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Starkey, David served as pastor of First Baptist Church, New Smyrna. He now serves as pastor of Servants Quarters Fellowship a mission of First Baptist Church, New Smyrna.



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First Baptist Church catches up on A/C, repairs

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NEW SMYRNA BEACH — The congregation of the First Baptist Church has been forced to make some unanticipated repairs to the Sams Avenue church.

Two of the four air conditioners at the church building gave out and a decision was made to replace all of the units. They were nearly 24 years old, said the Rev. David Starkey. "It would have just been a matter of time to replace the others. We had to replace 50 tons of air conditioning units."

"The sanctuary filled with a fog of freon gas and we knew we had a major repair on our hands," Starkey said.

At about the same time, a swarm of termites were seen in a section of the church, so an exterminator had to be called.

Several days last week, the building was draped in a

huge tent while the building was treated to exterminate termites.

The church borrowed about \$50,000 to repair the air conditioning and to do other needed repair work, Starkey said. New electrical service was installed in the building while the air conditioning was being repaired.

Starkey said windows in the church lobby are being tinted to make the air conditioning more efficient. Kirk Lynam, owner of New Smyrna Glass Co., said the tinting should block out 80 percent of the sun's rays and make the air conditioning system more efficient.

Renovation at First Baptist is nothing new. The congregation had just completed a \$100,000 project on the church annex on Faulkner Street. "Just as we finished that, the air conditioning went out," Starkey said. But the unexpected repairs haven't shaken the congregation, he added: "It has renewed the good spirit."



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Servants' Quarters Fellowship was born as a mission of First Baptist Church of New Smyrna Beach, Florida in August of 1997. The resulting Fellowship (Church) is application oriented and is guided by its foundational purpose statement of "growing Christians in the application of the principles of God's Word."