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Sutton, Charles A. 1895-1965) was born at Highland City, Florida. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Sutton. He was licensed to preach by the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Auburndale, Florida, on October 2, 1927, and was ordained April 1, 1928. Sutton served as pastor of the Griffin Baptist Church in Lakeland. He served the following churches in the South Florida Association: Griffin, Mt. Tabor, Homeland, Webster Avenue, and Bradley. He was pastor of the Stetson Baptist Church of the Seminole Association, and Knights and Alafia churches in the Shiloh Association. He also served as pastor of the Central Avenue Baptist Church in Lake Wales. He was pastor of the West Scenic Park Baptist Church in Lake Wales at the time of his death. He served as the first association missionary in the South Florida Association. Sutton and his wife had three daughters; Violet, Evelyn, and Claudia, and two sons.

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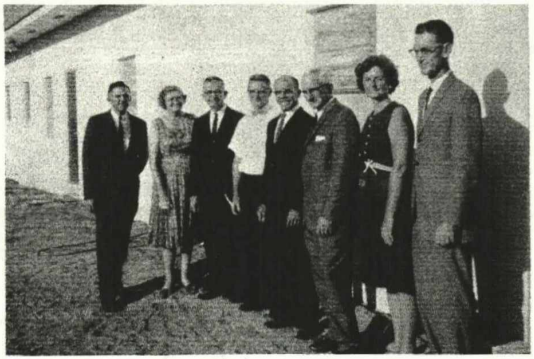
This, That and the Other

Lake Pierce Mission Dedicates New Building



Dedication services were held at Lake Pierce Mission, mission of First Church, Waverly, October 3. The building provides 2,175 square feet of floor space. There are seven education rooms and an auditorium that will seat 175 people. It has central heat and air-conditioning.

Participating on the program were: Kermis Frost, mission pastor; Bill Webb, former pastor of the sponsoring church; Hayes B. Davis, pastor of sponsoring church.

Shown in the picture is the missions Committee, they are, from left: Hayes B. Davis, Mrs. Ethel Ashmore, H. E. Dampier, C. H. Henry, E. M. Ricks, Homer Routt, chairman, Mrs. Mary Jo Harrison and Kermis Frost.

Stetson Receives Bequest

Stetson University has been designated as the recipient of a $500 gift from the estate of the late G. F. Andrews, a life-long resident of Greenville, Fla., according to Stetson President J. Ollie Edmunds.

Mr. Andrews, an active member of the Greenville Baptist Church until his death, left the bequest to the University without restriction as to its use. His surviving daughter, Mrs. Grace A. Strupp of Greenville and Mrs. Murray Lou A. Barrett of St. Augustine, requested that the funds be used for scholarship purposes, realizing their father's deep concern for needy college students. This request was honored, and the funds were matched by the Ford Foundation in the amount of $250.

Born in 1876, Mr. Andrews owned and operated a department store in Greenville, and had served as a Stetson Associate for several years.

Members of First Church, Lutz, where Oscar L. Smith is pastor, dedicated a new $45,000 education building October 17. The building provides for 12 departments and three offices.

William Moyle, field secretary, brought the dedicatory sermon.

Speaks at Homecoming

Elbert C. Tyner, director of the Stetson University Extension Division of Christian Education, was guest preacher at the homecoming service of Tenth Avenue Church, Tampa, October 10.

Tyner was reared and ordained to the ministry in Tenth Avenue Church.

Homecomings

Park Lane Church will observe its tenth anniversary October 24, with a Homecoming and groundbreaking ceremony for a $90,000 building program. The two buildings to be constructed are an interim auditorium seating 530 and an education building. Grady Snowden, Jr. is pastor.

Former members are invited to attend.

Coleman Church, Coleman will hold its annual Homecoming October 24. Friends are invited to attend.

Gonzalez Church, Gonzalez invites former pastors, members and friends to join them in observing Homecoming October 24.

Homecoming day will be observed by First Church, Union Park October 31. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

Revival Report

Forest Park Church, Vero Beach, Evangelist Padgett C. Cope, Singer Andy Woods, 33 for baptism, five by letter, Pastor R. Frank Colburn.

Eastside Church, Auburndale, Evangelist Babb Adams, Singer Larry Matheny, 15 additions, Pastor Bennie Baker.

Ministers Wives Will Hold Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale

The Florida Conference of Baptist Minister's Wives will hold their annual meeting in Fort Lauderdale during the Florida Baptist Convention. The meeting is planned for a luncheon and fashion show to be held on Wednesday, November 10, 1965 at 12:30 at the Sheraton Hotel on the beach. Reservations should be mailed to:

Mrs. Bill Gardner
4536 S.W. 30th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Tickets will be $2.95 per person and can be picked up and paid for near the registration desk of the convention.

The theme for the meeting will be "My Fair Lady—The Minister's Wife." Ladies, make plans to attend. Transportation will be provided.

East Gate Calls Fallin



B. A. Fallin recently became pastor of East Gate Church, Tampa. He was pastor of North Fort Myers Church.

A native of Florida, he is a graduate of Florida Southern College and Southeastern Seminary.

The Fallins have one daughter Brenda Kay, ten and a son Ricky Bernard, seven.

About Missionaries

Terrell Andrew, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stella, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea, was born September 29. Stationed in Seoul, Mr. and Mrs. Stella may be addressed at Baptist Mission, APO San Francisco, Calif., 96301. They are natives of Florida, he of Gainesville and she, the former Mary Virginia (Micki) Sommerkanp, of Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ligon, Southern Baptist missionaries to Spain, are now studying language in Santiago de Compostela, where they may be addressed at Plaz Republica Argentina, Edific Gran Via, Piso 6° Izq., Santiag de Compostela, Spain.

In Memory of Charles A. Sutton

On the fourteenth of September 1965 our loving Lord saw fit to call ou beloved pastor and brother, Charles A Sutton, from Lake Wales, Fla. to hi heavenly home.

Brother Sutton was born at High land City, Florida August 8, 1895. H was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I Sutton (the former, a long-time Baptis minister in the South Florida Associa tion.) The Mt. Olive Baptist Church at Auburndale, Florida licensed hir to preach on October 2, 1927, and wa ordained on April 1, 1928.

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He was the first associational mis sionary to the South Florida Baptis Association and served two years afte his appointment.

Survivors include his widow, Mr Loretta Sutton; two sons, Charles A Sutton, Jr., Clifford L. Sutton; thre daughters, Violet McIntosh, Evely Doyle and Claudia Griffis. He al leaves two sisters; Mrs. Pearl Combe Mrs. Jewell Combee and ten gran children.

WHEREAS, the First Baptist Churc of West Scenic Park has suffered great and irreparable loss in his deat

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE SOLVED by the Deacons of the Fir Baptist Church of West Scenic Par in regular meeting assembled that w do express our deep sorrow at th death of Charles A. Sutton and do fu ther give testimony of his invaluab services to the church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED th this resolution be spread upon th Minutes of this meeting filed with th clerk of the church, a copy sent to th Florida Baptist Witness, a copy sent the Ridge Baptist Association to read at the association meeting and copy thereof sent to the members the family of Mr. Sutton as a tes monial to our sorrow and to our hig regard and esteem for Mr. Sutton.

West Broad Street Church Tampa has completed a new edu cation building, which will hou six departments, a kitchen and social hall. A three bedroo house, that adjoins the churc property, was purchased recentl and will serve as a youth build ing. James R. Hamrick is pasto

Willis E. Knopp has recentl been called as interim pastor Southwest Church, Fort Laude dale.

St. Johns Park Church Burns Mortgage



On October 3, St. Johns Park Church, Jacksonville began the new church year with a mortgage burning ceremony. A $10,000 mortgage was burned. This is the second mortgage burning service the church has had since January, totaling $27,500 in mortgages paid in full. Harvey L. Duke is pastor. Shown in the picture are left to right: Otis Whitten, financi secretary, Dan Hall, chairman of Finance Committee, and Stev Smith, church treasurer.

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SOME PAST AND PRESENT CHURCH LEADERS 1850-2000

PASTORS AND DATES OF SERVICE

1851-1868	J.M. Hayman (circuit riding preachers)
	A. Wilson
1870	John W. Hendry
1877-1883	E.J. Hull
1883-1884	I.A. Redd
1884-1885	J.W. Hendry
1885-1886	E.J. Hull
1887	David Robertson
1887	Henry Messer
1888-1893	J.M. Hendry
1893-1894	Peter Brown
1894	W.M. McDonald

No conference from Oct. 1894 to Nov. 1895, preaching was occasional

1896-1897	W.D. Payne
1897-1898	No pastor - visiting preachers
1898-1900	B.H. Grey
1900	Vickers
1901-1902	J.W. Johnson
1903-1905	P.O. Miller
1905-1911	No information
1911-1913	J.B. Simmons
1913-1914	G.W. Long
1914-1918	Irvin Walden
1919-1920	G.A. Martin
1920-1924	W.P. Rivers
1924-1926	J.L. Yeomans
1926-1927	Owen Rimes
1927-1928	B.B. Tatum
1928-1929	J.H. Bethea
1929-1930	B.B. Tatum
1930-1931	J.H. Johnson
1931-1933	T.H. Medlin
	Rawlins
1933-1935	D.J. Edwards
1936-1937	F.D. Gant
1938-1939	Clarence Connell
1939-1942	Gordon Halbert
1942-1944	B.S. Sutton
1945-1946	J. Edwards
1946-1947	Ben Yeargan
1947-1949	Roy Fobes
1949-1950	George Alderman
1950-1952	Charles Sutton
1952-1953	Arlo Wilson
1953-1955	J.Z. Crofton
1955-1961	Ed Townsend
1961	*First full-time*
1961-1962	Ed Townsend
1962	T.E. Connally (Interim)
1963	Jack Whidden
1964-1967	J.R. Brooks
1968	Harry DeVane (Interim)
1968-1978	Joe Hallam
1978-1979	C.A. Tate (Interim)
1979-1981	C.A. Tate
1981-1984	Wayne Weeks
1984	Terry Holland (Interim)
1984-1993	*Billy Sanders*
1993-1998	Don McLaughlin
1998-1999	Phil Nason (Interim)
1999-2000	Erle McMichen (Interim)
2000-2002	Larry Westman
2003-2007	Erle McMichen
Nov. 2007	Waylon Carlisle (Interim)
2008-2018	Waylon Carlisle
Jan. 2019	Glenn Rininger (interim)

√- Indicates church has framed photo in historical collection.
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PASTORS

Knights Baptist Church has had a total of 29 pastors since its organization in 1902. They are:
Thonotosassa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Plant City

✓	J. W. Tucker	1902-1903
✓	Walter M. McDonald	1903-1905
○	E. L. Todd	1905-1906
○	Noah E. Norwood	1906-1907
○	S. Craft Sloan	1907-1908
✓	Walter M. McDonald	1908-1913
○	J. W. Johnson	1913-1915
○	B. S. Gay	1915-1916
○	J. R. Wells	1916-1919
○	S. Craft Sloan	1919-1923
○	Irvin Walden	1924-1927
○	I. S. Murphy	1928-1929
○	J. T. B. Anderson	1929-1936
✓	Walter Lampp	1937-1938
○	Guy V. Lee	1938-1940
○	Dr. Charles Williams	1940-1941
✓	Charles A. Sutton	1942-1944 (also p/o Greenbond)
✓	R. L. Lampp	1945-1950
✓	Harold Bowe	1950-1952
✓	E. E. Earnest	1952-1953
✓	William W. Tyre	1953-1957
✓	R. T. Porter	1957-1959
✓	Chester T. Estes	1959-1961
○	J. C. Boatwright	1962-1964
✓	W. Floyd Yarbrough	1964-1969
✓	C. Frank Jordan	1970-1976
✓	Dr. Bob Reaves	1976-1980
✓	Michael Brown	1981-1984
✓	R. Marcus Marshall	1985-1992
✓	Kenneth Simpson	1993-1997
✓	Alvin N. Livingston, Sr.	1997-

Pastors of Central Avenue Baptist Church (Ridge)
Charles A. Sutton (1953-1955)
Ernest Sisk (1955-1958)
C.E. Wade (1958)
W.B. Johnson (1958-1960)
Jack Conley (1960-1964)
Guy Mathews (1964-1966)
W.S. Holton (interim 1966-1968)
D.E. Bryant (interim 1968-1969)
Bill Miller (1969-1970)
D.E. Bryant (1970-1992)
L. Gwynn Devey (associate pastor 1992)
Danny Joiner (1992)
Guy Mathews (1995-2002)
D.E. Bryant (interim 2003)
George Galloway (interim 2003)
Horace Howell (interim 2003)
Charles B. Cooper (2003-2012)
George Galloway (interim 2012)
Larry Matheny (2012-2017)
Jerry Brown (interim 2017-)