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Swicegood, Malvin C. (1917-1997) was a native of Rowan County, North Carolina. He graduated from Catawba College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Swicegood served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, Ohio and Florida including Delaney Street Baptist Church, Orlando, 1944-1949, He and his wife, Versa Russell Swicegood had two children.



Monticello Baptists Break Ground For New Building

Part of congregation present for service is shown. The building, to be set in an L-shaped piece of property to the rear of the church, will be a two-story brick with ten rooms to take care of additional Sunday school classes, some have folding doors, which can be made into three large rooms when needed. Facilities for indoor socials will also be provided.

In the ground-breaking inset, holding the shovel is Sunday School Suprintendent E. S. Blair. To his left is A. E. Rhodes, Chairman of Deacons; to Blair's right, Pastor H. O. Hughes; in the background, reading left to right, J. B. Shuman, the man cut in half; Bill Scruggs, Jim Smith; all deacons.

Pastor J. H. Avery, First Church, Panama City, says in a recent issue of his weekly promotional bulletin, The First Baptist Evangel:

"NURTURE YOUR MIND BY A PROPER READING DIET

In a proper reading diet the Bible heads the list, but for Baptists the following periodicals will furnish much information and inspiration. Both this information and inspiration derived from a study of God's Word and religious literature contributes to a healthy Christian spirit and a Christian attitude toward the work of promoting His glorious kingdom. Every family in our church should receive the following periodicals. Please subscribe for them immediately."

and then lists descriptions and prices of these periodicals in this order:

1. The Florida Baptist Witness
2. The Commission
3. Home Missions
4. Home Life
5. The First Baptist Evangel.

Your editor wants to commend this as one good step for any pastor in growing and strengthening and great Christians and great churches.

In a second engagement with them, Dr. Homer G. Lindsay will assist Pastor Searcy Garrison and Bull Street Church, Savannah, Ga. in a week of revival services, March 20-26.

He will also preach in First Church, Carlsbad, N. M., in the Simultaneous Revivals April 10-23.

Anthony Church, Marion Association reports in their bulletin that since the coming of Pastor G. C. Eubanks a little more than two years ago, 60 souls have been added, church income and property value doubled, attendance increased, Sunday school enrolment up from 96 to 154, with average attendance up from 50 to 119.

NEW FLORIDA PASTOR RECEIVES DEGREE

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 2.—The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary awarded degrees to five ministers today, at convocation exercises opening the spring term: Newburn V. Ragsdale, Fort Payne, Ala., and James Livingston White III, Norfolk, Va., bachelor of divinity degrees. Nelson Eugene Mandrell, Frederick, Okla., master of theology, and Robert Sydney Cooper, Washington, D. C., and Allen J. Freeman, Lake City, Fla., doctor of theology.

A total of 854 ministers are studying at the seminary this year, from 36 states and nine foreign countries, according to Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president. Degrees will be awarded a graduating class of 178 at the annual spring commencement exercises, May 5.

Note: Allen J. Freeman will begin soon his pastorate in First Church, Lake City. James L. White III is a grandson of the late Dr. J. L. White, long-time pastor at Miami, and son of the late J. L. White, Jr., pastor in Norfolk until his recent death, and one-time coach at University of Florida.

John L. Bray, pastor Raiford Church, is available for supply at some church without a pastor. He may be reached: 1044 La Rue St., South Jacksonville 7, Fla., or phone 9-3138.

LODGES

Jeff D. Ray in Home Life

Sam Jones said, "The Mooses, the Elks, and the Eagles have organized and I am expecting the buzzards to organize next." In deprecating the multitude of lodges, preachers usually say, "I have nothing to say against secret orders." I have not either but I cannot think of a good reason why a Christian needs belong to one. A loyal church member can use all his cars on the main line and then have more track space than he can fill.

RESOLUTION

Whereas our pastor, Brother Malvin C. Swicegood, resigned the pastorage of Delaney Street Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla. effective November 27, 1949 to become pastor of the Reeds Baptist Church of Lexington, North Carolina, be it resolved that we express our appreciation of the service he and his wife have rendered to our church.

It was with great regret that Brother Swicegood and his good wife left our fellowship here but we pray God's blessings upon them as they labor together in a new field whereunto God has called them.

Brother Swicegood was called as pastor of Delaney Street Church in December of 1944, and God has blessed us during his pastorage with five successful years of growth. A total of 486 members were added to the church membership during these five years, 226 by baptism.

Shortly after he began his pastorage, a pastorium was built. After the pastorium was completed, a building fund was started for a new educational building.

For a short period of time Brother Swicegood preached each Sunday afternoon at the Christmas Baptist Church and was instrumental in erecting a new church building there.

One of his greatest joys was the establishing of the Forrest Park Mission, sponsored by Delaney Street Church, which one year later was organized into a church with 44 charter members.

During 1946-1947, Brother Swicegood served a successful term as moderator of the Wekiwa Association.

Rev. and Mrs. Swicegood are natives of North Carolina. They have two children, Russell and Sarah Ann. We hope that again God will see fit to call our Brother back to Florida, a capable and willing man of God. Our prayers are with them as they carry on the Lord's work.

Therefore, we further resolve that one copy of this resolution be placed upon the minutes of Delaney Street Church, one copy sent to Brother Swicegood, one copy to Reeds Baptist Church to which he is called and one be sent to the Baptist Witness for publication.

Mrs. Jack Pipkin, Church Clerk

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Revival Services Planned

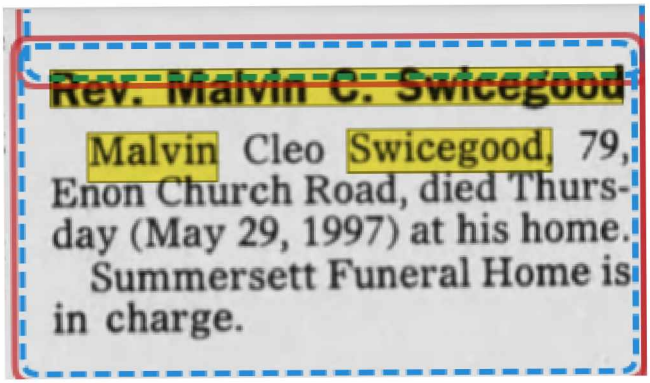
Revival services will begin tomorrow at College Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Malvin C. Swicegood as the guest minister.

Rev. Mr. Swicegood is association missionary for the Elkin Baptist Assn. He will preach each night, Sunday through Saturday, at 7:30 p.m., and at 11 a. m. Sunday, June 12. The special services will end on this day.

The guest minister is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served as pastor to churches in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina in his 22 years in the ministry.

Rev. Owen M. Weatherly, interim pastor at College Heights, said the church will observe its first anniversary on Monday. He added that special cognizance will be taken of the anniversary during Monday night's revival.

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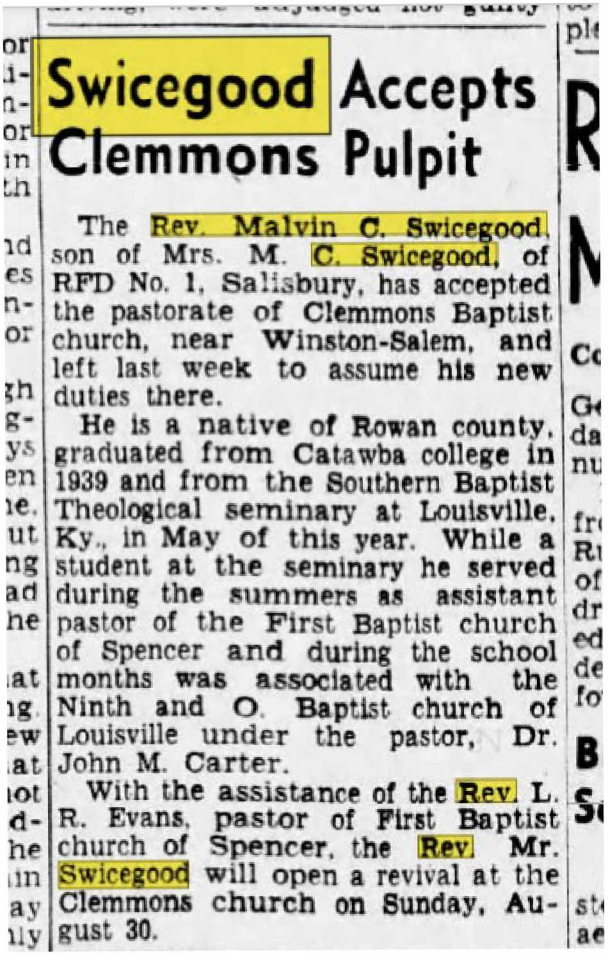


Rev. Malvin C. Swicegood

Malvin Cleo Swicegood, 79, Enon Church Road, died Thursday (May 29, 1997) at his home.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge.

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Swicegood Accepts Clemmons Pulpit

The Rev. Malvin C. Swicegood, son of Mrs. M. C. Swicegood, of RFD No. 1, Salisbury, has accepted the pastorate of Clemmons Baptist church, near Winston-Salem, and left last week to assume his new duties there.

He is a native of Rowan county, graduated from Catawba college in 1939 and from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., in May of this year. While a student at the seminary he served during the summers as assistant pastor of the First Baptist church of Spencer and during the school months was associated with the Ninth and O. Baptist church of Louisville under the pastor, Dr. John M. Carter.

With the assistance of the Rev. L. R. Evans, pastor of First Baptist church of Spencer, the Rev. Mr. Swicegood will open a revival at the Clemmons church on Sunday, August 30.

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Versa Russell Swicegood

Versa Russell Swicegood, 79, of 2660 Enon Church Road, died Monday (Aug. 9, 1993) at Rowan Memorial Hospital after being in declining health for a number of years.



Swicegood

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Enon Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Joel Langley. Burial will be at Rowan Memorial Park.

The family will be at Summersett Funeral Home tonight from 7 to 9 and the rest of the time at the home on Enon Church Road. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes before the service on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, in care of SOAR Inc., 201 W. Harrison St., Salisbury, N.C. 28144, or Enon Baptist Church, 1875 Enon Church Road, Salisbury, N.C. 28147.

Born March 1, 1914, in Troy, Mrs. Swicegood was a daughter of the late Benjamin B. and Ila Martin Russell. She was educated in the Montgomery County schools, at Mars Hill College and Carver School of Missions in Louisville, Ky. She had assisted her husband in his ministry.

She was a member of Enon Baptist Church, the Mary Ella Sunday School Class and the Applewhite Circle.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Malvin C. Swicegood, whom she married Nov. 27, 1942; a son, Russell C. Swicegood of Salisbury; a daughter, Sara A. Swicegood of Raleigh; a brother, Fintress Russell of Troy; two sisters, Sara Russell of Troy and Mary Hodges of Raleigh; and one grandchild.