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Stalvey, William S. (1892-1957) was born in Statenville, Georgia the son of Benjamin S. and Mary Nancy Tomlinson Stalvey. He was ordained in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Stalvey served as pastor of Oak Hill Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, Norwood Baptist Church and Temple Baptist Church. He and his wife had four children.

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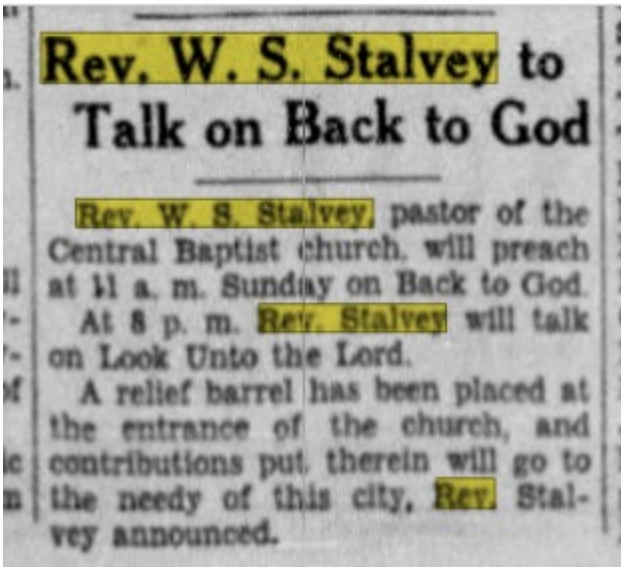

Rev. W. S. Stalvey to Talk on Back to God

Rev. W. S. Stalvey, pastor of the Central Baptist church, will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday on Back to God.

At 8 p. m. Rev. Stalvey will talk on Look Unto the Lord.

A relief barrel has been placed at the entrance of the church, and contributions put therein will go to the needy of this city, Rev. Stalvey announced.

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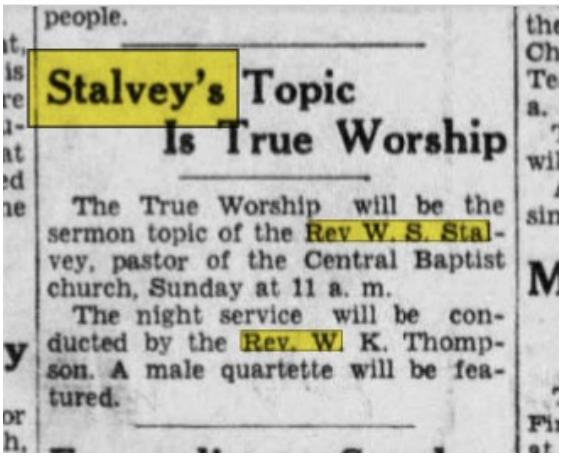
Sat, Jul 28, 1934 ·Page 9



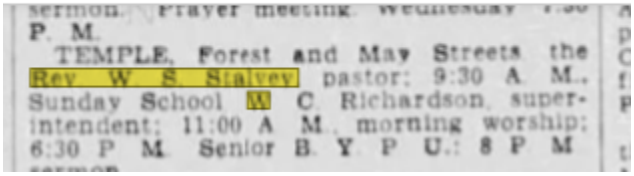
people.

Stalvey's Topic Is True Worship

The True Worship will be the sermon topic of the Rev W. S. Stalvey, pastor of the Central Baptist church, Sunday at 11 a. m.

The night service will be conducted by the Rev. W. K. Thompson. A male quartette will be featured.

The Florida Times-Union
Sun, Jul 28, 1935 ·Page 12



sermon. Prayer meeting Wednesday

P. M.

TEMPLE, Forest and May Streets the Rev. W. S. Stalvey pastor; 9:30 A. M., Sunday School W. C. Richardson, superintendent; 11:00 A. M., morning worship; 6:30 P. M. Senior B. Y. P. U.; 8 P. M.

The Orlando Sentinel
Fri, Aug 18, 1922 · Page 5

KLANSMEN VISIT OAK HILL CHURCH

(New Smyrna News)

Appearing suddenly and entering quietly, five men, dressed in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, appeared at the Baptist church in Oak Hill last Sunday evening just as the pastor, Rev. W. S. Stalvey, was beginning the evening services. Four of them took positions near the door, and the fifth walked quietly down the aisle to the pulpit and handed the minister a sealed envelope. Without speaking a word or uttering a sound, the man turned around and walked out of the church, being joined by the others as he reached the door. Almost immediately the engine of an automobile was heard to start and the five robed and hooded figures disappeared as quickly and as silently as they had come.

As soon as the pastor could recover his composure he opened the envelope handed him and drew forth $14 in bills and a note, which he read to his congregation. The note explained that the money was a donation to the Oak Hill church and it assured the pastor that he had the support and protection of the Ku Klux Klan in the stand he has taken against bootlegging in that vicinity. The reading of the note was greeted with applause by the congregation.

It is said that Rev. Mr. Stalvey recently preached a strong sermon against bootlegging and lawlessness and that following this he received an anonymous intimation that it would not be "healthy" for him to preach any more such sermons. It is said that an effort to "get" the pastor was made a few weeks ago while he was on his way back to his home in this city after his Sunday evening service, and that the effort was not carried out when it was found the minister's wife and sister were with him in the car.

It is said by people outside of the church Sunday night that there were several cars loaded with white robed and hooded men drove up to the church and waited outside while the message was being delivered to the pastor, there being about 25 in the crowd.

The message handed to the pastor, and which he read to his congregation, was as follows:

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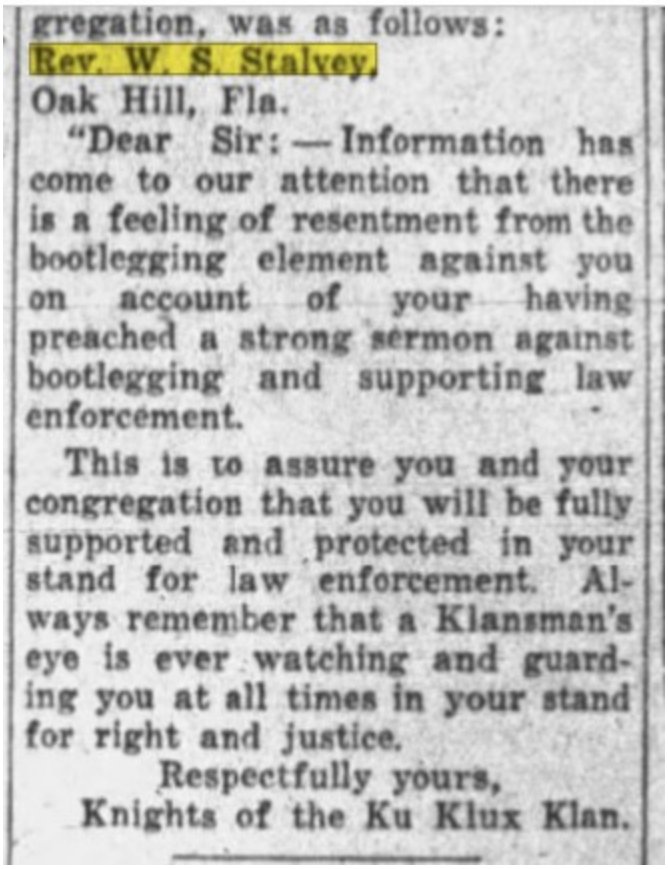

gregation, was as follows:
Rev. W. S. Stalvey,
Oak Hill, Fla.

"Dear Sir: — Information has come to our attention that there is a feeling of resentment from the bootlegging element against you on account of your having preached a strong sermon against bootlegging and supporting law enforcement.

This is to assure you and your congregation that you will be fully supported and protected in your stand for law enforcement. Always remember that a Klansman's eye is ever watching and guarding you at all times in your stand for right and justice.

Respectfully yours,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Jacksonville Journal
Sat, Mar 09, 1929 ·Page 3

Stalvey Will Speak On the Anti-Christ

Norwood Baptist church will observe communion at the morning services. Rev. W. S. Stalvey, pastor, will use for his subject "The Bible a Mirror."

At the evening services the pastor will speak on "Anti-Christ."

Prof. T. J. Giddens and his choir will render special music.

The Florida Times-Union
Mon, Dec 16, 1957 · Page 44

Rev. W. S. Stalvey Is Taken by Death

The Rev. William S. Stalvey, 69, of Valdosta, Ga., died Saturday at a local hospital.

The Rev. Mr. Stalvey was born in Statenville, Ga., and had lived in Jacksonville 30 years before moving to Valdosta 10 years ago.

He was a retired minister, having served the Central Baptist and Norwood Baptist churches of Jacksonville as pastor. He was ordained in New Smyrna Beach and served his first church in Oak Hill.

Survivors include his father, Ben Stalvey of Valdosta; a daughter, Mrs. G. R. Harbottle of Jacksonville; three sons, William S. Stalvey of Jacksonville, Edward Wilton Stalvey of Jacksonville and Herschel Paul Stalvey of St. Petersburg; four sisters, Mrs. Della Hall of Valdosta, Miss Clyde and Alice Stalvey, both of Valdosta, and Mrs. C. G. Sheirling of Remerton, Ga.; a brother, Ben Stalvey Jr. of Valdosta; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild

Burial will be in Valdosta.

William S “Willie” Stalvey
Birth 24 Feb 1892 Statenville, Echols County, Georgia, USA
Death 14 Dec 1957 (aged 65) Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, USA
Burial Sunset Hill Cemetery Valdosta, Lowndes County, Georgia, USA

Burial Valdosta, GA
Family Members
Parents
Benjamin S. "Ben" Stalvey Jr 1870–1963
Mary Nancy "Nannie" Tomlinson Stalvey 1870–1948