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Springfield, J. M. served as pastor of churches in Bowling Green, Avon Park and Cocoa. He served as associational missionary for the Indian River Baptist Association in 1914.

*100 Years of Pastors' Leadership
First Baptist Church of Cocoa*

<i>Rev. F. M. Ross</i>	<i>1910 - 1911</i>
<i>Rev. Robert Jones</i>	<i>1911</i>
<i>Rev. J. R. Parsons</i>	<i>1912 - 1914</i>
<i>Rev. J. M. Springfield</i>	<i>1914 - 1915</i>
<i>Rev. W. Ira Sanders</i>	<i>1916</i>
<i>Rev. J. C. Kazee</i>	<i>1916 - 1918</i>
<i>Rev. W. Ira Sanders</i>	<i>1918 - 1920</i>
<i>Rev. H. S. Howard</i>	<i>1920 - 1922</i>
<i>Rev. O. L. Riggs</i>	<i>1923 - 1927</i>
<i>Rev. Charles M. White</i>	<i>1927 - 1931</i>
<i>Dr. John C. Sycamore</i>	<i>1932</i>
<i>Rev. Claude L. Bridges</i>	<i>1932 - 1935</i>
<i>Rev. J. Ray Garrett</i>	<i>1936 - 1940</i>
<i>Dr. James A. Sawyer</i>	<i>1940 - 1967</i>
<i>Rev. James T. Dunnam</i>	<i>1968 - 1978</i>
<i>Dr. Frank H. Thomas, Jr.</i>	<i>1979 - 1985</i>
<i>Rev. W. Henry Green</i>	<i>1986 - 1993</i>
<i>Dr. William R. Marr</i>	<i>1994 - 2007</i>
<i>Dr. O. Charles Horton</i>	<i>2007 - Present</i>

Present church Staff

<i>Dr. Charles Horton</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Dr. Alan Foster</i>	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
<i>Barry Aymond</i>	<i>Minister of Music</i>
<i>Jeb Godbout</i>	<i>Minister of Students</i>
<i>Eve Reeves</i>	<i>Church Administrator</i>
<i>Cheryl Beck</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
<i>Myrna Mason</i>	<i>Organist</i>

THE TAMPA SUNDAY TRIBUNE, SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1918

Rev. J. M. Springfield has resigned his pastorate at Bowling Green and moved his family to Green Springs that he and Mrs. Springfield may be benefited by the waters from these famous springs. He will, however, continue his pastorate

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Sargent of this place.—The stork paid a visit to the home of Rev. J. M. Springfield on Wednesday, bringing a son to the happy family.—Mrs. F. P.

AVON PARK

THE TAMPA MORNING TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1916

Friday.

Rev. J. M. Springfield filled his regular semi-monthly engagement here by delivering two splendid sermons at the Baptist Church Sunday.

just completed setting out 800 citrus trees on his place on Lake Anoka.—Rev. J. M. Springfield, pastor of the Baptist church, has been engaged in a revival in Griffin, Ga.—A series of

Committee for the ensuing year, respectfully recommend the following: W. H. Adams as Chairman; J. D. Frink as Secretary; and J. N. Chalker.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. KING,
A. O. FRINK,
J. M. SPRINGFIELD,
Committee.

MEMBER OF STATE BOARD.

Nominations were called for the State Board of Missions, and Bro. S. W. King, of Fort Pierce, was nominated and elected.

It was voted that a pledge be taken up from the delegates from the churches to pay the expenses of our member of the State Board while in attendance at the Board meetings in Jacksonville.

The following pledges were given:

Fort Pierce	\$10.00
Cocoa	5.00
Narrows	5.00
Titusville	5.00
LaGrange	3.00
Quay	2.50
Eau Gallie	5.00
Sebastian	2.50

The session recessed until 7 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Session opened at 7 p. m., with devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Adams.

At 7:30 p. m. Dr. S. B. Rogers gave us a most interesting address on the work of State Missions, urging us to a more active endeavor to bring the work of the Association up to more efficient lines.

The report on State missions was adopted as read in the afternoon. The session adjourned until 10 a. m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The session opened with devotional exercises under the charge of Bro. J. G. Parsons.

The report on Associational Missionary Work was read by Bro. Adams in the absence of Bro. Springfield.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren:

Since coming to this field of labor I have endeavored to labor in full sympathy with the brethren who have had to carry the burden of directing the important work of the Kingdom in this section, and I have enjoyed to a great extent the fellowship and blessing of our mingling together in the work.

It is known by all interested, I suppose, that I came in the most difficult season of the year in which to plan and execute the work, therefore the results of our efforts are not as pleasing and gratifying to any of us as we would like.

Our first engagement was at Sebastian, where we met with ready and willing hearts and labored for two weeks and a half, closing in mid-week.

The results here were four persons added to the church by baptism and some by letter.

TWENTY - SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

in Sebastian we went to Jensen and held a two-weeks' campaign, resulted in four persons being added to the church and some by letter. The closing of this engagement brought us up to the latter days of May reaching a fifth Sunday, Sunday School Convention held at Eau Claire.

At this Convention we went over on the island north of Banana Creek in a series of services with the homesteaders, looking to the organization of a church, but after holding these services for a week and canvassing for another week, we found it would be impracticable to organize. We found some responsive hearts and willing workers over there, but effect of anything definite for a time.

During this during July and August we did prospective work alone until we began a meeting with the church at Cocoa, resulting in a definite movement in the material as well as the spiritual progress of the here we expect soon to have completed a nice house of worship. We are convinced of the deep need of a higher standard of both spiritual and life on the entire East Coast, hence we are endeavoring in the work ministry to instill this into the minds and hearts of the young people of the country.

We need the prayerful sympathy and co-operative support of all our friends and we exhort every Christian to pray more earnestly for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SPRINGFIELD, Committee.

The report of the Associational Missionary was accepted and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Adams, as Bro. Walker, Chairman of the Committee, was absent.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to offer the following: Let us see that some of our Sunday Schools have lost in numbers, but let us encourage our hearts to see that the majority have gained, and that there be an untiring interest at work in this field on the betterment of Sunday School.

We would recommend that the Superintendents strive to awaken their people to new life, by having graded schools, holding teachers' meetings, and where possible establishing Teachers' Training Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WALKER,

J. C. DU BOSE,

R. L. BALDWIN,

Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The report on Education and Columbia was read by Bro. Adams, as the Secretary was absent.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

We need not urge the importance of education, for nearly every one recognizes the great need of Baptists to have men and women trained in the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.

We should long have too many of our members held to the idea that being able to read and talk was all that was necessary for the successful preaching of the Gospel.