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Spencer, Johnny was a native of Corinth, Mississippi. He graduated from Memphis State University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Spencer served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida including First Baptist Church, Hallandale, 1964-1966. He and his wife, Nancy Porter Spencer had two daughters.

This, That and the Other

Alabama Pastor Comes To St. Andrew Church



C. J. Marsh resigned as pastor of First Church, Flomaton, Ala. to become pastor of St. Andrew Church, Panama City on January 13.

Marsh holds a B.A. degree from Howard College and a B.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of three Alabama churches before going to Flomaton: Cartersville in Childersburg; Calvary in Marion; and Plainview in Birmingham. While at Flomaton, he was active in Ecumenical Association as chairman of the program committee and a member of the finance and nominating committees.

Mrs. Marsh, the former Miss Carolyn Eads of Montgomery, Ala., is a graduate of Judson College. They have two children: Jan, 5; and David, 10 months.

Hal D. Bennett from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville has been interim pastor at St. Andrew Church since August, 1963. During this time the church received 33 members (10 for baptism).

Youngstown Church Calls M. A. Kirven as Pastor

Youngstown Church, Youngstown has called Marion A. Kirven of Aiken, S. C. as pastor. He has been interim pastor since September, 1963.

The church also voted to enter the Church Development Ministry, a program sponsored and developed by the Home Mission Board.

For 12 years before moving to Graceville to enroll in Baptist Bible Institute, Kirven worked for DuPont at the Savannah River Plant of the Atomic Energy Commission. During this time he was pastor of Clearwater Branch Church, Aiken for one year.

Mrs. Kirven was Miss Nora Mims of Kinston, S. C. They have three children: Tony, 10; Steve, 8, and Cheryl, 6.

First Church, Jay recently purchased a Baldwin organ and chimes, which were dedicated on January 12 in honor of Mrs. Mary Dobbs Moore, a faithful member of the church since 1905. Mrs. W. E. Burns, daughter of Mrs. Moore, made a sizeable contribution toward the purchase. Bill Hartley is pastor.

First Church, LaBelle is occupying its new sanctuary on January 23. Dr. Paul Meigs is leading an Evangelism Clinic for Big Lake Association.

The new building, constructed of antique brick, is Colonial Georgian in design and has a seating capacity of 500. The air-conditioned building is valued at \$150,000.

Reeves C. Dean is his fourth year as pastor at LaBelle.

Former members are invited to Homecoming and Baptist Men's Day at Immanuel Church, Fort Lauderdale on January 26. J. Burch Cooper is pastor.

Spencer Begins Pastorate At Hallandale Church

On January 1, Johnny Spencer became pastor of First Church, Hallandale.

A native of Corinth, Miss., Spencer is a graduate of Kettawa Junior College in Fulton, Miss., received his B.S. degree from Memphis State University, and his B.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He comes to Florida from Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn. where he was assistant to the pastor. He has also pastored churches in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Mrs. Spencer was Nancy Porter of Tupelo, Miss. They have two daughters: Susanne, 5; and Gayle, 2.

The WITNESS office has received a copy of a letter from Brevard Association expressing appreciation for the ministry of Clayton C. Barker, who has resigned as pastor of Bowe Gardens Church, Eau Gallie.

Stetson Extension Center Opens in Polk County

Stetson University's Extension Division of Christian Education opened its Polk County Center in First Baptist Church, Winter Haven on Thursday, January 16.

A course in "Christian Ethics" will be taught each week by Dr. Albert L. Carnett from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. It provides three hours of college credit and public school teacher certification to those who can qualify. Those not seeking credit are also urged to attend.

Further information may be obtained from Dean Jack Conley, Lake Wales 3-4241, or Ernest E. Walker, Cy 4-4133.

\$9,000 Lot Given to Church

Dr. and Mrs. Willard R. Gatlin of Jacksonville have donated a lot to Main Street Church, Jacksonville, Kenneth L. Hansen, pastor. The land was appraised recently at \$9,000.

Carol Estates Church Burns Mortgage on 5th Anniversary



Carol Estates Church, Gainesville recently observed its fifth anniversary since its founding as a mission by burning the mortgage on its first unit. This was also the fifth anniversary of Pastor Frank M. Pearl, Jr., who has served the church since its beginning as a mission.

Participating in the service were, from left: Marvin Stedham, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, who delivered the message; Pastor Frank Pearl; and Kenneth Sims, chairman of deacons.

The mortgage for the building was held by the Florida Baptist Convention and was paid off by the church one year ahead of schedule.

The church has completed two

units of its building program, and is making plans to build a sanctuary.

During the past five years the church has had 343 additions (77 for baptism). Gifts have totaled \$90,468.79, and gifts to missions have been \$14,100 (\$9,828 of this amount has gone through the Cooperative Program).

Through its Brotherhood, the church sponsors a mission at a nearby nursing home.

"Sock Tree" Presented to Children's Home at Lakeland



The Junior II Department of Skycrest Church, Clearwater decorated this "Sock Tree" during the month of December. The 46 pairs of socks were delivered to the Florida Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland for Christmas.

Stetson University's biology laboratories have put in \$30,000 worth of new equipment, according to Dr. Elmer C. Prichard, professor and chairman of the biology department.

The recent Ford Foundation grant to the University provided \$25,000 of this, while the biology department budget financed the remainder.

Prichard pointed out this investment represents about \$100 for each student who works in the biology labs.

Baptists Plan Loyalty Banquet

HALLANDALE — First Baptist Church of Hallandale will sponsor a loyalty banquet for members and guests at 7:30 tonight in the educational building auditorium, E. Hallandale Beach Boulevard at SW 2nd Terrace.

The dinner will "kick off" a stewardship and enlargement campaign in addition to celebrating the church's 13th anniversary. Increasing Sunday School attendance also will be stressed during the campaign.

The Rev. Johnny Spencer, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., is beginning his third year as pastor.

Interim Pastor Is Announced

Waldo E. Wood is serving as interim pastor at First Baptist Church of Hallandale. Former pastor, the Rev. Johnny Spencer left to continue his education at Mississippi College, where he is working on a master's degree and teaching. Worship service is at 10:50 a.m. tomorrow.