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Ordained to Gospel Ministry



Gary Googe was ordained to the Gospel ministry at First Church, Pompano Beach on June 28. Pastor Robert L. Smith brought the charge to the candidate and church. Present for the service were future members of the evangelistic association which will be formed this fall.

Googe recently completed a city-wide campaign in Natchez, Miss. Similar campaigns in other cities are scheduled for this fall and next spring.

Francis Hunter of Ocala was ordained to the Gospel ministry June 27 at Anthony Church, Anthony. He was sponsored by Faith Church, Palatka, where John Strickland is pastor. Strickland served as moderator of the service. The charge to the church and the candidate was given by Douglas E. Benedict, and the ordination sermon preached by W. L. Rollins. Hunter is serving as pastor of Forest Baptist Mission, in the Ocala National Forest, a mission of Faith Church, Palatka.

John Reese Miller, a student at Southwestern Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Gospel ministry by Central Church, Miami, on June 28. The ordination service took place in the Gladeview Chapel, a mission of Central Church. Miller is serving this summer as assistant pastor of Olympia Church, Miami.

James M. Sullivan Dies

James M. Sullivan, 89, died in Baptist Village, Waycross, Ga., on July 3. Funeral services were held at First Church in Live Oak.

Sullivan was born in South Carolina and educated at Mercer University. He served several pastorates in South Carolina before moving to Florida where he was pastor in Newberry, Williston, Hawthorne, Palatka, and Lacoochee. He retired in Live Oak.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ollie M. Sullivan, Live Oak; a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Oakley, Miami; two sons, Dwight Sullivan, Newberry, and James H. Sullivan, Albany, Ga.

Nathan E. Keen of Lake City, has resigned as pastor of Prospect Church, Clayton, Ala., to accept the pastorate of New Hope Church, Jasperville, Ala., effective Aug. 16. Keen will begin his third year at Baptist Bible Institute this fall. He is a retired Air Force man, his last 20 years being in management engineering.

Crane Comes to Sarasota

Marshall E. Crane became minister of education and youth at Southside Church, Sarasota, July 5.

He is a graduate of Bob Jones University, and Southwestern Seminary.

His former ministry included pastor, Pleasant Hill Church, Duluth, Ga., associate pastor, First Church, Doraville, Ga.; minister of education, Curtis Church, Augusta, Ga.; and summer worker for the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Crane is the former Rose Chitwood. They have two sons.

Pinder Serving as Interim

Lakeview Church, Tallahassee has extended a call to Robert Pinder to serve as interim pastor while they seek a pastor.

After serving nine years as pastor in Kentucky, Louisiana and Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Pinder were appointed in 1963 by the Foreign Mission Board to serve as missionaries to Argentina. One year of language school was required in Costa Rica before actual service began in 1964. During Pinder's five-year tour in Argentina, he served as pastor of a church, director of Student Work at the National University, field missionary for the city of Rosaio (700,000 population), promoter for the Crusade of the Americas and taught at the Theological Institution.

Presently working on his Ph.D. in Home and Family Living, Pinder plans to return to Argentina in 1971, to serve as director of the Social Work Board of the Argentine Baptist Convention.



Randall J. Speer (above left) and Richard A. Coram (above right) were licensed to preach by East Thonotosassa Church, Plant City, on June 14. Robert E. Coram is the pastor.

Both young men plan to enter Palm Beach Atlantic College.

Zack Worsham, a Baptist Bible Institute music student, began as minister of music for Park Avenue Church, Enterprise, Ala., July 12. For the past year he held a similar position with Hiland Park Church.

The Worshams have three children, ages 9 to 17.

Floyd Montgomery, 1265 Hibiscus Dr., Bartow, Fla. is serving Jan Phyl Village Church, Winter Haven as interim pastor.

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SOME HELPFUL ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

By HAL D. BENNETT

If you plan to enroll at Baptist Bible Institute either August 26 or January 14, read on. There are some things you need to know.

This also applies if you know such a person over 21 in your church who says he is called to preach or sing, but who has not started to prepare. Remind him he isn't getting any younger.

Prospective students need to write our dean for a catalog and application forms. When you get them, rush to fill them out, get your physicals, and have your church formally recommend you. Even after we get the forms back it may take several weeks to hear from the three persons you list as references. Pages 33 and 34 of the catalog list "Requirements for Admission." Be sure you read these carefully, along with the rest of the catalog information, before you apply.

Veterans eligible for GI Bill benefits should see a VA official to get papers filled out. Make sure you list your educational objective as one of the following: Pastoral Training Diploma, Religious Education Diploma, or Sacred Music Diploma (from Baptist Bible Institute). Your vocational objective will be in one of these fields.

All enrollees must have arranged for a transcript of credits from past schools. The dean will evaluate any college or Bible school work done, and may transfer credits where the work parallels that done at BBI See the catalog note on this.

Send a $15 housing deposit, if you like, when you mail your application. You go on our housing list the day our admissions committee accepts you to become a student. There is a long waiting list for campus apartments, despite our having added 32 new homes the past three years. We offer housing to the top name on the list, when a unit becomes available. So many student-pastors and singers living in pastoriums or church-supplied homes, greatly alleviate what otherwise could be a critical housing situation.

We still have open spots in our two mobile home parks. If you have your own house trailer, arrange in advance and you may move right in. Some advice, though, ladies: Keep your furniture, somehow. You will need all of it later.

Visit the school before you enrol, if you can. We have four guest rooms, recently redone (real nice, but no TV), which we can let you have almost free, **if we know in advance.** Visit on a workday, Monday-Friday, so somebody will be around.

Bring your pastor, if you can. He will want to know, and will be amazed and pleased at what he sees being done here.

About Florida Missionaries

Miss Charleeda Bennett has returned to the States (address: 2444 Weber St., Lakeland, Fla.) after completing a two-year term of service as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman in Taejon, Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Eaton, Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda, may now be addressed at Box 99, Mbale, Uganda. The former Kay Loomis, she is a native of Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Oliver, Southern Baptist missionaries, left Japan June 10 for furlough in the States (address: 1709 Johnston, Tampa, Fla. 33603). He is a native of Tampa.

The W. Griffin Hendersons, Southern Baptist missionary associates, were scheduled to sail June 27 for Hong Kong (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). He was formerly pastor of Avondale Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parker, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, have moved from Tokyo to Maebashi-shi (address: 1309 Soja, Soja-machi, Maebashi-shi, Japan 371).

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Guess, Southern Baptist missionary associates in Germany, were scheduled to leave on June 18 for furlough in the States (address: 4301 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33611). He is a native of Osprey. The former Barbara Cross, she was born in Sanford.

Robert Sellers has returned to the States (address: 123 Joanna Ave., Tavares, Fla. 32778) after two years of service as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman in Indonesia.

Mrs. Leland Miller, mother of Charles L. Miller, Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines, died June 15 in Fort Myers. Miller may be addressed at 3770 Washington, Fort Myers, Fla. 33901.

Mr. and Mrs. Isam E. (Dick) Ballenger, Southern Baptist missionaries to West Germany, have moved from Hamm to Offenbach (address: Willemerstra 9, 605 Offenbach, A.M., West Germany).

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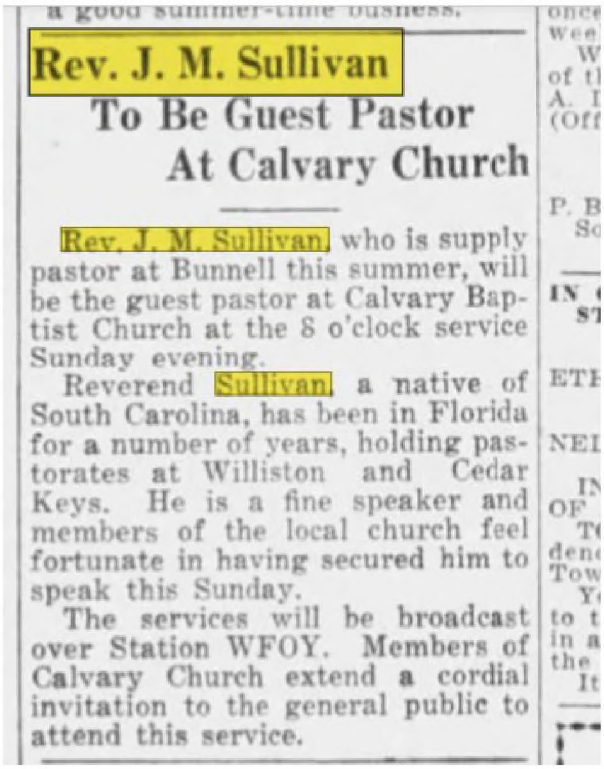
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The following is a partial list of the men of God who filled the pulpit over the years. Information during the 1800's and 1900's is incomplete:

1887	Rev. W.B. Walters Rev. Tom Faulkner Rev. Pierson
1909	Rev. I.R. Clemons Rev. McClellan
1918	Rev. Ancil Parker Rev. J.T. Farnell Rev. G.G. Ward
1930	Rev. M.J. Fowler
1933	Rev. Joseph Bell
1937	Rev. T.A. Goodman
1938	Rev. M.J. Fowler
1942	Rev. D.P. Hendry
1946	Rev. R.L. Williams
1948	Rev. Francis W. Cruce
1953	Rev. George Byland
1954	Rev. Vernon Ward
1955	Rev. J.M. Sullivan
1956	Rev. D.P. Hendry
1965	Rev. Joe Hughs
1969	Rev. W.H. Anderson
1970	Rev. Richard Jenkins
1972	Rev. R.C. Cannon
1975	Rev. Marlon Williams
1977	Rev. R.C. Cannon
1978	Rev. Jessie Benefield
1982	Rev. R.C. Cannon
1984	Interim Supply: Bro. George Letchworth
1984	Rev. Vernon Howard
1986	Interim Pastor: Rev. Cecil Portivent
1987	Rev. Thomas Vickers
1988	Rev. R.C. Cannon

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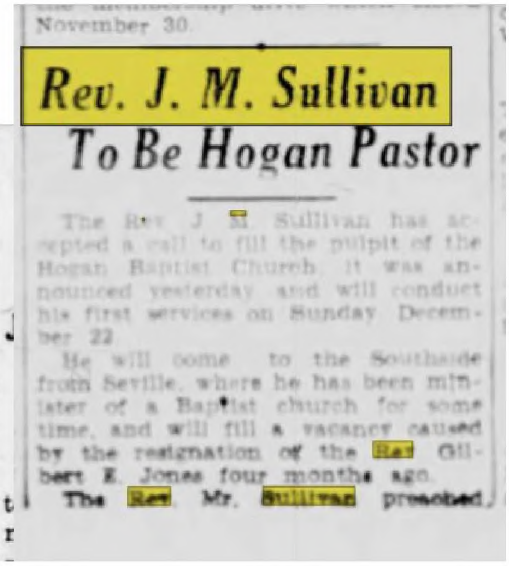
Rev. J. M. Sullivan To Be Guest Pastor At Calvary Church

Rev. J. M. Sullivan, who is supply pastor at Bunnell this summer, will be the guest pastor at Calvary Baptist Church at the 8 o'clock service Sunday evening.

Reverend Sullivan, a native of South Carolina, has been in Florida for a number of years, holding pastorates at Williston and Cedar Keys. He is a fine speaker and members of the local church feel fortunate in having secured him to speak this Sunday.

The services will be broadcast over Station WFOY. Members of Calvary Church extend a cordial invitation to the general public to attend this service.

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Rev. J. M. Sullivan To Be Hogan Pastor

The Rev. J. M. Sullivan has accepted a call to fill the pulpit of the Hogan Baptist Church. It was announced yesterday and will conduct his first services on Sunday, December 22.

He will come to the Southside from Seville, where he has been minister of a Baptist church for some time, and will fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Gilbert E. Jones four months ago.

The Rev. Mr. Sullivan preached

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Loyalty Week Will Open Sunday at Hogan Church

A church loyalty week observance will open Sunday at the Hogan Baptist Church, the Rev. J. M. Sullivan, pastor, announced yesterday.

Guest speakers will include: Dr. Waldo E. Wood, Dr. W. Herschel Ford, Dr. Thomas Hansen, Dr. G. Homer Lindsay and Dr. C. H. Bolton.

Services will be held every night and each will be marked by a musical program. Details will be announced later.