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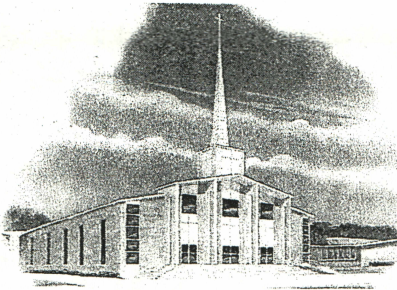
Soileau, E. Y. and his wife are natives of Evan Celine Parish, Louisiana. He attended Acadia Baptist Academy, Louisiana, and Mississippi College. Soileau served as a missionary to the French in Louisiana while taking his college studies. He served as pastor of Warrington Baptist Church, Pensacola. Soileau also pastored churches in Louisiana, and Mississippi.



Warrington Baptist Church

Warrington Baptist Church, located at 103 West Winthrop Avenue in Pensacola, was organized August 17, 1939. An outgrowth of a mission Sunday School begun in 1938 by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, the

charter members were Deacon and Mrs. T.V. Beckham, Imogene Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Cloud, Deacon and Mrs. R.C. Dickson, Deacon and Mrs. E.H. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Vickers, Mrs. I.P. Bascle, Mrs. G.R. Eades, Mrs. Vivian Farlow, Mrs. C.J. Fehler, Mrs. Fred Hassebrock, and Mrs. Marion Gore.



Warrington Baptist Church

They met in a three-bedroom house at Barrancas Avenue (now Navy Boulevard) and Jackson Street (now Winthrop Avenue) and paid \$15 monthly rent. In 1940 they moved to Turner Lee Day School on Jackson Street. That year a lot was purchased at the present church site, and the first building was erected. An adjacent two-story educational building was completed in 1954. The dedication of the present 1550-seat sanctuary and educational annex was held September 22-25, 1963.

Three missions, now self-supporting churches, sponsored by Warrington Baptist Church are Beach Haven, organized 1956; Boulevard (now Bayou Grove), organized 1957; and Lakeview, organized 1963. Warrington Baptist Church joined Pensacola Bay Baptist Association in 1939, and in 1996 provided space to the Association to establish the Homeport military ministry.

Pastors who have served the church are Thomas J. Anderson, E.Y. Soileau, E.R. Anderson, Dr. Ernest S. Owens, Jr., Dr. James L. Monroe, Dr. J. Larry Mayo, Dr. Randy G. Atkinson, Dr. D. Denton Sumrall, and Dr. Ric Butler.

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The History of Acadia Baptist Academy

Boyett, Evelyn S.

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Academy. Henry Winn first preached there while he 'was a student at Acadia Academy. A church was organized and later, under the leadership of St. Clair Bowe^, a church building was erected and dedicated free of debt. Except for St. Clair Bower, all the pastors of this church have been students of the Academy.

Reverend John and Adea Vidrine, D. 33cGee, E. Y. Soileau, Berkman Deville, Maurice Aguillard, Vena B. [unclear] and other French missionary workers have been trained in the Acadia Academy.^

W. J. Westberry became interested in a mission school for the French people of southern Louisiana, and in 1917 he sponsored the movement whereby Acadia Baptist Academy was established as a high school for these people.

Westberry became the financial secretary of the Academy in 1917 and served well until 1919, when he resigned^ however, his interest in the school and its works never diminished. It has been through the devotion to the school of many faithful friends and principals and their ability as business men that Acadia Baptist Academy has been saved thus far.

Acadia Baptist Academy has at the present time property valued at about \$60,245, according to the latest auditor's report. Ibid., p. 10. 3 Ibid., p. 11.

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REV. E. Y. SOILEAU
... new pastor

Rev. Soileau Gets Warrington Post

The Rev. **E. Y. Soileau**, formerly of the Ferris Baptist church of Bogalusa, La., has accepted the call of the Warrington Baptist church and will begin his ministry there Sunday with services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mr. **Soileau** obtained his AB degree from Mississippi and Th. M. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. He has done some work on his doctorate at the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. **Soileau** are residing at 117 Northwest Gilliland road, Navy Point.

The church extends an invitation to the public to attend services.

Mr. **Soileau** succeeds the **Rev. T. J. Anderson**.



Warrington Pastor To Be Transferred

The **Rev. E. Y. Soileau**, pastor of the Warrington Baptist church who has turned in his resignation effective Sept. 6 here, will accept a call to the First Baptist church in Tunica, Miss.

Church officials have noted that during Mr. **Soileau's** pastorship here, the Sunday school and other church organizations have more than tripled in size.