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Stulck, Albert A. (1887-1976) served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Dade City (1938-1942), First Baptist Church, Winter Garden (1942-1955) and First Baptist Church, Groveland.

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Florida Features



Carlys P. Scates



Roy D. Bridell



Billy F. Cruce



G. Nelson Stone

First Church, Brandon has called **Carlys P. Scates** as minister of music and youth.

He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee, Martin, Tenn.; bachelor and master of church music degrees, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Prior service includes Miami Shores Church, Miami Shores; West Broadway Church, Louisville, Ky.; Halls Church, Halls, Tenn.; and he goes to Brandon from First Church Cumberland at Lafayette, Jackson, Tenn. He has served in many capacities of denominational work in Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Scates and his wife, Doris, have two children: Craig and Dawn.

Roy D. Bridell has accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Parkway Church, Tallahassee.

While serving in the Air Force for 21 years, he studied in the Air Force Community College. He also attended the University of Mississippi, University, Miss.; the University of the Philippines; and received a diploma in music and religious education at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

Service includes: minister of music, Lajes Protestant Chapel and Azorian Baptist Mission, Azores; Emannuel Church, Biloxi, Miss.; and Surfside Church, Surfside, S.C. He goes to Tallahassee from Maple Avenue Church, Geneva, Ala., where he has been minister of music for three years.

Bridell and his wife, the former Eleanor Sampson of Tallahassee, have four children.

Billy F. Cruce is the new pastor of Southside Church, Brandon.

He attended Florida State University, Tallahassee; Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham; and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Churches he has pastored include Hollywood Church, Hollywood, Ala.; Central Church, Skyline, Ala.; and Pine Level Church, Clanton, Ala.; and associate pastor of First Church, Lakeland.

Cruce served as a foreign missionary to Uganda and Tanzania, East Africa from 1968-76.

G. Nelson Stone has accepted the call as minister of music and youth of Westwood Church, Live Oak. He will also serve as principal of Westwood Christian School.

He goes to Live Oak from First Church, Dover.

The Stones have three children: Adina, Annette and Glynn.

Melissa — Please double file, Jan



FOUR GENERATIONS of church pianists are at First Church, Bagdad. They are (from left): Miss Robyn Willis; her mother, Mrs. Elaine Willis; Mrs. Willis' mother, Mrs. Florine Cook and Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. Willa Olsen. Jerry W. Williams is pastor.

Albert A. Stulck Dies

Albert A. Stulck, 89, died May 22.

He was pastor of First Church, Winter Garden from 1942--1955 and clerk of Wekiwa Association for several years.

K. Fay DeSha, pastor of First Church, Winter Garden, conducted memorial services on May 24.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Frances Stanford of Winter Garden.

Joseph R. Estes and Mrs. Estes were reappointed as missionaries to Spain by the Foreign Mission Board in a recent meeting in Richmond.

They were formerly missionaries to Switzerland, prior to pastorate at First Church, DeLand, where he has served for six years. He concluded his service at the church on May 30.

E. Earl Joiner, professor of religion at Stetson University, DeLand and vice-chairman of the Historical Commission, SBC (75-76), moderated the annual meeting of the commission at the University of Richmond in the absence of the chairman, Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, who recently suffered a heart attack.

Emily Filipi has resigned, effective July 12, as director of education and youth of St. Johns Park Church, Jacksonville.

She also served Riverview Church, Jacksonville for four years.

Miss Filipi has accepted the call as minister of education of First Church, Enterprise, Ala.

Girod H. Cole, Jr., pastor of College Park Church, Orlando, has resigned effective July 16 to accept the call as pastor of Forest Lake Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He has served as pastor of College Park Church for 16 years.

During R. A. camp at Middle Florida Assembly Grounds, sponsored by **Harmony Association,** there were 22 professions of faith. A total of 67 boys attended. Thomas Sumner is associational R. A. director.

Homecoming

Olustee Church, Olustee; August 1; Harley L. Phillips, former pastor, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special singing service in the afternoon; George W. Chism is pastor.

Revival

North Jacksonville, Jacksonville; Evangelist Jerry Drace; Singers, The Stone Brothers; four by letter; one profession of faith; Ralph Stone, pastor.

transients. Resident membership in First Baptist Church is now 400 families, with average Sunday School attendance 300.

Pastors who have served First Baptist Church are: P. C. Drew, 1892; W. M. Wamboldt, 1893-96; W. E. Bogart, 1897-99; George T. Leitner, 1900-05; W. D. Tumley, 1906-10; W. A. Burns, 1910-13; T. S. Hubert, 1913-15; Ben Brooks, 1915-16; Milton M. Bales, 1917-18; O. E. Tebow, 1918-21; B. G. Smith, 1921-24; J. N. Vandiver, 1924-27; W. K. E. James, 1929-31; E. L. Andrews, 1931-35; Jimmy Parrish, 1936-38; Albert A. Stulck, 1938-42; Elbert C. Tyner, 1942-60; Lamar Brooks, 1960-64; Paul Wonders, 1965-70; Thomas N. Langley, 1970-72; Thomas C. Broomall, 1972 to the present.

FBC WinterGarden

In the later 1930's, after the nation's economy had improved, the church reached out under the ministry of E. J. Daniels. A bus was purchased for transporting people to the church services from neighboring areas, a service which continued until the late 1980's. In addition, our first church paper—*The Golden Rule Advocate*—was published and sent to hundreds of homes in the Winter Garden area.

Another outstanding accomplishment during these years was the construction of a pastorium at 31 East Newell Street, one block north of the church. It was built in 1939 and appraised then at $5,500. It was enlarged and renovated in 1957 at a cost of $4,000. In 1968 the church sold the pastorium on Newell Street and built a new one on the corner of Main and Division Street. That pastorium was later sold and our pastors are now given a housing allowance, which enables them to own their own homes. In 1972 the church purchased another home to be used by the Minister of Music. This house was also later sold.

Under the leadership of Rev. Albert A. Stulck, the entire church plant, basement and educational space were completed. One of the highlights of his ministry was the dedication of the entire church building—debt free—on June 13, 1942.

A former pastor, D. F. Sebastian, who was present for the dedication service, wrote a descriptive article for the Florida Baptist Witness. Here is a brief excerpt from his article:

> *"This is one of the best constructed and most beautiful Baptist meeting houses in Florida. Constructed of the finest bricks and Bedford stone, columns 24 feet high gracing the entrances, hardwood floors, opera chairs in the double balcony, the best modern pews in the auditorium, a $12,000.00 pipe organ, beautiful art-glass windows with no memorials, pictures or images, 85 feet from the basement floor to the top of the dome, situated in the center of a city block, surrounded by well-arranged palms, shrubbery, and large oaks, it is a thing of beauty and grandeur."*
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> *"At a total cost of about $160,000.00, the building was declared free of all debts with a surplus of $3,100.00 in the treasury for repairs and redecoration. The pastor and deacons gathered on the platform and with joy and triumph burned the notes and mortgages (good Baptist incense.)"*

A revival meeting and Vacation Bible School began on the day of the dedication.

During the war years, in 1944, the church pastorium was paid for, and, later, the auditorium was redecorated and acoustical tile placed in the ceiling.

In 1967 an elevator was installed which serviced the basement and the first and second floors. The cost was $22,172. In 1974 the elevator was extended to reach to the third floor, at a cost of $12,850.



Brother Gordon Dickerson is looking over the progress of our elevator construction.

In 1978 construction began on the A.A. Stulck Education Building (Building B).

In 1980 an activity building was constructed but was later torn down in 1987 in order to make room for our $35,000 Building C, which includes additional classroom space.

FBC Groveland

During Rev. Cooper's ministry, in May, 1956, the church called their first full-time Minister of Music and Education; Miss Rena Jane Parrish. She set up the Graded Choir System in the church with Choirs for each age group from beginners through Adults. The Church Choir is fully robed with approximately twenty membership. She was also elected as Associational Music Director and Nursery Conference leader. She has greatly helped the program of our Church.

Rev. Albert A. Stulck acted as Interim Pastor from Dec. 1956, until the first of April, 1957. He was called by the Church as Pastor May 15, 1957. He helped our church to grow spiritually and to move forward to do great things for God. After serving as pastor for a year, Rev. Stulck resigned effective May, 1958.

Rev. Quin Cooper was called on May 15, 1958 to return as pastor again after having served from 1954 to 1956. In October 1958 the church approved and adopted a recommendation to purchase the Simson and Puryear property on the same block as the church. In April, 1959, the church purchased the Mann property, adjacent to the church. Rev. Cooper resigned, effective as of Nov. 8, 1959.

The church called Rev. O. D. Moore of Jacksonville, Fla. to become pastor in April 1960. He served until October 1961, when he resigned to become Pastor at Liberty Baptist Church, Appomatox, Va.

During this interim Rev. Albert Stulck, Rev. Connie Hargrove and Rev. G. T. Lanter filled the pulpit for several weeks each.

On July 23, 1962, Rev. R. Wallace Register assumed his duties as pastor having served Wellwood Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida. In the fall of 1963 the Okerlind Bus Station burned and in Jan. 1964 the Church purchased the property in preparation for future expansion. Rev. Register is pastor at this writing.

Mr. & Mrs. P. C. Hollis

Forty Fruitful Years

By

P. V. Nelson

Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only
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P. V. Nelson

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