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Storey, Carl E. (1933-1984) was a native of Marion County, Florida the son of Wiley Alfonso and Callie Alaska Mixon Storey. He graduated from Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Storey served as pastor of churches in Virginia and Florida including First Baptist Church, Bushnell; First Baptist Church, Delray Beach; First Baptist Church, Deerfield Beach; Athens Baptist Church, Fort Meade, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Apopka and Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland. He participated in the 1968 Vietnam Crusade, visiting troops. Storey and his wife, Elaine Howell Storey (m. 1953) had three children.



This, That and the Other

13 Floridians Receive Degrees from Southern Seminary



Thirteen students from Florida are included in the 135 scheduled to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at commencement exercises May 29. Dr. K. Owen White, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the commencement address.

Florida graduates are, first row from left: Grace L. Ballou, Miami, M.R.E.; William D. Cooper, Miami, B.D.; William M. Garrett, DeLand, M.R.E.; E. Max Hall, Haines City, B.D.; James E. Harris, Hollywood, M.R.E.

Second row: Kenton C. Hofmeister, Orlando, B.D.; Andrew D. Lester, Coral Gables, B.D.; James A. Lewis, St. Petersburg, B.C.M.; Daniel Mattox, DeLand, B.D.

Third row: Mallory S. May, III, Chipley, B.D.; Herbert D. Maynard, St. Petersburg, M.C.M.; Clarence W. Shelton, Jr., Boynton Beach, B.C.M.; Charles D. Wilson, Miami, B.D.

Booth Ordained to Ministry

Johnny M. Booth, pastor of Ferndale Church, Ferndale, was ordained to the Gospel ministry on April 28.

H. Clyde Harless, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, was moderator of the examining council.

Participating in the ordination were: Paul Middleton, Astutula, Scripture and prayer; Wallace Register, Groveland, ordination sermon; Mr. Lamp, ordination prayer; and Charles Ragland, Leesburg, presentation of Bible.

Two organizations left Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, better equipped for visual aids next year.

J. Fred Stephens of Tampa, ministerial association president, presented Dr. James E. Southerland a \$200 check for a new opaque projector during a May chapel program.

James L. De Fee of Montgomery, Alabama, class president, presented the senior class gift, a rolling projector table for use with various visual aids equipment.

The Institute graduated 34, including two women, May 12. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the Florida Baptist school.

As the school year ended, there were 144 men enrolled. There were 28 women enrolled, all but one being student wives. The men were serving 100 churches in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia, as pastors, and five as ministers of music.

Lakeside Church, Lakeland Calls Davis as Pastor

Cornelius B. Davis has resigned as pastor of First Church, Live Oak to accept a call to Lakeside Church, Lakeland.

A native of Elberton, Ga., Davis is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Southern Seminary, holding the B.D. and Th.M. degrees. He has served as assistant pastor in Elberton, Ga. and Gregory Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md. Before going to Live Oak in September, 1958, he was pastor of Brushy Fork Church, Madison, Ind. and Second Church, Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Davis, a native of Orlando, is a graduate of Florida State University and Carver School of Missions.

Storey Joins Staff at First Church, Delray Beach

Carl E. Storey, pastor of First Church, Bushnell for the past two years, will become associate pastor of Christian education at First Church, Delray Beach on June 7.

During Storey's ministry at Bushnell, the church paid the indebtedness on the pastorium and mission property, organized Panasoffee Church, departmentalized the Sunday school adding 30 per cent more workers, and started a ministry of music.

Storey has been active in community affairs, served two years as Sunday school superintendent of Alachua Association, and two years as president of South Summer Ministers' Association.

Mrs. Storey, the former Elaine Howell, is an accomplished musician. They have three children: Carlene, David and Cathy Ann.

Homecoming Day

Ferndale Church, Ferndale will observe Homecoming Day on June 7 with C. Wyman Copas of Kentucky preaching at the morning service. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend the special services and dinner on the grounds.

May 31, Homecoming Day at First Church, Lutz, has been proclaimed as Baptist Jubilee Fellowship Day. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to the special services and dinner on the grounds. Oscar Lee Smith is pastor.

First Church, Hypoluxo will observe its 5th anniversary with Homecoming Day on May 31. Former pastors, members and friends are invited. George E. Moulton is pastor.

Former pastors and members are invited to Homecoming on June 7 at First Church, Dover, where Lewis D. Gourley is pastor. Dinner will be served at the church.

New Minister of Education at First Church, Sebring



First Church, Sebring recently called James R. Hodson, Jr. as minister of education.

A native of Portland, Maine, Hodson is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. For the past two years he has been minister of education and youth at First Church, Apopka.

Mrs. Hodson is the former Sara Durden of Panama City. They have one son, Bobby, 11.

Revival Reports

First Church, Alford, Evangelist Fulton Thomas, Singer J. P. Davis, three for baptism, Pastor J. B. Rouse.

Friendship Church, Perry, Evangelist Barney Andrews, Pastor Mamon Simmons.

James A. Sawyer, pastor of First Church, Cocoa since 1940, will be baccalaureate speaker for Stetson University's graduating class. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 31, at 8:30 p.m. in First Church, DeLand.

On June 1 Waldo E. Wood of Gainesville will complete seven months as interim pastor of First Church, Hallandale and Northwest Mission, sponsored by Northwest Church, Ft. Lauderdale.

On May 10 J. B. Miley was ordained as a deacon of First Church, Waldo, where C. E. Rentz is pastor.

Miss Peggy Pemble, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil, is returning to the States for furlough. A native of Leesburg, she may be addressed at P.O. Box 446, Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from East Africa, have moved to 1503 N.W. 16th Terrace, Gainesville, Fla.

Lake Shore Church to Build

Over 600 people participated in groundbreaking services at Lake Shore Church, Jacksonville on May 17. The people outlined the foundation of the new sanctuary and each family was given a small shovel to help break ground.

Special guests included Rodney Porter, president of Westside Alliance Bank; Julian Warren, County Commissioner; Orrin Stiles, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention; Foster Ellis, contractor; and James E. Hadcock of Gospel Films, Inc. Joe J. Martin is pastor.

George A. Durham, Sr., pastor of First Church, Sebastian for six-and-a-half years, was recently called to Salem Church, Tampa. The Durhams were honored at a reception following the evening service on May 3.

MRS. CARL **STOREY**

Howell-Storey Wedding Solemnized At Church

PLANT CITY, June 22—(Special)—The Rev. John B. Hall read the double-ring rites tonight at Springhead Baptist Church which united in marriage Miss **Elaine Howell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis **Howell** and Carl **Storey**, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. **Storey**, of Fort Meade.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. L. P. Evans, pianist and Miss Jackie Albritton, vocalist.

Miss Ann **Howell** attended her sister as maid of honor, and the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Gayle **Howell**, and Mrs. Donald Conerly were bridesmaids.

Gayleen **Howell**, niece of the bride was flower girl and Jack Leaber, cousin of the bride, was ringbearer.

Ralph **Storey** attended his brother as best man and ushers were Gayle **Howell**, brother of the bride, and Charles **Howell**, her uncle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of embroidered organdy over white satin. The fitted bodice was fashioned with a square neckline and puffed sleeves. Her double illusion veil fell from a braided cap trimmed with pearls. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

The bridal attendants wore pastel colored ankle length dresses identical to that of the bride and carried bouquets of orchids surrounded by Spring flowers.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. W. L. **Howell**, aunt of the bride. Assisting in hospitalities were Mrs. O. N. Rimes, Mrs. Aaron **Howell**, Mrs. J. C. Lister, the Misses Doris Polk, Helen Alderman, Sandra **Howell**, Elaine **Storey** and Mildred Futch.

After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Fort Meade.

Carl Errett Storey

Birth

17 Feb 1933

Fort Meade, Polk County, Florida, USA

Death

23 Jun 1984 (aged 51)

Indiantown, Martin County, Florida, USA

Burial

Evergreen Cemetery

Fort Meade, Polk County, Florida, USA

Family Members

Parents

Wiley Alfonso Storey Sr 1891–1979

Callie Alaska Mixon Storey 1904–1996

Virginia Evangelist To Speak

LAKE OLA — Carl E. Storey, pastor of the Cross Roads Baptist Church in Beville, Va., will be the guest evangelist at revival services to begin Easter Sunday at the Lake Ola Baptist Chapel, four miles south of Mount Dora on Hwy. 441.

Storey, former pastor at Athens Baptist Church near Fort Meade, and the Rock Springs Baptist Church in Apopka, graduated from Stetson in June of 1958 and resigned the pastorate at Rock Springs in August of the same year to enter Southeast-



CARL E. STOREY
... To preach

and a son, David Howell, 15 months.

DURING THIS meeting he will be working closely with 24-year-old Jack Ponce, ministerial student at Stetson University who has recently been called to serve as pastor of the Lake Ola Chapel.

Gospel singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day. Meetings will be March 29 through April 5.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT NEEDED

CLERMONT — The sum of \$1,500 is needed to complete the kitchen equipment in the South Lake Memorial Hospi-

Ten Honored

HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS— Ten students with an average of 90 or more for the period

ern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

The Orlando Sentinel
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AFTER THE testing period Storey was called to the Cross Roads Baptist Church in Beville, Va. Since 1952 he has conducted 14 revivals and preached an average of three times each week.

Storey is 26 years old and married to the former Elaine Howell of Plant City. They have a daughter Carlene, 4

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Facility Coming; Pastor Leaving

DELRAY BEACH — The First Baptist Church is going to have an additional educational facility, and lose a pastor.

The congregation unanimously voted to build a \$100,000 building just west of the Scrivner Children's Building. The structure will be the first phase of a quarter-million dollar multi-purpose building program.

The **Rev. Carl E. Storey**, pastor, will enter nationwide evangelism Sept. 1 with headquarters in Lakeland. He will become part of the movement, "The Arising Americans." A successor has not been named.

The **Rev. Storey** came to the

church in June 1944, from Bushnell, succeeding the late Dr. W. Douglas Scrivner.

The **Rev. Storey** will move his family into their home at Lakeland late in August. His wife is the former Miss Elaine Howell of Plant City. They were married here in 1953. Their children include Carlene, 15; David, 12, Kathy, 8 and Lynne, 3.

The **Rev. Storey** said work on the new facility probably will start before mid-August.

The new building will have a kitchen, dining area for 250 persons, a snack bar, lobby, rest rooms, storage and classroom space for 250 adults.

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Carl E. Storey

JUPITER — Mr. **Carl E. Storey**, 51, 1020 Stillwater Drive, died Saturday (June 23, 1984) in an airplane crash near Indiantown.

A native of Marion County, he came to Jupiter from Atlanta in 1981. He lived in Fort Meade for many years. He was a state representative for Donnelly Co. and a former Baptist minister. He was a former pastor of Athens Baptist Church, Fort Meade, First Baptist Church, Bushnell, First Baptist Church, Delray Beach, Webster Memorial Baptist Church, Lakeland, and First Baptist Church of Pahokee. He was a graduate of Stetson University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He is survived by his wife, Anita **Storey**, Jupiter; son, David **Storey**, West Palm Beach; daughters, Carlene Criss, Lakeland, Cathy Gordon and Lynn **E. Storey**, Plant City; mother, Callie **Storey**, Bartow; brothers, Ralph **Storey**, Jacksonville, Wallace **Storey**, Anna Maria Beach, Ray **Storey**, Fort Myers, and W.A. **Storey** Jr., Bartow; sister, Elaine McMilian, Fort Meade; and five grandchildren.

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Our Former Pastors

Rev. Samuel S. Gibson	January 1912 - January 1920
Dr. J. M. Walker	January 1920 - April 1920
Rev. Robert H. Russell	October 1920 - October 1923
Rev. A. D. Woodle	June 1924 - 1926
Rev. P. C. Barclay	1926 - 1929
Rev. Perry T. Taylor	1929 - 1932
Rev. L. E. Dutton	1932 - May 1937
Rev. Marshall Mines	1938 - 1939
Rev. Ed P. Fendley	1939 - June 1, 1942
Rev. M. C. Gardner	August 1942 - November 1943
Rev. John R. Martin	February 1944 - July 1948
Rev. Edgar Stephen	October 1948 - May 1, 1950
Rev. Arthur W. Rich	November 1950 - November 1957
Rev. Charles C. Lemons	December 1957 - July 1, 1958
Dr. Henry E. Turlington	November 1958 - September 1961
Dr. D. Douglas Scrivner	March 1962 - July 1965
Rev. Carl E. Storey	October 1965 - 1969
Dr. Andrew M. Hall	February 1970 - April 1984
Rev. Thomas M. Clayton	May 1984 - November 1985
Rev. Neil T. Hickem	November 1986 - Present

Delray Minister to Work in Vietnam

Herald Bureau

DELRAY BEACH — **Rev. Carl Storey**, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been selected as one of 12 ministers and evangelists who will preach in Vietnam.

Rev. Storey, along with **Rev. Jess Moody**, of the First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, will be the only Floridians on the "Barrington Evangelistic Crusade."

The ministers will leave for Vietnam in January and take with them 100,000 cop-

ies of the "Christian Life New Testament," a new testament edited and published by the Crusade's director Dr. Porter Barrington.

"We'll hold evangelistic services in Vietnam and give a new testament to each serviceman who is interested," **Rev. Storey** said.

The Christian Life New Testament is devised to be used as part of a system to train Christian servicemen to be able to present a plan of salvation to non-Christians, **Rev. Storey** explains.

"This will equip them to be

missionaries for the Christian faith," he said.

It will be **Rev. Storey's** first trip out of the country and plans call for about a 10-day stay in Vietnam.

"Each person is going at his own flight expense," **Rev. Storey** said, "and an anonymous donation of \$1,500 made my trip possible."

His own church, which will hold a Vietnam Sunday Nov. 12 to help pay for the cost of the 100,000 new testaments, also has four members in service in Vietnam now and **Rev. Storey** hopes to visit them.



Rev. Carl Storey

... one of 12

STOCK CAR RACES Tonight 8:15.
Hialeah Speedway. —Adv.

BAPTISTS' REVIVAL DUE IN BUSHNELL

BUSHNELL — The **Rev. Carl Storey**, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bushnell, has announced Back to Bethel Revival for the church. This is a week of intensive effort of visitation on the part of the people to reach the unenlisted and bring them back in the program of the church, the pastor explained.

"I have asked for 25 volunteers who will visit at least five families during the week of Sept. 2-8," the **Rev. Mr. Storey** stated. Then he noted that most of these came forward at the invitation during the Sunday services this week.

New College Committee Adds One

Herald Bureau

DELRAY BEACH — The **Rev. Carl B. Storey**, pastor of First Baptist Church, has been appointed to the Baptist College Committee trying to build a new college in Palm Beach Gardens.

The **Rev. J. C. Walters Jr.**, pastor of the Palm-Lake Baptist Association sponsors of the drive to raise \$1.5 million locally for the new institution, announced the appointment Wednesday.

Rev. Storey has been pastor of First Baptist Church here since 1965.

He succeeds the **Rev. Theo Burrell** on the college committee.

Other members of the college are Dr. Jess Moody, chairman; The **Rev. Walters**; Dr. Norris Geer, The **Rev. James Boyd**, The **Rev. Guthrie Colvard**; and The **Rev. A. D. Dawson**.

University Baptist slates dedication

Dedication service for the new University Baptist Church, located on West Camino Real, will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, will preach the sermon, **Rev. A. J. Dawson**, field secretary of the Florida Baptist convention, will speak on behalf of Florida Baptists, and **Rev. John C. Schuring**, Christian Reformed Church, will represent the churches of Boca Raton.

Others included in the program are **Rev. Carl Storey**, First Baptist Church; Deerfield Beach, and **Rev. Paul C. Thomson**, Jupiter.

Wayne Kniskern, tenor solo-

ist from Oneonta, N.Y., will provide music. Kniskern also will present a concert of sac-



Rev. Moody

red music at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and will be soloist at the Sunday morning service. Dr. George Thomson, pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. service.

Mount Dora Baptists Set Revival Services

MOUNT DORA — The Rev. Carl E. Storey will be the evangelist for the revival at the First Baptist Church April 29 through May 5. Services will be nightly at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. ..

Carlton Johnston, local song leader, will be leading the singing.

THE REV. STOREY

graduated from Fort Meade High School, John B. Stetson University, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His pastorate has included churches in Fort Meade, Apopka, Bushnell, Delray Beach and South Boston, Va. He also participated in the 1968 Vietnam Crusade, visiting troops.

He uses a specially constructed aluminum drawing board and lighting effects to present a picture, illustrating a text or hymn, with musical accompaniment.

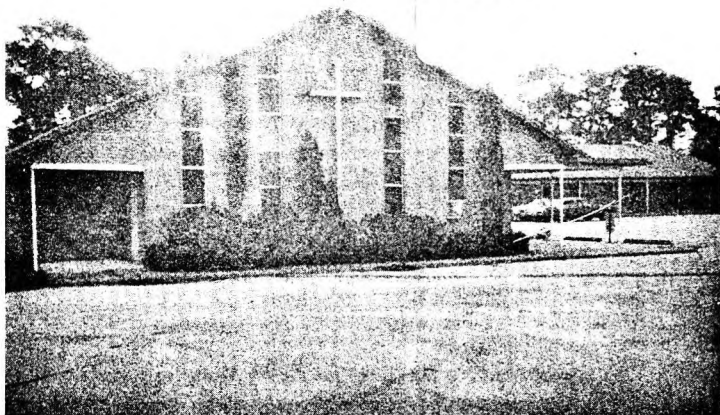


REV. CARL E. STOREY
... Revival leader

Ice Cream Social This Friday Night

TAVARES — The Women's Fellowship Guild of the Union Congregational Church will hold its annual ice cream social in the church Fellowship Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. this Friday.

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HISTORY OF THE WEBSTER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH LAKELAND, FLORIDA

In April of 1925, a band of Christians numbering seven met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Everett of Sixth Street for the purpose of holding a cottage prayer meeting. Interest in the weekly prayer meeting, organized under the leadership of R. E. Cheshire, grew steadily until every home in the community was open. Services were held each Thursday throughout the year. Attendance grew until the homes were taxed to hold the people.

So on January 10, 1926, a meeting was held under a tent; furnished by the State Board, on Webster Avenue, on a lot given to the organization by the First Baptist Church, for the purpose of organizing a church. There were forty-eight members in the organization and the organization was named the Webster Avenue Baptist Church.

After meeting under the tent for a month, they moved to the Webster Avenue School auditorium through the courtesy of the Board of Education.

March 21st Rev. S. W. King was called as their first pastor. After a groundbreaking service held on the lot, work began immediately on the foundation.

Rev. King found it necessary to resign June 1 due to declining health. Dr. J. T. B. Anderson was called to the pastorate.

1979

The third pastor was Rev. Dewey Mann. Then Rev. Harry Day, Rev. W. W. Dossey and Rev. Charlie Sutton followed. The old church was dedicated during Bro. Sutton's pastorate. Bro. Roscoe Hall came on the field of service December 27, 1939 and served until March 1945.

Disaster struck February 13, 1944 after evening services. The building caught fire and burned to the ground destroying all records. However, dark as it seemed, remembering this was during wartime, we raised \$35,000. With the \$7,000 insurance payment, this gave us \$42,000 to rebuild.

In 1945 Rev. K. P. Puffer was called and he served eight years. After Bro. Puffer resigned, the church called Rev. H. G. Wheeler who served from June 1953 to November 1956.

Next, the church called Rev. James A. McKeithen. Under his leadership, we experienced the first forward program of Church Finance. We called our first Educational Director, Bro. Frank Delrose. Bro. I. E. Enlow served as Interim until January 1959 when Bro. J. C. Walters accepted our call.

Bro. Bascom Sutton filled the pulpit as Interim until October, 1961 when the Lord sent Bro. Ernie Habaker.

There were many racial strifes resulting from the Civil Rights Law being enforced. What was once a neighborhood church ceased as members began moving out. In the best interest of the church, the Deacon Board recommended we seek a buyer for the property and relocate. It was over four years before this came to pass. Bro. Habaker submitted his resignation in September, 1965 to return to fulltime Evangelism.

In December Bro. Don Sietman accepted our call. Four months later we purchased our present property, a five-acre tract across from Kathleen High School on Chestnut Road.

Serving with Bro. Sietman was Bro. Bill Baker as Music and Education Director. These two men led us through some very trying times as one after another for the property was accepted or rejected for various reasons. We went through some traumatic experiences resulting from decisions we made. We accepted plans for a new plant only to realize, too late, it was beyond our reach. We paid dearly for a bitter lesson, but God provided.

During the early part of 1970 there seemed to be a cloud of restlessness and indecision. Nothing had materialized in selling the property. Members were leaving; others were afraid to come at night due to the location. Yet others wanted to remain and not move. It was a crucial time for we

came close to dissolving the church. But God was faithful and continued to show His mercy as we sought His direction. There were several alternatives. We chose to continue with our plans and relocate. In the final analysis we saw our need to be more faithful to the Lord, allow our love to increase for souls and build up one another.

We licensed another young man to the Ministry and ordained Bro. Jimmy Hodges, who is in fulltime Music and Evangelism. For the first time colored children started attending Sunday School, VBS and one went to camp. She was well received and no one seemed to notice the color of her skin.

Bro. Sietman resigned in September, 1970, and we called Bro. Carl Storey as Interim. Then, Praise the Lord, we sold the property and buildings, and plans were made for the big exodus. Bro. Storey became the Pastor and suggested we consider more than just erecting a building but a ministry for the future of this church. We had our last service in the old building September 27, 1970, forty-four years to the day when the first service was held in the wooden building that burned.

For a second time Webster met in a school. This time at Kathleen High. We purchased a Modular unit mobile home and placed on the property. It was used for office and storage space, and doubled for the Nursery and younger children on Sunday. As it was the center of all our activities, it became known as Webster Center Building. We changed our name to Webster Memorial Baptist Church.

We broke ground for the first building Nov. 15 on a pay-as-you-go basis with much of the work done by the members. In five months we held a dedication service and moved in.

The church called Bro. Marvin Spivey as our 15th pastor. His pastorate was shortlived as he was with us one year.

In the next twenty months we learned more of God's mercy as He sustained us. Bro. Harold Burkey came as Interim and served until March 1, 1975. Serving as Minister of Music and Youth was John Tagliarini, part-time, and served faithfully until this August, 1979 when he resigned to accept a professorship in Music at Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn. Bro. Burkey taught us much about the Lord Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit.

During the next five months, the church went through a period of disunity in calling a pastor. Then Bro. Preston Baker finished seminary and returned home. Feeling we would be beneficial to each other, he accepted our call as Associate Pastor with emphasis on the Youth. Actually he performed the duties of the pastor. We ordained him and under his leadership grew in numbers and spiritually. He served alone in this capa-

city until April 1976, when he resigned to accept the pastorate of Berea Baptist in Auburndale.

The next three years brought many changes and additions. Bro. Harold Poage of Clio, Michigan, accepted our call and began his ministry in April. This month marked the fiftieth anniversary of Webster, and a special committee made plans to hold a celebration and homecoming the last Sunday in April.

Bro. Poage immediately launched the church into Andy Anderson's program of Action and Outreach on witnessing and how to grow a Sunday School. Bro. Frank Land, of Ft. Myers, led us in this. Consequently, the church voted to begin a bus ministry and outreach program, securing Carl Freeman as parttime Bus Director and Mrs. Vickie LaForest as Outreach Director. Later they would be added to the staff fulltime.

Due to increased enrollment, our needs became space and trained leadership. The church voted to erect building "B" to house Preschool, Children's and Youth Divisions, fellowship hall, kitchen and offices. The building was completed in Feb. of '78 and dedicated March 5.

In 1978 we added a Special Ministry Class for the handicapped ranging from age 4 to 30. The class, led by Mrs. Pat Foster, has an enrollment of 15 and an attendance of 14 each Sunday.

Our growing Bus Ministry and Sunday School enrollment necessitated a third building. At this writing a multi-purpose metal building 50'x120' and 16' high, in a pod situation, is almost complete. But not soon enough for the largest VBS Webster has had. Enrollment was 575 with an average attendance of 324 for an eight-day school.

In these three years, we've experienced eight revival meetings, led by Evangelists Walter K. Ayers (twice), Tommy Phelps, Ernie Habacker, James McKeithen, Homer Martinez, David Ring and the Jack Hazlewood Team. Music for some of these meetings was provided by Richard and Jean Miller, John Tagliarini and Jim McNeill. We also participated in the James Robison Crusade at the Civic Center.

We increased our budget from \$72,202.00 to \$122,260.61. Webster has come to know Baptist Faith and Doctrine as taught by the Bible through Bro. Poage's Ministry. He impressed upon us "to win the lost" is the primary function of the church and taught several classes on soul-winning techniques. His deep convictions and great love for lost people compels him to preach the gospel. Since he's been at Webster, the membership increased by 353 giving a total membership for 1979 as 1,040.