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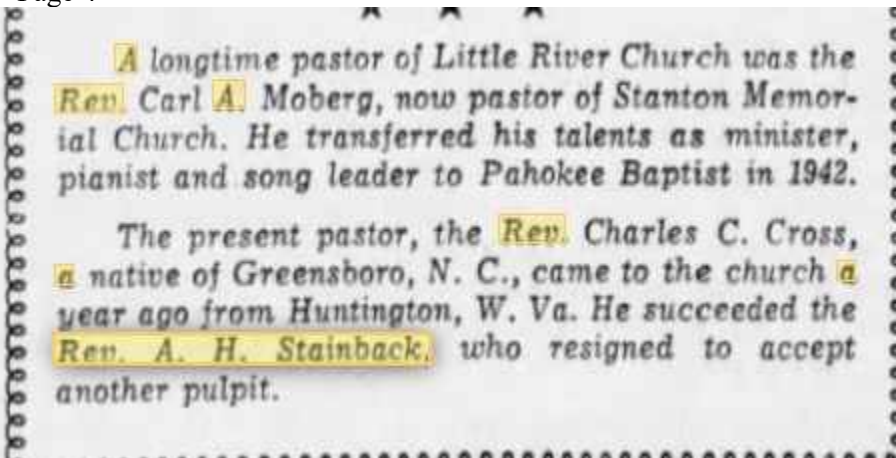
Stainback, Arthur House (1909-1994) was born in Weldon, North Carolina, the son of Peter N. Stainback and Susanne Ethel Doran. Stainback was saved at age nine and answered the call to preach as a teenager. He was educated at the Hartford Theological Seminary (B.R.E.) and New York University (M.A.). He received an honorary doctorate from Emmanuel Baptist College in Atlanta, Georgia. Steinback served as pastor in North Carolina before becoming president of Baptist Bible Institute on September 16, 1952. He served through June 25, 1957, when the college came under the ownership of the Florida Baptist State Convention. Stainback served as pastor of Little River Baptist Church, Miami. He and his wife, Phyllis Kellogg Stainback (1911-1983) were married in 1931. Stainback and his wife, Jean Frances Leroy Stainback (1913-2010) were married in 1940 and they had one son.



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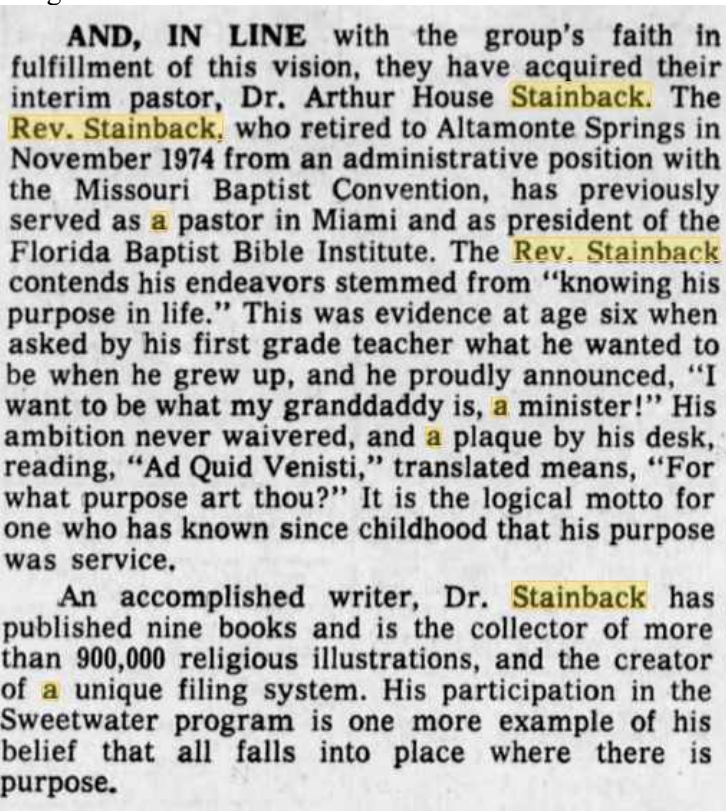
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Telling the
Story of Jesus
By: W. Wiley Richards

Although born and reared in the South, his academic career in Connecticut and New York allowed him to evaluate rural church work objectively. He received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree from the Hartford Theological Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, and the Master of Arts degree from New York University. He became a candidate for the Ed.D. from NYU, but never completed the work. Emmanuel Baptist College in Atlanta, Georgia, granted him an honorary doctorate.⁵



Arthur House Stainback

His literary productions and pastoral ministries placed him in the forefront of work in rural churches. Two articles published in *Southern Baptist Home Missions* identified him as pastor of the Stoney Creek Baptist Church in North Carolina, "one of the outstanding rural churches in America." Of its pastor, the promotional blurb noted, "Pastor Stainback has earned the distinction of being a leader in rural church work and is recognized not only by his own denomination but by rural leaders in general."⁶

His understanding of the importance and function of local churches comes out in that and a subsequent article.⁷ He saw an unlimited challenge for Southern Baptists if they could develop leaders for rural churches. Pointing to the 23,146 rural churches affiliated with the SBC, he perceived a vast reserve of spiritual strength which supplied the life blood of America as well as the SBC.

When the trustees voted to call Dr. Stainback, Dr. Boehm made the motion.⁸ The call embodied unique arrangements. For one, the new president agreed to come at an annual salary of \$3,000.00 "if he could raise the money."⁹ Because of limited finances, the trustees allowed him to travel back and forth between Lakeland and his pastorate in North Carolina for one month. He was to assume full residence after November 1, 1952.¹⁰

The first visit to the campus by Dr. Stainback and his wife, Jean, did not qualify as one of the high moments of his life. He saw buildings on the campus "being held together only by an agreement with the termite union who let them stay there," as he laughingly remembered.¹¹ However, after more correspondence, he accepted the presidency with one stipulation, that every effort be made to bring the school under convention ownership as soon as possible.¹² The

When Rev Arthur House Stainback was born on 25 February 1909, in Weldon, Halifax, North Carolina, United States, his father, Peter Nathaniel Stainback Jr, was 26 and his mother, Susanna Ethel Doran, was 20. He married Phyllis Kellogg on 15 April 1931, in Manhattan, New York City, New York, United States. They were the parents of at least 1 daughter. He lived in Deep Creek, Norfolk, Virginia, British Colonial America in 1930 and Kansas City, Platte, Missouri, United States in 1963. He died on 28 September 1994, in Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina, United States, at the age of 85, and was buried in Green Hills Cemetery, Asheville, Buncombe, North Carolina, United States.

Rev Arthur House Stainback

Birth

25 Feb 1909

Death

28 Sep 1994 (aged 85)

Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

Burial

Green Hills Cemetery

Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, USA

Family Members

Parents

Peter N Stainback

1883–1955

Ethel S Doran Stainback

1888–1963

Spouses

Phyllis Kellogg Hicks

1911–1983 (m. 1931)

Jean Frances Leroy Stainback

1913–2010 (m. 1940)

Children

Peter Leroy Stainback

1952–2008

Little River aka Good News Little River, Miami

Reverend J. Henley Jones was the first pastor of Pinewood and Reverend Quimby Sirman, the first pastor of Golden Glades.

In 1940, the church membership was 827, and we led the Miami Association with 198 baptisms. The church voted to put the Florida Baptist Witness in every home. In January of 1941, lots were purchased on which the present sanctuary stands. That same year Reverend Moberg resigned to go to Pahokee, Florida.

June 29, 1941, Reverend J. M. Wilder of Raleigh, North Carolina, came to be the pastor. At this time, a charter to incorporate our church under the laws of the state of Florida was presented and adopted.

In July, 1944, two lots for parking, located south and across the street from the church, were purchased. Moreover, Queen's Park Mission, which in 1946 became the Lakeview Baptist Church was started with Reverend Jack Tretton as pastor. April 26, 1944, our first pastorium, valued at \$7,500, was purchased at 801 N. W. 74th Street. The following year, Reverend Wilder resigned.

Reverend George Ziemer was called to serve as pastor in 1945. Mrs. Frank Garrett served as church secretary for a short period of time. From January 30, 1946 to July 31, 1946, Mr. Walter Overlin served as promotional secretary. Mrs. Ruth Williams, the present secretary, was employed November 27, 1946.

October 8, 1947, Mr. James Shelton came to serve as Educational Director. A set of chimes were given by the family of Mrs. Lida Sparkman in her memory. For years she had served as a faithful W.M.U. worker. During Reverend Ziemer's pastorate, we had sixteen young people answer God's call to full time Christian service and enter college. On October 24, ground was broken and the present sanctuary was started. Reverend Ziemer resigned.

In 1948, Reverend Carl A. Moberg returned to assume the duties as pastor. Under his leadership our \$100,000 sanctuary was completed. Much of the work on the building was done by volunteer labor as men came each Saturday to work, and the women prepared lunch. The first meeting held in the sanctuary was a Prayer Service on Saturday night before Easter. Easter morning the new building was filled to capacity.

Under Reverend Moberg's direction, gifts to Home and Foreign Missions increased 20%. Broadmoor Mission was begun in 1953. In October, 1957, Reverend Moberg resigned.

In February, 1958, Dr. A. H. Stainback began his ministry. He formerly had been the President of Baptist Bible Institute. In April, Reverend Robert Le Favre was hired to serve as Music and Educational Director. In June, Mrs. Martha Muns was hired as financial secretary. The present pastorium, located at 8395 N. E. 3rd Court, was purchased in July for \$28,000. Our first Thanksgiving service was held that year.

In May, 1960, the Southern Baptist Convention was held in Miami. Dr. R. G. Lee, former President of the Convention, preached his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day," in our church to a capacity congregation. Also, during Dr. Stainback's pastorate, the auditorium was air conditioned, a three story educational plant was constructed, and the dining room and kitchen were built. The choir was arrayed in new robes and 500 Baptist hymnals were purchased. Home Coming Day was observed June 19.

Our area began to change as three, low cost housing projects were erected near the church. This created a need for week day Bible study and a special mission program to care for hundreds of children now living in low income apartments. Help was requested from the Home Mission Board and the Miami Association and both responded. Miss Sara Rodgers was sent by the Home Mission Board as a missionary. In 1959 Broadmoor was organized into a church with Reverend J. Henley Jones as pastor. Reverend Le Favre resigned to accept another position, and Mr. Ray Duckworth was hired to serve as Music and Educational Director.

Dr. Stainback resigned January, 1962, to assume a pastorate in Raytown, Missouri. The same year Reverend Charles C. Cross from Huntington, West Virginia, came to serve as pastor. Our church was recognized as the "Church of The Week" by the Miami Herald. This merited a full page article with pictures of activities. Mr. Harry Pierce served a few months as Music Director and upon his resignation, Mr. Paul Madsen was employed and continues to serve in this capacity. Reverend Cross resigned.

He was followed by Reverend Jack Mansfield who came in July, 1964. During his stay, our Spanish work was started with Reverend Jose Corrales as minister. The Lottie Moon Offering went over \$1,000 for the first time. In March, 1965, the church observed "Ruth Williams Day" in honor of our secretary. The church supported, for awhile the Hawaii Kai Baptist Chapel, located in Hawaii. Under the Home Mission Board, Mrs. Anita Roberts served, and Reverend Mansfield went to Jamaica to hold a revival. Reverend Mansfield resigned in August, 1966.

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MIAMI (AP) A former army private — whose sex was changed by Danish doctors— became a bride in Miami a month ago, it was learned today.

She now lives a happy newlywed as Mrs. Ralph H. Heidal in a Miami apartment. Her former identity as Charles Earnest McLeod came to light in a copyrighted story in the Miami Herald.

The Baptist pastor who performed the ceremony on Oct. 11 was shocked.

"I'm going to call my doctor and get some tranquilizers," said the Rev. A. H. Stainback. "I wonder what the deacons will say."

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The Miami Herald (Miami, Florida)

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The Rev. A. H. Stainback, of the Little River Baptist Church, 495 NW 77th St., reported the ninth break-in to police Sunday morning.