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Stiles, Jeff graduated from Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.



He served as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Palatka, 1958-1960, First Baptist Church, West Melbourne, Riviera Baptist Church, Miami and Havendale Baptist Church, Sanford. Stiles and his wife had three children.

Tabernacle Baptist

On July 17, 1955 at 2:00 p.m. the Mission had its Organizational Service. Those who served on this program were: Moderator, Dr. H. K. Masteller, Resolution to Organize, Bro. Paul Forsythe, District Missionary, Bro. Marvin V. Stedham, Sermon, Rev. Gordon L. Brooks, Prayer and Song Service, Rev. V. J. Major. The Church name became the Tabernacle Baptist Church. At the time the Mission was organized into a church there were 177 members. Sunday School enrollment was 166 and Training Union 104.

The newly constituted Church vowed to give ten percent of its budget to World Missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the present time the Church has 568 members with Sunday School enrollment of 351 and Training Union enrollment of 156.

Since the Church's organization in 1955 a new Sanctuary has been erected and the original building converted into Educational and Fellowship facilities. Two more educational buildings have also been completed, the most recent being dedicated to the Lord July 1972. The Church has also built a Pastorium facing Pine Street in 1959.

The following have served as pastor: Earl Willis, 1955-1958; **Jeff Stiles, 1958-1960**; Edgar Tillman, 1961-1963; B. E. Humes, 1964-1966; Lorace Cothron, 1967-1968; J. Hugh Long, 1970; Lance Cothron, 1971 to the present. A total of 574 have been baptized into the membership of the church.

God has blessed the Church in many ways over the years, but the greatest blessing is the many people who have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the ministry of the Church.



SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Salem Baptist Church of Sharron, in Clay County, was organized into a Church on Saturday, November 15, 1885 at Sharron school house at three p.m. by Rev. James Hickey of Green Cove Springs, Florida. Rev. James Hickey led the church in a worship service, after which they proceeded to a business meeting to organize into a church. Rev. James Hickey was elected Moderator Protem, and Bro. J. M. Tolar was elected as Clerk Protem. The Church Covenant was read, after which the doors of the newly organized church were opened to those who wished to join the church. The following joined: Mr. W. H. Lassiter and his sister, Mr. S. E. Lassiter, Mr. R. S. Hogarth and sister, Adeline Hogarth, Mr. J. M. Tolar, Mrs. Sarah Smith, Mrs. M. E. Mahoney, Mrs. Elizzie Sullivant, Mr. R. B. Sullivant, and Mrs. Celia Weeks.

Rev. Jeff Stiles Will Lead Revival At St. Lucie Avenue Baptist Church

Rev. Jeff Stiles, pastor of the Riviera Baptist Church of Miami, will be the guest preacher for a week of revival services, Nov. 27-Dec. 4, at St. Lucie Ave. Baptist Church, Port Salerno.

In addition to regular Sunday services, there will be an evening service each week-night at 7:30, and a morning service at 10, Monday through Friday. Color films on the lives of Bible characters will be shown just before the evening services at 7:15.

Rev. Stiles is well known in this area, having assisted many churches

in revival services and serving for a time as minister of music and education at the Parkview Church of Ft. Pierce. Previously, he served as pastor in several Florida churches, and also worked with the Moody Adams Evangelistic Association of Baton Rouge, La. Mr. **Stiles**, an accomplished gospel singer, as well as preacher, is married and has three children.

The church nursery will be open for these services, and visitors will be warmly welcomed. The church is located on St. Lucie Ave., just one block east of U.S. 1.

Miami Pastor To Open Baptist Revival Week



REV. JEFF STILES

SEBASTIAN — The **Rev. Jeff Stiles** of Miami will conduct revival services at First Baptist Church of Sebastian starting Sunday, and continuing through Dec. 4 at 7:30 each evening.

Pastor of the church, the **Rev. Robert McEarchern**, said Friday the **Rev. Stiles** will also have morning Bible messages on Christian growth starting Monday at 10 a.m.

THE PUBLIC is invited to attend the revival services, **Rev. McEarchern** said.

Rev. Stiles is past president of the Florida Baptist Pastors Conference. He is a graduate of Stetson University and Southeastern Seminary and a former song leader and soloist for the Hugh Beasley Evangelistic Association.

Clear Lake Baptist Church Leaders Meet

Annual leadership banquet of Clear Lake Baptist Church of Cocoa was held Tuesday evening at the Cocoa High School cafeteria to launch the year's work of the church. Guest speaker was the **Rev. Jeff Stiles**, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Melbourne. Some of the church leaders, honored guests and the speaker are pictured above. From left they are: Seated, Mrs.

Sharold Langston, Mrs. Eugene Parker, Mrs. **Jeff Stiles**, **Rev. Jeff Stiles**, Mrs. Hugh Beasley, **Rev. Hugh Beasley**, pastor, Clear Lake Baptist Church; and Mrs. D. A. McCall, Sr. Standing, J. B. Hodges, F. D. Russell, C. W. Laughlin, W. E. Wilson, Charlie Brock, Claude Greer and George Hamilton.

—Tribune Newphoto

Rev. Stiles Takes Post At Riviera

THE **REV. Jeff Stiles** has been named pastor of Riviera Baptist Church.

A graduate of Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Seminary, the 32-year-old father of three will preach his first sermon in his new post at the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday service.

He is coming to Miami from the position of associate pastor and music and education director of Park View Baptist Church in Fort Pierce. He also has served churches in West Melbourne and Palatka.

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Rev. Jeff Stiles, Pastor,
Evangelist, and Christian
Psychologist, will be featured
guest of Faith Baptist Church,
6901 Bee Ridge Road, on
Father's Day, June 15.
Reverend **Stiles** is the Pastor
of the Havendale Baptist
Church in Sanford, as well as
being the founder and president
of a Christian school there. He
will speak again in the evening
service at 7 p.m. and morning
service at 10 a.m. Each father
will be honored during the
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available by calling the church
office, 371-3071.
