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**Sutley, James H.** (-1957) was the son of Daniel F. and Salona Sutley. He served as pastor of Alva Baptist Church, Delaney Street Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Punta Gorda, Mount Dora Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, Socrum and Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Holt. Sutley and his wife, Bertha L. Sutley had four children.

## OAK PARK MISSION BEGUN

First Church, Ft. Meade, on June 16, began its Oak Park Mission with 38 in Sunday school and 31 in Training Union. Since that time a week of services were conducted with Field Secretary Leo Roberts preaching and Pastor Andrew W. Tampling singing. Ten members were added. The mission is presently holding services in a tent but is making plans for permanent location and building. Joe Carroll is mission pastor.

### ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 30, 1957

| Church | S. S. | T. U. |
|---|---|---|
| Altoona | 74 | 19 |
| Apalachicola, First | 200 | 91 |
| Arlington, First | 452 | 99 |
| Auburndale, Eastside | 76 | 50 |
| " First & Missions | 434 | 225 |
| Avon Park, First | 307 | 97 |
| Balm | 94 | 37 |
| Bartow, First | 413 | 83 |
| " Lake Garfield | 114 | 66 |
| " Wildwood | 141 | 64 |
| Belle Glade, First | 298 | 56 |
| Boca Grand, First | 36 | 28 |
| Bowling Green | 149 | 64 |
| Bradenton, Southside | 112 | 19 |
| Brooksville, First | 230 | 44 |
| Capitola | 66 | 30 |
| Carrabelle | 145 | 57 |
| Chattahoochee, First | 264 | 63 |
| Chiefland, Concord | 33 | 31 |
| Clearwater, Calvary | 647 | 125 |
| Clermont, Grace | 178 | 83 |
| Crestview, First & Mission | 407 | 181 |
| Dade City, First | 437 | 116 |
| Dania, First & Mission | 243 | 48 |
| Daytona Beach, Calvary | 182 | 29 |
| " Central | 216 | 93 |
| " First | 919 | 50 |
| DeFuniak Springs, East | 127 | 64 |
| " Southside | 86 | 37 |
| Delray Beach, First & Mission | 405 | 142 |
| Dover | 246 | 167 |
| Dunedin, First | 245 | 70 |
| Edgewater | 89 | 27 |
| Elfers, First | 151 | 84 |
| Ft. Lauderdale, First & Mission | 950 | 229 |
| " Oakland Park | 234 | 77 |
| " Wilton Manors | 184 | 53 |
| Ft. Myers, First & Missions | 393 | 73 |
| Ft. Pierce, First & Chapel | 506 | 119 |
| " West Side | 169 | 62 |
| Ft. Walton, First | 356 | 111 |
| Ft. White | 37 | 17 |
| Gainesville, North Central | 440 | 115 |
| Geneva | 26 | 19 |
| Greenacres City, First | 179 | 65 |
| Haines City, First | 235 | 85 |
| Hastings, First | 124 | 38 |
| Havana | 235 | 83 |
| Hialeah, Sunset Heights | 330 | 122 |
| Hollywood, Westside | 237 | 80 |
| Homestead, First & Mission | 471 | 114 |
| Jacksonville, Avondale | 496 | 171 |
| " Brentwood | 264 | 47 |
| " Cedar Creek | 195 | 58 |
| " Central | 619 | 207 |
| " Dunns Creek | 189 | 78 |
| " Highlands | 260 | 54 |
| " Hogan | 206 | 99 |
| " Lake Forest | 493 | 148 |
| " Macedonia | 220 | 76 |
| " Main Street | 976 | 265 |
| " Murray Hill & Missions | 996 | 222 |
| " North Jacksonville | 535 | 131 |
| " North Main Street | 276 | 67 |
| " Riverview | 407 | 76 |
| " Southside Estates & Mission | 428 | 158 |
| " Southside & Mission | 752 | 166 |
| " Trinty | 522 | 327 |
| " Woodlawn Acres | 169 | 83 |
| " Woodstock Park | 635 | 279 |
| Jacksonville Beach, First | 589 | 104 |
| " Ocean Park | 211 | 59 |
| Key West, First & Mission | 223 | 77 |
| Kissimmee, First | 322 | 56 |
| Lake City, First & Mission | 322 | 107 |
| " Mt. Carmel | 63 | 50 |
| " Parkview & Mission | 191 | 110 |
| Lake Helen, Blake Memorial | 66 | 21 |
| Lakeland Eastside | 165 | 45 |
| " First | 699 | 204 |
| " Parkview | 168 | 65 |
| " Southside | 774 | 144 |
| " Webster Avenue | 335 | 140 |
| Lake Wales, First & Mission | 416 | 143 |
| Lake Worth, First & Mission | 443 | 93 |
| Largo, First | 221 | 38 |
| Live Oak, First | 342 | 74 |
| Madison, Cherry Lake | 68 | 46 |
| " First | 194 | |
| Melrose | 128 | 61 |
| Miami, Allapattah | 1,670 | 585 |
| " Biscayne Gardens | 173 | 56 |
| " Central | 1,426 | 464 |
| " Coral Villa | 256 | 88 |
| " Emmanuel | 230 | 114 |
| " First | 800 | |
| " Flagami | 412 | 109 |
| " Flagler Street & Missions | 634 | 95 |
| " Lake View | 357 | 102 |
| " Little River | 397 | 105 |
| " Melrose Heights | 218 | 93 |
| " Miami Springs | 484 | 122 |
| " Northeast | 105 | 29 |
| " Northwest | 524 | 245 |
| " Pinewood Park | 129 | 49 |
| " Riverside | 887 | 190 |
| " Stanton Memorial | 893 | 209 |
| " University | 815 | 211 |
| " West Flagler Park | 347 | 112 |
| " West Little River | 222 | 48 |
| Milton, First | 409 | 147 |
| Molino, Highland | 142 | 72 |
| Mt. Dora, First | 234 | 111 |
| New Port Richey, First | 107 | 59 |
| New Smyrna Beach, First | 427 | |
| Ocala, First & Missions | 883 | 204 |
| " Second | 289 | 81 |
| Oceanway, First | 143 | 62 |
| Okeechobee, First | 238 | 40 |
| Orlando, Azalea Park | 365 | 111 |
| " Delaney Street | 314 | 72 |
| " Fairview Shores | 161 | 46 |
| " First | 1,118 | 203 |
| " Forrest Park | 145 | 47 |
| " Miller Memorial & Mission | 242 | 73 |
| " North Park | 555 | 179 |
| " Pine Hills | 244 | 84 |
| Osteen | 73 | 23 |
| Oxford | 97 | 34 |
| Pahokee, First | 212 | 53 |
| Palm Bay, First | 117 | 65 |
| Palmetto, Tenth Street & Mission | 131 | 66 |
| Panama City, Cedar Grove | 108 | 74 |
| " Immanuel & Mission | 482 | 282 |
| " St. Andrew | 471 | 198 |
| " Springfield | 220 | 144 |
| Parker, First | 223 | 89 |
| Paxton | 97 | 65 |
| Pensacola, Brownsville | 547 | 171 |
| " Central | 288 | 115 |
| " Heights | 288 | 98 |
| " Myrtle Grove & Mission | 542 | 191 |
| Perrine | 164 | 44 |
| Perry, Lake Side | 125 | 86 |
| " New Home | 237 | 73 |
| Pine Castle, First | 207 | 77 |
| Plant City, Bethany | 271 | 129 |
| " East Side | 237 | 94 |
| " Springhead | 231 | 104 |
| " Westside & Mission | 157 | 55 |
| " Whitehurst | 131 | 65 |
| Pompano Beach, First | 603 | 150 |
| Port Orange, First | 155 | 56 |
| Port St. Joe, First | 200 | 80 |
| Richland | 66 | 46 |
| St. Augustine, Ancient City | 505 | |
| St. Cloud, First | 192 | 47 |
| St. Petersburg, Clearview | 100 | 33 |
| " Fifth Avenue | 622 | 190 |
| " First & Mission | 1,072 | 242 |
| " Northeast Park | 244 | 95 |
| Sanford, First & Chapel | 717 | 115 |
| Sarasota, Bee Ridge | 229 | 87 |
| Sebring, First | 232 | 60 |
| Starke, Madison Street | 134 | 71 |
| Tallahassee, First | 854 | 334 |
| " Immanuel | 285 | 152 |
| Tampa, Ballast Point | 439 | 137 |
| " Bayshore | 503 | 115 |
| " Belmont Heights | 387 | 119 |
| " Jackson Heights | 644 | 242 |
| " Lake Carroll | 205 | 59 |
| " New Orleans | 470 | 153 |
| " Palma Ceia | 463 | 132 |
| " Riverside | 668 | 154 |
| " Seminole Heights | 470 | 157 |
| " Spencer Memorial & Missions | 703 | 219 |
| " Wellswood | 210 | 66 |
| " West Hillsborough & Mission | 311 | 70 |
| Tarpon Springs, First | 150 | 62 |
| Tavares, First | 201 | 62 |
| Titusville, First & Missions | 386 | 87 |
| Umatilla, First & Chapel | 256 | 95 |
| Vero Beach, First & Mission | 532 | 161 |
| " Forest Park | 160 | 40 |
| Waldo, First | 120 | 63 |

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### IN MEMORY OF REV. JAMES H. SUTLEY

On May 9, 1957, our Lord called our beloved Pastor James H. Sutley to his eternal home. His labor was of the greatest. His teachings were plain and straight from the Bible. His love for God and the church was unsurpassed. He was both pastor and preacher with a knowledge and wisdom akin to that of Solomon.

Some of his accomplishments in our church were: the organization of the Young Adult Class, helping individual Christians to grow spiritually and training leaders. He believed and promoted the Bible teachings of missions. Only eternity can reveal all of his accomplishments. We believe that Brother Sutley completed his work just as our Lord wanted it. May we also be willing to give our lives in service as he did.

In the passing of Brother Sutley our church and community has lost a great friend and brother for whom we all had great respect and love. Some day we will understand why God calls our best people home but we must bow in humble submission to His will.

We, the members of Bethel Baptist Church, extend to his bereaved family our deepest love and sympathy.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of our church, a copy sent to his family and one to the Florida Baptist Witness for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee
I. Q. Mize
R. L. Mallory
C. M. Witter

### IN MEMORY OF LEWIS F. MEREDITH

God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst our beloved brother, Lewis F. Meredith, who passed away April 28, 1957.

In his passing we have sustained a loss that will be impossible to replace.

We miss his presence in our church and the community, but we rejoice that he has entered into that reward which God has promised who faithfully serve him.

Our church has been fortunate in having this brother as a member, who stood ready and willing to do the will of his Lord.

We the members of the First Baptist Church, of Ruskin, Florida, shall ever hold his memory clear, and we extend our deepest sympathy, praying God's care and richest blessings, upon the members of his family.

L. J. Coker, Pastor
Mrs. Ted Reed, Church Clerk
W. H. Faulk, Chairman Deacons

### MRS. NANNIE L. DUNN

Mrs. Nannie L. Dunn, 78, who had been active in the Floral City Baptist Church for 50 years, died June 8 at a Brooksville hospital.

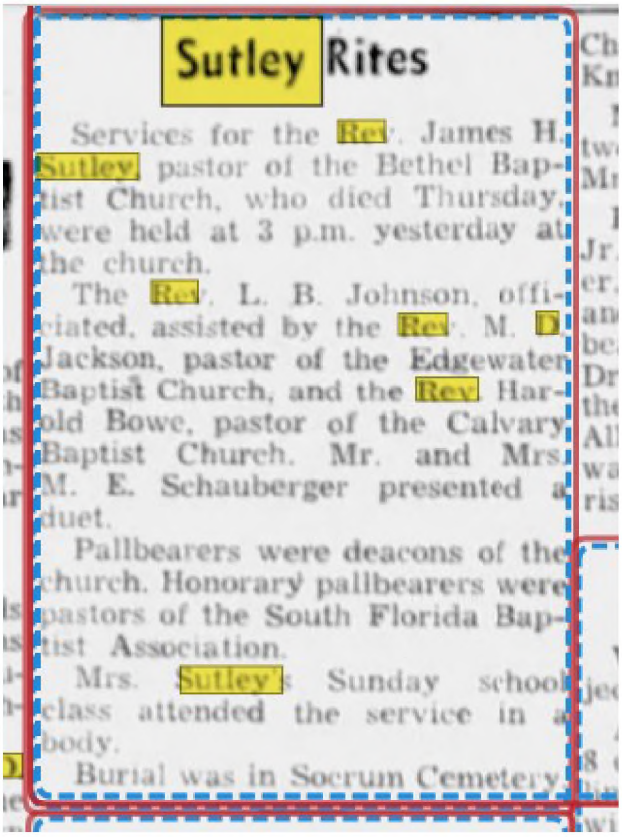
The widow of William Harvey Dunn, a pioneer in Florida's phosphate industry, Mrs. Dunn was a native of Georgia and taught school prior to coming to Florida in 1906.

She had served as church clerk and remained active in the church until her death.

She is survived by six children, Harvey L. Dunn, Enterprise; Mrs. E. M. Lilley, Orlando; Miss Elizabeth J. Dunn, Hampton, Va.; Mrs. Hugh W. Youngblood, Tampa; Mrs. Raymond Roland, Dunnellon, and Hampton Dunn, Tampa.

| Church | S. S. | T. U. |
|---|---|---|
| Warrington, Beach Haven | 78 | 36 |
| Wauchula, First | 351 | 109 |
| " Oak Grove | 102 | 64 |
| West Palm Beach, First & Missions | 1,142 | 306 |
| " Northwood & Missions | 770 | 287 |
| Winter Haven, First | 578 | 142 |
| " Inman Park | 154 | 87 |
| Winter Park, Eastside | 117 | 51 |
| " First | 171 | 69 |
| Zephyrhills, First | 247 | 62 |

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## Sutley Rites

Services for the Rev. James H. Sutley, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, who died Thursday, were held at 3 p.m. yesterday at the church.

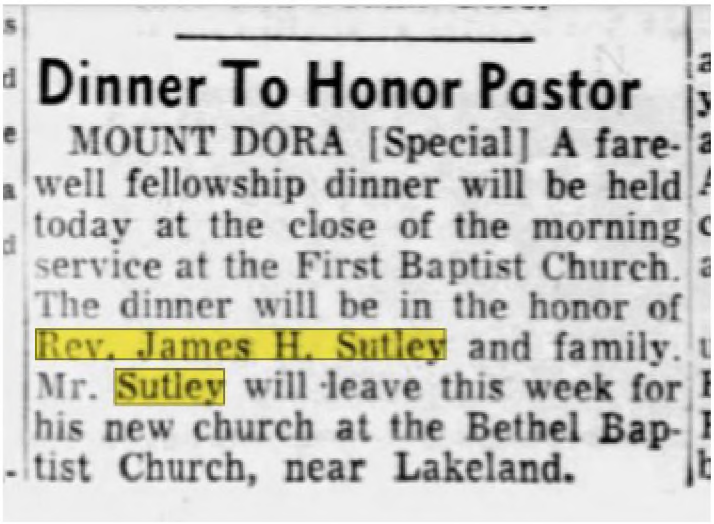
The Rev. L. B. Johnson, officiated, assisted by the Rev. M. D. Jackson, pastor of the Edgewater Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold Bowe, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Schauberger presented a duet.

Pallbearers were deacons of the church. Honorary pallbearers were pastors of the South Florida Baptist Association.

Mrs. Sutley's Sunday school class attended the service in a body.

Burial was in Socrum Cemetery.

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## Dinner To Honor Pastor

MOUNT DORA [Special] A farewell fellowship dinner will be held today at the close of the morning service at the First Baptist Church. The dinner will be in the honor of Rev. James H. Sutley and family. Mr. Sutley will leave this week for his new church at the Bethel Baptist Church, near Lakeland.

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## MRS. B. L. SUTLEY

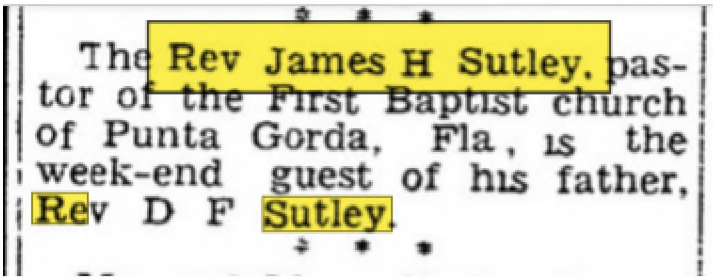
MOUNT DORA — Mrs. Bertha L. Sutley, 72, of 1499 Northland Road, died Thursday. She was a native of Okaloosa County, and was the widow of the late Rev. James H. Sutley who served as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Socrum. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, I. Eugene Sutley, Stone Mountain, Ga., and E. Uedell, Mount Dora; two daughters, Mrs. Lottie E. Hoecker, Texas City, Texas, and Mrs. Lota A. Mewton, Eustis; three brothers, E. M. Boyette Sr., and W. M. Boyette, both of Fort Myers, and Andrew Boyette, Bonifay; four sisters, Mrs. Sally McCart, Crestview, Mrs. Natalie Davis, Fort Myers, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Bokeelia and Mrs. Dora Green, Hawaii; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## MRS. D. I. GREEN

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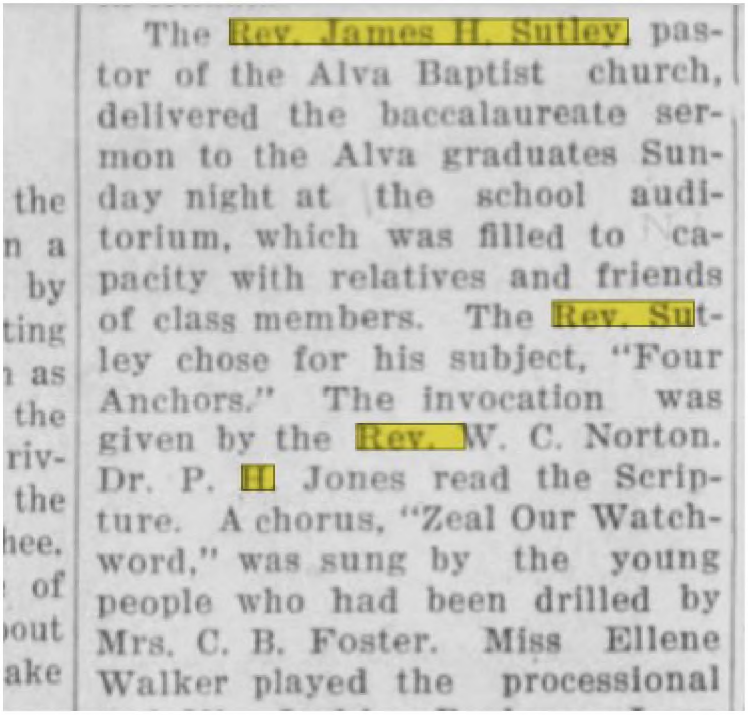
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The Rev James H Sutley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Punta Gorda, Fla, is the week-end guest of his father, Rev D F Sutley.

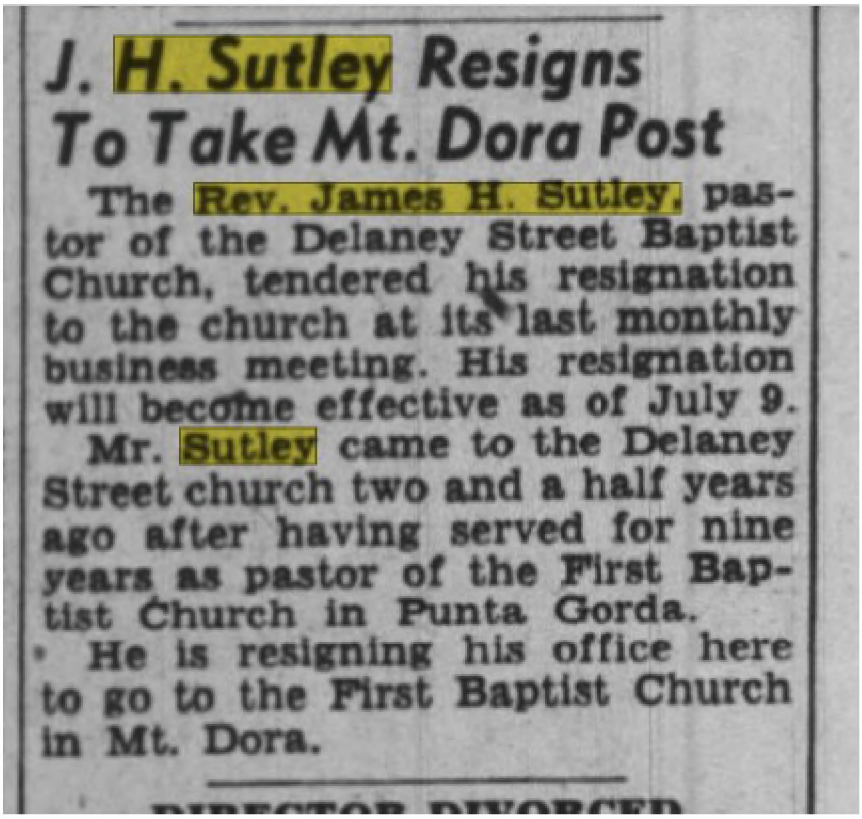
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The Rev. James H. Sutley, pastor of the Alva Baptist church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the Alva graduates Sunday night at the school auditorium, which was filled to capacity with relatives and friends of class members. The Rev. Sutley chose for his subject, "Four Anchors." The invocation was given by the Rev. W. C. Norton. Dr. P. H Jones read the Scripture. A chorus, "Zeal Our Watchword," was sung by the young people who had been drilled by Mrs. C. B. Foster. Miss Ellene Walker played the processional

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# J. H. Sutley Resigns To Take Mt. Dora Post

The Rev. James H. Sutley, pastor of the Delaney Street Baptist Church, tendered his resignation to the church at its last monthly business meeting. His resignation will become effective as of July 9.

Mr. Sutley came to the Delaney Street church two and a half years ago after having served for nine years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Punta Gorda.

He is resigning his office here to go to the First Baptist Church in Mt. Dora.

ably, resigning March 1, 1930. Rev. M. J. Bouterse was called to the pastorate of our church, March 30, 1930. September 2, he announced as wise his decision to be relieved from the work of superintending the Sunday School.

The leader of the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. gave a very encouraging report of their work, December 31. In a meeting January 1932 the pastor spoke encouragingly of the spirit and enthusiasm of the young people. The Mount Dora Baptist church was represented at the B.Y.P.U. convention at Atlanta by Clovis Brantley, a candidate for the ministry.

After the retirement of Rev. Bouterse the church was supplied by various preachers, among whom was the Rev. W. R. Lambert, who also remained with the church for extra meetings, which were exceedingly interesting and profitable. Thirteen were baptized and others were received by letter. On Sunday morning, September 25, 1932 a call to the pastorate was extended to the Rev. W. R. Lambert. This call was accepted and on Tuesday, November 1, 1932, a large company of the church and friends gave to the new pastor and his wife a reception to the church and to Mount Dora.

Brother Lambert served as pastor through 1934. Rev. A. A. Stanley was called and served during 1935. Rev. J. S. Wilson was pastor during the year 1936, Rev. N. V. Underwood was called in 1936 and served as pastor until the beginning of 1938. Early in 1938 Rev. R. W. Acree was called and during his pastorate, 1938, the present building was started. Work progressed at intervals, as funds accumulated, and the building at Sixth and Tremain Streets, was completed, debt free, in 1945. The formal dedication service was held January 20, 1946.

In 1940 Rev. Floyd Montgomery was called, serving until 1943. In 1943 Rev. Otis W. Foye came to be the pastor serving until 1944, when Rev. James H. Sutley came to serve as pastor and for seven years was the faithful minister of this fine church, leaving in August 1951, resigning as Associational Clerk of Lake County Baptist.



In 1952 Rev. David Coffield was called to the pastorate. Under his ministry the church has grown in every department. A mission at Lake Ola was established and is now an organized church doing a good work under the leadership of Rev. Tommy Parker, former pastor of Altoona church. A new educational building has been completed and put into use, costing approximately $150,000.00. This building accommodates the nursery department through the young peoples' department. Rev. Coffield's pastorate is longest of any in the Lake County Association. He is rounding out his thirteenth year.

Bethel, Socrum

Baptist, Lisbon, Calvary Baptist, Perry and First Baptist, Plymouth.

Since leaving Bethel on August 1, 1952, Reverend Wright has earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida State University in 1955. He did post-graduate work at New Orleans Seminary, taught science and geometry, was a vocational counselor, coordinator of adult education and Chaplain for the National Guard. He is presently serving as pastor of Faith Baptist Chapel, Tampa, Florida.

JAMES H. SUTLEY

9/1952 - 5/1957



Reverend Sutley, a native of Alabama, came to Bethel on September 7, 1952, from Mt. Dora, Florida, where he had preached for eight years. He also served for twenty seven years in Central and South Florida churches and was Clerk-Treasurer of the Lake County Baptist Association.

It was during the ministry of Reverend Sutley that Vacation Bible School was started at Bethel in 1953. At the time of his death on May 9, 1957, Reverend Sutley was serving as beloved pastor at Bethel.