, chairman. Also on the committee are Mrs. Hosea and Mrs. Stover Denison, director of the choir for young people.

Similar retreats are held regularly for youth of other age groups, but this is the first such outing at the church for juniors.

They were not required by their parents to go, but are attending because they love the talks, the fun and the fellowship.

UNITARIAN

Sermon by
Franklin G. Wilson

Missionary Speaks At Dania Church

DANIA—The Rev. Howard Smith, missionary to Jews in Miami, spoke on "World Mission, USA" Tuesday night in the Dania Heights Baptist church, S. Federal Highway and Seventh St.

Mr. Smith also showed a film, "Reflecting God's Splendor." A general review of home mission work by church members followed.

The Women's Missionary Union served refreshments. Six guests from Canada were present.

Baptists Schedule Laymen's Day

VERO BEACH — Layman's Day will be observed at the Glendale Baptist Church of Vero Beach, Oct. 11, it was announced this week by the Rev. Eugene Baxley, pastor of the church.

The day's activities will feature the use of laymen in the church program and is sponsored by the Brotherhood organization. An all-male choir will sing at both services and render special music under the direction of Jimmy Broome, Brotherhood president.

THREE outstanding laymen of the church have been chosen to bring brief messages at the morning worship services.

John McGrath will speak on the subject, Why I Believe in Family Worship; Edward Weekes' topic will be Why I Tithe; and J. W. Williams will use the subject, Why I Attend the Mid-Week Prayer Service.

The Rev. Howard Smith, Baptist field secretary of Fort Pierce, will be the guest

speaker Sunday evening. The Rev. Mr. Smith is a convert from the Jewish faith and has been active in Baptist work with Jews in the Miami area until coming to Fort Pierce.

Bridge Club Meets

MELBOURNE — The Indian River Duplicate Bridge Club will meet tonight at 7:45 in the Belcelona Hotel, it was announced yesterday by game director George Davis.

Baptists Set Mission Goal At 35 New Chapels By 1962

By LOUISE LEYDEN

Miami News Religion Editor

In this atomic age of fast travel, economic unrest and uncertainty, the frontier of the foreign mission field has moved across the seven seas and today knocks at Miami's front door.

The opportunities afforded by this new type of Christian service pose a challenge to churches and mission workers alike, who are revamping their programs to cope with the situation.

Under direction of the **Rev. J. Ray Dobbins**, superintendent of missions, Baptist churches of South Florida through the Miami Baptist Association, are planning for 2,000,000 people (according to the census report) by 1975. Many will be native born, but a large percentage will be newcomers to the American shores.

"We don't have to wait, however, until 1975," the **Rev. Mr.**

Services are held for them at 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon at Shenandoah Baptist Church with Dr. Ladislau Biro, pastor of Coral Gables Baptist Church, preaching in Hungarian.

A similar program has been set up for the many Chinese of this area at Flagler Street Baptist Church where a Bible school and services are held at 4 p.m. each Sunday.

"To cope with the migrant situation, we hope to set up a temporary meeting place soon in the Redlands in cooperation with the Redlands Baptist Church," the superintendent stated. "We may use a traveling chapel which will work among the migrants."

He disclosed that in Key West, a part of the Miami Baptist Association, services are held in the Latin American chapel each Sunday in Spanish and English simultaneously, due to the fact that a husband may speak Spanish, his

with 125 expected to enroll.

The association plans soon to appoint someone to work with Negro ministers and leaders so that Baptists may share their ideas and help improve methods of organization.

Sometime ago the association appointed the **Rev. Howard M. Smith** to work with the Jewish people, to inform them about the church and to encourage them to make their own decision in the matter through Fellowship programs and attendance at services.

In addition, the association's mission program calls for assisting established churches in the organization of new ones, the usual method by which new churches are established.

"The association helps toward buying the land by giving up to \$3,000, the **Rev. Mr. Dobbins** said. "State missions will loan up to \$10,000 interest free for five years.

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percentage will be newcomers to the American shores.

"We don't have to wait, however, until 1975," the Rev. Mr. Dobbins said today concerning the program. "Baptists are going to need 35 new chapels within the next five years. These will require around \$1,600,000 to build."

The downtown churches will be of great assistance in establishing the missions, he emphasized, because "of their strength and location."

Need 35 New Chapels

Looking forward to the establishment of the new missions, the Rev. Mr. Dobbins said that the association now has 35 prospective building sites in view scattered about over the association territory, which must be bought with the erection of each first unit to cost at least \$30,000.

"Land is getting scarce here," he said, "and in order to provide for future developments, we must keep pace with the program now."

Some of the areas needing chapels most urgently are South Miami, Homestead, Carol City, Miami Beach and the Westward Lake area.

Other are Miami Springs, Hialeah, North Dade, Key Biscayne, Key Largo and Florida City.

chapel each Sunday in Spanish and English simultaneously, due to the fact that a husband may speak Spanish, his wife, English, or vice versa.

Vacation Bible Schools

He also said that this week 10 Vacation Bible Schools are being conducted in Spanish at all the eight Spanish missions. Too, a Spanish encampment has been planned at Key West

Dobbins said. "State missions will loan up to \$10,000 interest free for five years."

Many factors combine to make Miami a great mission field, he pointed out. One is the shifting of population to this area. Another is the shifting of the population within the city itself to the outlying sections, new territory, ripe for new churches.

Miamian Leaving Profession To Enter Work Of Ministry

It isn't everyday that a man changes professions in mid-stream, especially to that of the ministry.

Yet that is exactly what John E. Wilcox, an outstanding member of his chosen profession, is doing, come July 8.

At that time he and his family will leave for Princeton, N. J., where he will enter Princeton Theological Seminary in preparation for a life in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

"I feel that the Lord has called me to this task," he said today in discussing his decision. "When one gets such a call there is no rest until he heeds it."

Wilcox also said that he has a desire to serve more people than



JOHN E. WILCOX

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in this area.

The fastest-growing foreign group in Miami is the Spanish speaking group — people from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, South America and the islands of the Caribbean.

80,000 Latin Americans

"There are about 80,000 Spanish speaking people in this area," the **Rev** Mr. Dobbins said. Two years ago we had two little missions with about 130 members. Today we have eight missions with around 1,000 members.

"One meets regularly at the associational building, the former Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1790 NE 2nd Cl., with an average Sunday attendance of 200. The **Rev** Jose M. Fleites is pastor. Another meets in the chapel at Central Baptist Church."

In cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the association hopes to start other missions for Spanish-speaking people soon.

Shortly after the ill-fated revolution in Hungary last October, hundreds of Hungarian refugees began pouring into Miami. As they spoke no English, this necessitated the setting up of a mission program with services in Hungarian.



BAPTIST LEADERS PLOT SOUTH FLORIDA MISSION PROGRAM
Rev. J. Ray Dobbins, left, Rev. Jose M. Fleites and Rev. Howard M. Smith
Miami News Photo By Keith Korolden