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Stephens, L. Glenn was a native of Tampa, Florida. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Stephens was licensed and ordained by Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa in 1957. He served as pastor of Burns Baptist Chapel (a mission of First Baptist Church, Tampa), First Baptist Church, Webster, Pine Island Baptist Church, Central Avenue Chapel (now Central Baptist Church), Fort Myers, 1959-1962 and First Baptist Church, Homosassa Springs. Stephens and his wife, Dorothy Jane Stover Stephens had three children.



1957

PEACE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Moderator: Rev. Dow Durrance, Wauchula, Fla.

Association No. 23 Reported in Associational Minutes Year ending Sept. 30, 1957

Clerk: Rev. G. N. Wehrman, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Next Meeting: First, Arcadia,

Contributions Through
State Mission Office

Oct. 1-Sept. 30, Inclusive

Index Number	CHURCHES	PASTORS (See Roll of Ministers for Addresses)	Sundays of Meetings	Baptisms	Present Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	V. B. S. Enrollment	Training Un. Enrollment	W. M. U. Enrollment	Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Value All Church Property (Including Missions)	All Receipts of Church (and Missions) for All Causes	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether Paid or Not)	Gifts to Associational Missions or Budget	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous Designated Gifts	Total Gifts Through State Office
23-00-00	Association at Large										\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
23- 1- 1	Arcadia, First		All	27	866	577	237	148	165	7	225,000	45,430	5,200		7,000.00	61.00	61.00
23- 1- 2	North Hillsboro	O. K. Collier	All	3	167	99	0	37	0	10	15,000	3,359	2,235	20.68	295.88	3,861.25	10,861.25
23- 2- 1	Boca Grande	George Serson	All	4	135	80	0	50	35	0	25,000	5,100	2,600	18.00	401.16	103.44	504.60
23- 3- 1	Bonita Springs	George Alderman	All	8	168	112	0	34	26	0	13,500	5,829	2,400	53.00	177.51	75.29	252.80
23- 4- 1	Brownville		All	9	79	77	67	47	32	14	6,500	2,374	1,364	10.00	220.32	75.07	295.39
23- 5- 1	Charlotte Harbor	C. L. Carroll	All	10	129	74	68	29	16	0	30,000	4,570	1,907		75.00	38.32	113.32
23-17- 2	East Naples	E. C. Beaird	All	14	70	186	148	57	77	27	10,000	9,086	2,700	36.88	408.71	78.95	487.66
23- 6- 1	El Jobean	Donald O. Haight	All	1	38	35	0	0	0	0	15,000	1,086	678		170.73	16.14	186.87
23- 7- 1	Felda		0	0	40	38	0	0	0	0	1,200	240	90		60.00	5.50	65.50
23- 8- 1	Ft. Myers, First	A. P. Minshew	All	63	1,265	1,076	283	296	236	0	392,000	116,767	6,100	332.00	7,127.13	7,715.06	14,842.19
23- 8- 2	Riverside	E. S. Anderson	All	175	1,087	1,016	483	360	160	28	150,000	54,154	4,500	329.00	6,104.84	779.08	6,883.92
23- 9- 1	Ft. Ogden	K. C. Baker	All	8	162	72	56	55	17	0	9,500	3,995	2,400		10.00	133.33	143.33
23-10- 1	Immokalee	W. K. Williams	All	30	526	460	145	94	43	10	125,000	33,404	4,500	277.00	1,721.12	236.63	1,957.75
23- 1- 3	Mt. Ephraim	Dow Durrance	All	0	154	66	44	0	43	0	26,000	6,418	3,400	30.00	725.21	796.36	1,521.57
23- 1- 4	Mt. Pleasant		All	1	60	16	0	0	0	0	2,000	1,821	820		151.61	24.00	175.61
23-17- 1	Naples	U. C. Walton	All	7	267	141	105	43	25	18	112,000	18,301	5,200	94.00	1,139.76	108.48	1,248.24
23-14- 1	Nocatee	W. E. Witte	All	17	330	173	107	81	34	16	75,000	8,200	4,075	78.00	875.09	158.56	1,033.65
23- 8- 3	North Ft. Myers	C. I. Edge	All	23	257	264	176	91	82	20	45,000	13,534	3,800	70.00	113.60	113.97	227.57
23- 1- 5	Oak Hill	J. D. Long	All	5	102	87	0	50	10	0	5,000	5,350	1,745	57.00	648.47	194.50	842.97
23-15- 1	Pine Island	L. G. Stephens	All	5	140	133	89	61	28	0	22,500	7,309	2,900	30.00	285.51	46.95	332.46
23-16- 1	Punta Gorda	G. N. Wehrman	All	14	425	258	137	88	93	24	76,250	18,581	3,900	150.00	968.55	427.94	1,396.49
23-13- 2	Sandy		1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	275	200		25.00	.00	25.00
	22 Churches	TOTALS		424	6,479	5,040	2,145	1,621	1,122	174	\$1,382,450	\$ 365,183	\$ 62,717	\$ 1,585.56	\$ 28,705.20	\$15,049.82	\$ 43,755.02

Central Baptist Opening Planned

Members of the Central Baptist Church at 3208 Central Ave., will enter a new sanctuary Sunday when **Rev** Charles Sumney, district secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention, will provide the opening message.

The sanctuary, costing \$34,000 includes space for three Sunday School departments and accommodates 350 people. It is centrally air-conditioned and heated and has padded oak pews.

During the Sunday service,

La Paz, capital of Bolivia, at some 12,500 feet above sea level is the highest major city in the world.

the choir will sing, "Open the Gates to the Temple," an anthem which includes portions of Handel's "Messiah," under the direction of Mrs. Janice McIntosh. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Mrs. Jack Hendrie, pianist, and Mrs. Harry Drake, organist. Douglas Boudier will lead congregational singing.

The Central Baptist Church, formerly known as the Central Avenue Baptist Chapel, was built in 1958 under sponsorship of **Rev** E. S. Anderson, pastor, and members of the Riverside Baptist Church.

Rev L. Glenn Stephens was elected mission pastor in 1959 and served as pastor until 1962,

HOMOSASSA First Baptist Church, Rev. L. Glenn Stephens

The **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens**, longtime resident of Tampa, will assume his duties Wednesday as new pastor of the Baptist Church in Webster.

A graduate of Hillsborough High School, Mr. **Stephens** was later educated at Stetson University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He was licensed and ordained by 10th Ave. Baptist Church here.

Formerly employed by a Tampa funeral home, Mr. **Stephens** is presently affiliated with Bayshore Baptist Church. He served as pastor of Burns Baptist Chapel, a mission of First Baptist Church, during 1946 and 1947.

Accompanying Mr. **Stephens** to Webster will be his wife, the former Dorothy Jane Stover, who was graduated from Plant High School. Mrs. **Stephens** also attended Stetson University and the school of religious education at Southwestern Seminary. They have two children.

Tampan Becomes New Pastor of Webster Church



REV. L. GLENN STEPHENS

HEAR GUEST MINISTER SUNDAY
Rev. Marvin Lynn
former Pastor Beach Baptist Chapel
10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
A mission of the
Riverside Baptist Church . . .
CENTRAL AVENUE BAPTIST CHAPEL
Just South of the Fort Myers Junior High School
3208 Central Ave. **L. GLENN STEPHENS**, Pastor
Office and Residence
Fort Myers, Florida WESTMORE 6-1051

GUEST MINISTER
Rev. Marvin Lynn, former pastor of the Beach Baptist Chapel, will be the guest minister at the 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services at Central Avenue Chapel tomorrow. The pastor, **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens**, is attending the Training Union assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., and vacationing with his family in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

relationship to God.
Burns Chapel. The **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens**, pastor; services, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
pastor; morning, Communion night, The Way to Life. First Presbyterian Church
First pastor: 11 A. M. Ch

Services Planned Sunday in New Baptist Chapel

The Central Avenue Baptist Chapel, a mission in the city's rapidly growing south side, will begin services Sunday in its new building with a full program. The church is at Central and Moreno Avenues adjacent to Fort Myers Junior High School and just north of South Gate subdivision. It is a mission of Riverside Baptist Church of East Fort Myers.

Rev. L. Glenn Stephens, who has been assistant pastor at Riverside Baptist, will be minister of the mission. He announced services each Sunday will include worship at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Training Union at 7 p.m.

Rev. Stephens is a graduate of Stetson University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. **Stephens** is a graduate of the school of religious education at Southwestern and served recently as a second grade teacher at Orange River Elementary School. The Stephenses have three children, Linda, 10, Tommy, 6, and Timmy, 2.

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Dedication services are planned for 2:30 p.m. July 26 following dinner on the grounds. All Baptists of the area are invited. Dr. John Maguire, executive secretary-treasurer, and Dr. John Whitt, field secretary, of the Florida Baptist Convention will speak.

Landscaping and construction of the driveways have been delayed due to recent rains and county road crews were unable to complete entrances because of washouts. Plenty of space in a parking area is available by drivers entering from Dixon's Road, **Rev. Stephens** said.

T. G. Phagan is superintendent of the Sunday school and Ben Waters has provided a corps of workers as director of the Training Union. Jack Davis is in charge of the church's brotherhood and a missionary leader for the women will be named soon. Mrs. Corella Piner Johnson will be in charge of the choir and serve as pianist.

Riverside to Get Assistant Pastor

The Riverside Baptist Church of Fort Myers has recently called as its assistant pastor and education director the **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens**. Rev. Stephens, a native of Tampa, was licensed and ordained by his home church, the Tenth Avenue Baptist church of Tampa, under the ministry of the **Rev. W. H. Edwards**, a former pastor of the old Second Baptist Church of Fort Myers. For the past five years, he has served in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Webster, and the Pine Island Baptist Church near Fort Myers.

Both **Rev.** and Mrs. **Stephens** are graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. **Rev. Stephens** will begin his work with the Riverside Baptist Church Nov. 24.

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Wonderwood Pastor To Be Webster Guest

The **Rev.** and Mrs. G. W. Kinard of the Wonderwood Baptist Church at Mayport will be special guests tomorrow when the Baptist Church of Webster celebrates its 63rd anniversary.

At the same time, the church will observe the third anniversary of its present pastor, the **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens**. The **Rev. Mr. Kinard** was pastor at Webster prior to the **Rev. Mr. Stephens**.

All-day services and dinner served on the church grounds are planned.

Former Tampan Called By Church At Fort Myers

FORT MYERS, Nov. 8. (Special)—Riverside Baptist Church has called The **Rev. L. Glenn Stephens** as assistant pastor and education director.

Mr. **Stephens**, a native of Tampa, was licensed and ordained by his home church, Tenth Avenue Baptist Church of Tampa. For some time, he directed a program of Royal Ambassadors, a boys' missionary organization, and the vacation Bible Schools of the Tenth Avenue Church. While attending Stetson University, he did supply preaching in many of the churches over the state, and assisted in work at the First Baptist Church of DeLand.

His first pastorate was the Burns Chapel, a mission of the First Baptist Church, Tampa. For the past five years, he has served in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Webster and the Pine Island Baptist Church near Fort Myers.

Mrs. **Stephens** is the former Dorothy Jane Stover of Tampa. They have three children. Both Mr. and Mrs. **Stephens** are graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. **Stephens** will begin his work with Riverside Baptist Church Nov. 24. The **Rev. E. S. Anderson** is church pastor.

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