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Stallings, C. Bruce graduated from the University of Tennessee and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of Hawthorne Baptist Church, Westside Baptist Church, Leesburg, 1949-1951, First Baptist Church, Greenacres 1952-1953, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Fort Meade, First Baptist Church, Raiford and Lake Avenue Baptist Church, West Palm Beach.



Lake Ave. Baptist Calls New Pastor

Rev. C. B. Stallings, formerly pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Fort Meade, has been called to become the pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, West Palm Beach.

Rev. Stallings served the local church as a supply pastor in 1964.

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, New Orleans, La.

While serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ralford, **Rev. Stallings** was the Baptist chaplain at the state prison there.

Rev. Stallings took over the pulpit here last week. Sunday services are scheduled with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; training union at 6:15 and Sunday evening worship at 7:30 p.m. A mid-week prayer service is scheduled at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, **Rev. Stallings** said.

Rev. and **Mrs. Stallings**, residents of Florida for 31 years, are living at 300 Hibiscus Tree Dr., Hypoluxo.



REV. C. B. STALLINGS

... Called to Lake Ave. Baptist

FIRST CHRISTIAN

301 No. 'J' STREET,

BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 A. M. WORSHIP

Christian Youth Fellowship

NURSERY PR

WILLIAM H. WINTZ, MINISTER

Bible School Enrolls 100

GREENACRES CITY—Greenacres City First Baptist Church enrolled 100 children at the opening of the vacation bible school Monday. Last Friday was preparation day.

The Rev. C. Bruce Stallings, pastor of the church, is principal of the sessions which are from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday of this week and next.

Mrs. Florence Riggle is director of music and accompanist for the school and Mrs. C.B. Stallings, general secretary.

Department superintendents are: Mrs. N. C. Speier, intermediate; Mrs. N. B. Smith, junior; Mrs. R. J. Allen, primary; Mrs. E. E. Leonard, beginners and Mrs. H. Fredericks.

First Baptist Church, Raiford

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week later at the Raiford First Baptist Church. He has done a great service to his Lord and has led many souls to accept Jesus as their Savior.

While James Henderson was pastor from January 3, 1994 to January 12, 1997, both of his sons committed their lives to preach the gospel. The oldest son, Rick, who is attending Florida Baptist Theological College, was licensed to preach while he was a member of this church.

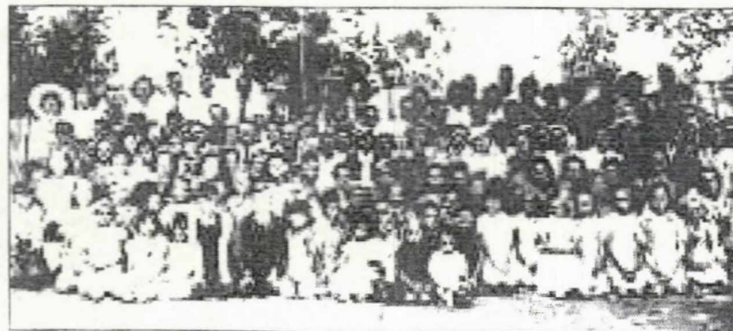
Pastors serving the Raiford First Baptist Church have been: Sam Proctor, G. W. S. Ware, Dr. Peelman, William Malphus, Bonham Johns, Rev. Johnson, Rev. Overstreet, J. Tom Barnes, Rev. Kickliter, Rev. Morris, L. G. Hemingway, Rev. Leyes, Rev. Wilkes, S. J. Morgan, J. G. Knight, Ray Y. Strickland, William Wilson (served twice), John T. James, **C. B. Stallings**, Dolphus Wilkes, Allen Price, Joseph McCullough, Jack Stolte, Aaron Singletary, Henry Jones, Hugh Walters, Johnny Guilbert, Ronnie Kinsaul, Stephen Haskell, John Ross, Tom Bowling, Jack Whitley, Gary McCoach, James Henderson, James Coward, Sebby Volge, and Stephen Bowman.

We would like to pay tribute to our deceased deacons who gave their all in service to their Lord: Colonel H. Hunter; Johnny Yarbrough, H. W. Raiford, Henry Thornton, Warren B. Bloodsworth, J. M. Conner, John Godwin, W. W. Carter, Charley Redding, J. M. Bradley, Harvey Williams, John G. Sapp, Drew C. Sweat, Ellery Redding, Arthur Crews, Hugh Rahn and John E. Ross.

Current active deacons are: Monroe Kitler and Robert Faulkner.



Small group: First Baptist, Raiford



Large group: First Baptist, Raiford

HISTORY OF THE WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH LEESBURG, FLORIDA

On December 1, 1943, decisive action was taken by the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, Florida to establish a mission in what was then known as the "Thomasville area." Under the leadership of the Rev. Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, land was donated by H. B. Harrell, and an old building in Fruitland Park was dismantled and reassembled to become the mission Sunday school building and house of worship.

On January 15, 1947, Rev. Joe M. Wilson was called as the first pastor of the mission. On January 29, 1947, the House Committee of the First Church recommended the building of the mission's first parsonage.

On March 12, 1947, the minutes of the First Church record that full time services would begin on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1947. On April 2, 1947, Rev. Wilson was authorized to administer the church ordinances.

No record is found of these early years concerning attendance and finances. Services were held in the afternoon on Sundays with preaching by the pastor of the First Baptist Church.

During the years 1948-50, Sunday School attendance is recorded at 275 to 300. A bus was in use at this time transporting many children from Lisbon and Orange Home.

On April 1, 1953, the sponsoring church voted to allow the mission to become a church. This action was finalized on May 31, 1953. Rev. James Reed Carlton was called as the first pastor of the now named Westside Baptist Church.

In 1957 capacity crowds called for the completion of a new auditorium with a seating capacity of 525. The old parsonage was transformed into the Nursery Department. The educational building was enlarged twice. A new educational building was constructed in 1962 to house three Sunday School departments.

In October, 1962, Rev. James Carlton resigned. Rev. Connie Hargrove was called as interim pastor until Rev. Dick Coleman was called as pastor on April 14, 1963. One week later, the church purchased its first parsonage, a three-bedroom home with separate building for a pastor's study.

Listed below are the former pastors of Westside Baptist Church and the dates served.

1. Joe M. Wilson - January, 1947 thru Fall of 1948.
2. A. A. Lawson - January, 1948 thru December 1948.
3. Bruce Stallings - January 1949 thru October 1951.
4. Tom Cappell - January 1952 thru February 1953.
5. James Reed Carlton - June, 1953 thru October, 1962.
6. Dick Coleman - April, 1963 thru --

~~REVEREND THE PASTOR OF THE WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH~~
40 fruitful years

Out Greenacres Way

BY HELEN and JACK ADAMS

REV. STALLINGS RESIGNS

The Rev. C. B. Stallings resigned this month as pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenacres City, where he served for the past two years. Prior to coming to Greenacres City he was pastor of West Side Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla. Mr. Stallings received his degree from University of Tennessee where he majored in the history of education after a period of teaching, he received his theological training at New Orleans Seminary from whence he began his ministerial profession. Under Mr. Stallings' leadership here at Greenacres Baptist Church, a public address system was installed, seats were placed in the auditorium, Sunday schools rooms were completed, and the purchase of a Sunday School bus was realized. During his administration membership was increased by 83 members, the majority by baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Stallings now have moved from their Walker St. home to 2701 S. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach, where they hope to enjoy a restful vacation before Mr. Stallings accepts one of the many positions offered. Residents of the community wish to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Stallings for their many acts of kindness in rendering themselves of service in times of sorrow and need. Mr. Stallings will conduct services at Lake Ave. Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Sunday, Nov. 8.

CARNIVAL A SUCCESS

Mrs. B. P. Waters
Of Hawthorne Dies

HAWTHORNE, Oct. 15 — Mrs. Beulah Pauline Waters, 58, native of Hawthorne, died Thursday in a Gainesville hospital.

Funeral services will be held in the Hawthorne Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Waters was a member, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. C. B. Stallings, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Hawthorne Cemetery with Thomas Funeral Home, Gainesville, in charge.

Hawthorne

HAWTHORNE, Nov. 2.—Miss Alice G. Sherouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Allen Sherouse, became the bride of Otto Franklin Cummings Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Cummings Sr., of Archer, in the home of the bride's parents, October 27, the Rev. C. Bruce Stallings, pastor of the Baptist Church officiating.

Palms, baskets of gladiolus banked with branches of magnolia, and white chrysanthemums centered the mantel and white tapers burned in graduated candelabra.

The bride wore a taupe wool suit with blouse of short blue crepe, and a hat of black trimmed with shoulder length veil. Her accessories were of black and she wore a corsage of orchids.

A reception was held with Miss Jeannine Cook, Mrs. Thomas Dobson and Mrs. Phillip T. Lewis Jr., serving. Mrs. Minnie A. Johns registered the wedding guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings left on a wedding trip. After November 1 they were at their home in Camden, Ark.

The bride, a graduate of Hawthorne