



# WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## ***“Covenant Presbyterian-Wilton Manors first church”***

by Ron Ulm

August 2024

### MINI-ARCHIVE BACKGROUND NOTES

This mini-archive compilation consists of the following:

- ***These background notes***
- ***The Fall 2024 Town Crier article providing an “executive summary” of the history of Covenant Presbyterian – Wilton Manors first church; which will be expanded upon in the “-Historical Notes-”below.***
- ***A scrapbook dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, and a file folder of loose material labeled “Photographs”***

In **2012**, the originals were loaned to the Wilton Manors Historical Society for digitizing by then-Deacon John Blandin of New Presbyterian Church; then returned to New Presbyterian.

It includes a variety of materials; photographs, newspaper clippings, worship service programs, financial statements, etc. The content is as-scanned, uncurated, and may not be in chronological or logical order.

- ***Selected photographs and newspaper articles about the church and related activities from the collection of Jean French, ca 1948-1960***

These were digitized from originals in the collection of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. A number of these items are duplicates of material in the 50th Anniversary scrapbook. Jean and Ed French were charter and long-time members of the congregation.
- ***Other more recently acquired and/or edited documents or photographs***

#### ***-Historical Notes-***

In **1948** Ann Wilmarth, director of Christian education at Bethany Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Lauderdale, was sent to canvas the Wilton Manors/Highland Estates area with an eye to establishing a community-based, non-sectarian ministry for the burgeoning post-war families moving to that area.

That same year the first worship services of the new ***Wilton Manors/Highland Estates Community Church*** were held at the *Highland Estates Community House* (located a few blocks from now-Island City Park Preserve). There were thirty-three original charter members. It was the first recognized ministry in Wilton Manors, predating Wilton Manors Baptist Church, which began in 1954, and First Christian Church in 1955. [Sidenote: there was a Sunday School ministry that met at the Colohatchee Womans Club beginning in 1919, served by the Ft. Lauderdale Presbyterian Church.]

[Highland Estates was a subdivision north of NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street. It was governed by a quasi-municipal *Civic Club*, based at their *Community House* meeting hall. They had a functioning water distribution system, with water from Oakland Park and a fire department—neither of which Wilton Manors could offer. To preserve their autonomy, they declined to join Wilton Manors when Wilton Manors was incorporated as a Village in 1947. They were eventually annexed by Wilton Manors in 1951.]

A year later, in **1949**, the *Wilton Manors/Highland Estates Community Church* was officially recognized as ***Covenant Presbyterian Church***; and members began planning a permanent multi-structure church campus. It began with Mayor Dave Turner donating the land for the project--adjacent to the site of the Wilton Manors Village Hall. [His relationship to the church is unclear ... he was later known to be a member of First Christian Church.]

The first structure constructed on the site was the modest Chapel building. It was to seat 200. A newspaper article in July **1950** announced the first worship services to be held in the not-yet-complete Chapel. It had been under construction for about a year. It was built by the men of the congregation and funded through donations. (See the Building Permit in the scrapbook with the “Contractor” listed as “Owner”.)

With continued growth, a one-story Sunday School building (now Fellowship Hall) was added in **1951**. (The second floor was added around **1955**.)

There was a commitment from the congregation that *“No indebtedness [will be] made. Construction will advance as funds become available.”*. With that restriction, and the continuing use of volunteer labor, it took until **1958** for the main 500-seat auditorium/Sanctuary building to be completed.

But, as with many of Wilton Manors pioneer religious and civic organizations, over-time Covenant Presbyterian’s membership and funding declined. Around **2012** its Trustees determined that the ministry was no longer viable and decided to disband the congregation. The membership agreed they would donate the church campus to a local ministry that was either without a permanent home or that would continue to use it as a house-of-worship. They solicited proposals and **New Presbyterian Church** was selected.

[*New Presbyterian Church* was formed in **2009** by a large group of dissident members who left *Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church* in response to theological/philosophical differences with the new pastor chosen to replace the iconic Dr. James Kennedy—who founded that church in 1960. Their worship and musical ministry services were held at Pompano Beach High School until they moved to the Wilton Manors campus.]

It took New Presbyterian several years to refurbish/remodel the campus to meet their needs. That effort was begun by then-Deacon John Blandin, a former contractor and municipal building inspector. One of his first projects was to refurbish the Chapel building, at the same time restoring it its original 1950-look.

Among other things, that included removing a modern drop ceiling and restoring the elaborate, handcrafted beam ceiling and chandeliers—as shown in photos at the end of this compilation. As of this writing, the Chapel looks much as it did in 1950 (but for changes required by code and hurricane protection requirements). Not only were the ceiling and chandeliers restored, but also the original terrazzo floors and the chancel area. (WMHS commends New Presbyterian's historic restoration and preservation efforts!)

The restored Chapel was used for smaller events as early as **2012**. The main worship and musical ministry services continued to be held at Pompano Beach High School until completion of the refurbishing/remodeling of the rest of the campus buildings. That was several years later. The first worship and musical ministry services in the main auditorium/Sanctuary of New Presbyterian were held in **February of 2016**.

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Our thanks to then-Deacon Blandin, without whose outreach to us in 2021 regarding the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scrapbook*, it would not be preserved/archived and made available for your and future generations enjoyment and research.

Also, thanks to former Deacon Blandin and New Presbyterian Staff, who in July 2024 provided a tour of the Chapel, as well additional information incorporated into the above *Historical Notes*.

Should you have any questions, comments or documents you would like to have added to this archive, please contact us at [wmhs@wmhistory.org](mailto:wmhs@wmhistory.org).

**Fall 2024 City of Wilton Manors *Town Crier* newsletter  
article--providing an “executive summary” and photos of  
the history of Covenant Presbyterian Church**



**WILTON  
MANORS  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

## *A brief chronology of Wilton Manors first church - Covenant Presbyterian*

It began as a non-sectarian, community-outreach ministry of Bethany Presbyterian Church—for the burgeoning post-war families moving to Wilton Manors and Highland Estates. The first services were held in **1948** at the *Highland Estates Community House* (a few blocks from now-ICPP). A year later the new ministry was officially recognized as **Covenant Presbyterian Church**; and members began planning a permanent multi-structure church campus. Mayor Dave Turner donated the land; adjacent to the site of the Village Hall. The Chapel building was completed in **1950**—primarily through donations and volunteer labor. With continued growth, a Sunday School building (now Fellowship Hall) was added in **1951**. It took until **1958** for the main Sanctuary building to be completed.

But over-time Covenant's membership and funding declined. By **2012** its Trustees decided to disband the congregation. They offered to donate the property to various local ministries that were without a permanent home. The **New Presbyterian Church** was selected. It took New Presbyterian several years to refurbish/remodel the campus to meet their needs. An early project was to return the Chapel to its original 1950-look. Among other things, this included removing a modern drop ceiling and restoring the elaborate, handcrafted beam ceiling and chandeliers—as shown below. We commend their historic restoration and preservation efforts!

For more history and images, download our *Covenant Presbyterian mini-archive* at: <https://tinyurl.com/CovenantPres>

**WILTON MANORS - HIGHLAND ESTATES**  
**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Announces A New Schedule  
Sunday School  
9:45 - 10:45 A. M.  
Church  
7:30 - 8:30 P. M.  
EVERY SUNDAY  
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES  
HIGHLAND ESTATES  
COMMUNITY HOUSE  
Corner N. E. 5th Avenue & 27th St.  
Everyone Is Invited



(Daily News photo by Phil Weidling)  
**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** is responsible for construction work being done on the new Presbyterian church in Wilton Manors. The church has been adopted as a community project and benefits have been held to raise funds. In addition to this, many of the residents have contributed much of their spare time to actual construction work.

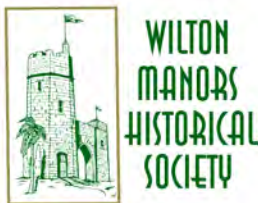




## **Covenant Presbyterian Church *50th Anniversary Scrapbook***

Digitized by WMHS, 2012, from original loaned by New  
Presbyterian Church

Originals returned





*Covenant Presbyterian  
Church*

*January, 1949 – January, 1999*

*"The Almighty will be your gold."  
(Job 22:25)*

## **Covenant Presbyterian Church**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**January 31, 1999**

#### **Prelude**

Sebrena St. John, Pianist

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Pastor Robert A Leuthold

#### **Personal Reflections Growing Up at Covenant**

Pastor Dale Adams

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit  
I Will Call upon the Lord  
Just a Little Talk with Jesus  
Swing Down, Swing Low  
He's Been Faithful*

"Faithful Men"

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Coral Springs

#### **Greetings from the Presbytery**

Daniel J. Domin, Stated Clerk

#### **A letter from Pastor Dan Sulc**

Carl Anthony

#### **\* Great Is Thy Faithfulness - #43**

The Congregation

#### **Personal Reflections**

Pastor Tom Cook

*Circle of Friends  
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus  
I Need Thee Every Hour*

"Remembrance"

Covenant Presbyterian Church

#### **A letter from Pastor Bill Frisbee**

Carl Anthony

#### **Personal Reflections How Great Thou Art**

Pastor Russ Toms

#### **Closing Remarks**

Pastor Leuthold

#### **\*Blest Be the Tie that Binds - #286**

The Congregation

#### **Postlude**

The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church wants to thank everyone who came to share this day with us, and especially those who gave a part of their life to building and preserving this congregation for fifty years.

Thanks to Daniel Domin, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Southern Florida, to Pastors Russ Toms, Tom Cook and Dale Adams for sharing their thoughts with us on this occasion. Thanks are also due Pastors Bill Frisbee and Dan Sulc for blessing us by letter, when they could not be here in person.

Thanks to "Faithful Men" for sharing their beautiful harmonies with us.

Thanks to our Pastor, Bob Leuthold, to our Elders, Carl Anthony, Ron Benoit and Gene Douglas, and to our Deacons, John Maynard, George Nimah and Rene Noël for their work on our behalf. We are grateful for the faithfulness of all those who served as pastors, elders and deacons over the past half century.

Most of all, we give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, who has called us into fellowship with Himself and with each other. We pray that He would bring honor and glory to His name through this congregation.

Robert A Leuthold, Pastor

Session

Carl H. Anthony  
Ronald J. Benoit, Sr., Clerk  
H. Gene Douglas, II

Diaconate

John Maynard  
Fahim Nimah  
René Noël, Chairman

Missionaries Supported by Covenant

Brenda Behrend (Mexico)  
Richard Dye (Mexico)  
Tom Hudson (Portugal)  
Eric Tucker (Mexico)  
Don Williams (Ecuador)

Weekly Worship and Activities:

SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. – Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. – Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. – Portuguese Language Service

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. – Covenant Kids (ages 4-12)  
7:00 p.m. – Middle School and Senior High Youth  
Groups

# *Covenant Presbyterian Church*



512 N. E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wilton Manors, Florida 33305  
954-563-5784

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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

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*Gathering to worship . . .*



*When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."*

Rev. 1:17-20 (NIV)

January 31, 1999      10:45 a.m.  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Prelude  
Medley of Praise  
Sebrena St. John, Pianist

*Enter into His [outer] courts with praise . . .*

\*Psalm 24  
The Rev. Robert A Leuthold

\*Prayer of Invocation  
The Rev. Thomas A. Cook, Sr.

Welcome & Announcements  
Pastor Leuthold

\* Excelling in the Grace of Giving  
Offertory Prayer  
Carl H. Anthony, Elder

Offertory  
Blessed Assurance  
Sebrena St. John

\*Doxology  
The Congregation

\*Singing of the Faithfulness of the Lord  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - #8  
Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him - #9  
The Congregation

*Enter into His presence with awe . . .*

\*The Apostles' Creed  
The Congregation

\*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord - #280  
The Congregation

Personal Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer  
Pastor Leuthold

Amazing Grace  
The Rev. Russell D. Toms

Revelation 1:9-20  
A TIMELESS VISION OF THE CHURCH  
The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Gerstner

\*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven - #3, v. 1, 2  
The Congregation

\*Benediction  
Pastor Joabe Andrade  
Pastor Salmice Alcime (Creole)

Postlude  
Sebrena St. John

\*Congregation standing.  
(Please feel free to sit if standing becomes uncomfortable.)

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### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

### Announcements

The Covenant Presbyterian Church family is honored and blessed to have so many good friends with us to celebrate this very special day in the life of our congregation.

We want to extend a special welcome and thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Gerstner, Professor of Church History and Apologetics at Knox Theological Seminary, who brings our message this morning.

We are also very grateful to have Pastor Russell Toms, and his wife, Eunice, here this morning. Pastor Toms was Covenant's first pastor, and this congregation has been blessed through the years by their love and prayerful support.

Welcome also to Pastor Tom Cook and his wife, Nell Dean. Pastor Tom served Covenant as a ruling elder before he entered the ministry, while Nell Dean ably directed our choir. It is our pleasure to see them here today.

We are also pleased to have Pastor Joabe Andrade and his wife Amy with us. Pastor Joabe has been shepherding the Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira, a congregation begun under MNA which has been part of our church family for the past four years.

We also welcome Pastor Salmice Alcime and his wife, Solice of Eglise Maranatha Crist Revient, and the members of his congregation who came this morning to share our joy on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Next Sunday, February 7, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service.

We now have a new address for Ruy, Cindy and Katie Brandao, who arrived safely in Washington. You can write them at: 938 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N. E., Apt. D-511, Bellevue, WA 98004. Their phone number is: (425) 201-5647.

The flowers on the communion table this morning were given by Kitty High in memory of Joe High.

Special thanks to Joanne Zuffelato of "The Posie Patch" florist for her generosity to us in providing the floral arrangements that beautify our Sanctuary each week.



Robert A Leuthold, Pastor  
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ST. JOHNS PRESBYTERY

SYNOD OF FLORIDA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S.

OFFICE OF S. C. AND TREAS.

Oct. 28, 1948

PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

COVENANT CHURCH  
R L W  
9/8/63

Rev. Ryan L. Wood  
318 Cranesnest Way  
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Ryan:

You have been appointed by the Presbytery on a Commission to consider the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Ft. Lauderdale and if the way be clear, to perfect the organization. Rev. Ryan L. Wood, Pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church at West Palm Beach is the Chairman of this Commission and he will inform you of the date the Commission will meet to perform the appointed duty.

Will you please notify Mr. Nixen. The moderator did not give me either his initials or his address.

I regret that he did not name on this commission some representative of the Home Mission Committee as this group is asking certain Home Mission aid as soon as organized but I presume our good friend John just happened to overlook that. Please let me know the action of this Commission as soon as any is taken. When organized you can inform them that the Home Mission Committee will be glad to cooperate in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

*A. R. Larrick*

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ARL/es

*Glad to have seen you at S B.*

Lester Florrid  
CLERK OF SESSION

R. J. McCann  
CHAIRMAN OF DIACONATE

## Bethany Presbyterian Church

CHURCH PHONE  
2979

800 SOUTH FEDERAL HIGHWAY

MANSE PHONE  
1110

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., Minister

December 2, 1948

Dear

On Thursday evening, December 9th, at 7:30 there will be a special meeting in the Highland Estates Community House for the purpose of completing plans for the organization of a Presbyterian Church in the Highland Estates and Wilton Manor area.

All who are interested in becoming charter members of this Church, both adults and young people, are most urgently requested to be present. Plans are being laid and will be presented with regard to the future program of the Church. There will be an election of officers and the Church organization will be set up looking to a definite date for the final charter to be presented by the Presbytery.

It is our prayer that the people of the community will give themselves to this all-important work. The Bethany Church and the Presbytery begs their whole-hearted support in both financial and spiritual contributions. Please make your plans now to be present and pray earnestly that God will bless the work. If you are a Christian, you are eligible to become a charter member of this work, regardless of past affiliations.

Yours in Christ!

Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr.

HLL:M



**WILTON MANORS - HIGHLAND ESTATES  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Announces A New Schedule**

**Sunday School  
9:45 - 10:45 A. M.**

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**Church  
7:30 - 8:30 P. M.**

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**EVERY SUNDAY  
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

**HIGHLAND ESTATES  
COMMUNITY HOUSE  
Corner N. E. 8th Avenue & 27th St.**

**Everyone Is Invited**

*Distributed to each home in  
Highland Estates*

*July 1978*

## Highland Estates Will Open New Church May 16

Sunday, May 16th, is the opening date for the newly organized Church and Sunday school at the Highland Estates Community House. Residents of Highland Estates, Wilton Manors, and neighboring communities and trailer camps are cordially invited to attend, plan for, and help promote this Christian work.

Although sponsored at present by the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale, the teachers and officers are citizens of Highland Estates and Wilton Manors, and it is believed that a well organized church will be the outcome of the new venture in the future.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the following teachers: Mrs. Dorothy Murray, Miss Gloria Milledge, Mrs. Sarah Perrigo, Mrs. Barbara Williams, Mrs. Ruth Grantland, Mrs. Sylvia Anderson, Mrs. Edward Umber and Mrs. Robert Taylor. Church service will be held at 5:00 p.m. with the Rev. H. L. Love, Jr. preaching.

It is the aim of the sponsoring church to assist in providing church and Sunday school services that will be of interest and help to all who attend, a program for the whole community that will be Christian and not denominational in emphasis. Your prayers and cooperation are solicited to help make this work a real blessing to the communities served.

Many of the men in Highland Estates have worked nights during this week, making every effort to have the Community House completed for the first service on Sunday, and the community as a whole is appreciative of their work and interest.



Wilton Manors - Highland Estates  
BETHANY'S OUTPOST (Ft. Lauderdale)  
REV. H. L. LOVE, Minister

*September 1948*

## New Choir Group Now Organizing

Children between the ages of 6 and 11 are invited to join a new choir group now being organized at the Highland Estates Community Church. The choir will meet for practice each Friday at 3 p.m. at the Community House, under the joint sponsorship of Mrs. R. G. Perrigo and Betty Jo Evans.

*1948*

## Church Site Sought By New Group

Highland Estates, Wilton Manors Are Planning Permanent Church in Area.

Petitions are now being circulated in Highland Estates and Wilton Manors to secure signatures of residents to become charter members of a Presbyterian church in that area.

The group first organized in May of this year, holding their initial meeting at the Highland Estates Civic Club house. Sixty-four residents of the two towns were present, and approximately the same number have attended services at the Community Church since that time.

An evening worship is conducted each Sunday night by the Rev. L. Love of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale. Sunday school services are held each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for children of all age groups. Mrs. Edward French is in charge of the beginner's group; Mrs. R. G. Perrigo, primary; Mrs. H. M. Sharpe, juniors; Mrs. Ruth Grantland, intermediates, and Miss Ann Wilmarth, adults. R. G. Perrigo is the Sunday school superintendent.

Since the first meeting last May, two choir groups have also been organized within the church. The Songsters, who are directed by Mrs. Connie Erickson with Mrs. Ed Umber at the piano, is for children in the 11 to 17 age group. The Sun Beams, consisting of children from 6 to 11 years, is sponsored by Mrs. R. G. Perrigo and Miss Betty Jo Evans.

Another addition since the inauguration of services is the evening prayer service, which started on Sept. 9th, and is conducted by the Rev. Love every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

As the petitions are being circulated, members are also seeking a suitable site, centrally located between the two towns, for the new church which they hope to build in the near future.

*November 1948*

*May, 1948*



### Program of Progress Quota and Results For New Members 1947-48

Church	Quota Rec'd	On Confession	By Letter	Total	Per-centage
Apopka	4	9	13		
Apopka	R	5	3	8	61.5
Arcadia	9	17	26		
Arcadia First	R	9	13	22	84.6
Astor	1	3	4		
Astor	R	0	4	4	100.0
Bartow	12	22	34		
Bartow First	R	15	10	25	73.5
Bee Ridge	1	3	4		
Bee Ridge	R	0	0	0	0.0
Belle Glade	11	59	70		
Belle Glade	R	11	59	70	100.0
Bradenton	25	49	74		
Bradenton First	R	30	116	146	197.2
Brooksville	6	11	17		
Brooksville First	R	3	8	11	64.7
Bushnell	1	3	4		
Bushnell	R	0	0	0	0.0
Clearwater	43	85	128		
Clearwater	R	37	110	147	114.8
Clearwater	2	4	6		
Bethel	R	0	1	1	16.7
Coral Gables	19	73	92		
Coral Gables	R	19	73	92	100.0
Dade City	5	9	14		
Dade City First	R	7	3	10	71.4
Daytona	26	51	77		
Daytona Beach	R	19	123	142	184.4
DeLand	14	27	41		
DeLand First	R	32	87	119	290.2
Dunedin	17	33	50		
Dunedin First	R	18	49	67	134.0
St. Lauderdale	13	24	37		
Bethany	R	58	85	143	386.4
Ft. Meade	2	5	7		
Ft. Meade First	R	5	1	6	85.7
Frostproof	4	7	11		
Frostproof	R	4	6	10	90.9
Haines City	6	11	17		
Haines City	R	6	4	10	58.8
Hollywood	19	39	58		
Hollywood First	R	24	80	104	179.3
Homestead	15	31	46		
Homestead	R	23	24	47	102.1
Inverness	2	5	7		
Inverness	R	0	5	5	71.4
Key West	7	12	19		
Key West First	R	24	26	50	263.1
Lakeland	39	77	116		
Lakeland First	R	27	96	123	106.0
Lake Hamilton	6	12	18		
Lake Hamilton First	R	0	0	0	0.0
Leesburg	14	29	43		
Leesburg	R	27	38	65	151.1
Lutz	1	3	4		
Lutz First	R	4	23	27	675.0
Maitland	4	7	11		
Maitland First	R	0	2	2	18.2
Miami	3	6	9		
Miami	R	32	40	72	800.0
Miami	12	25	37		
St. John's	R	33	32	65	175.6
Miami	7	12	19		
Miami	R	43	90	133	700.0
Miami	70	139	209		
Shenandoah	R	99	139	238	113.7
Miami	40	78	118		
Miami	R	60	83	143	121.2
Miami	18	34	52		
Northeast	R	42	86	128	246.1
Miami	6	10	16		
Alta Vista	R	26	15	41	256.2
Miami Beach	12	23	35		
Miami Beach First	R	1	23	24	68.6
Miami Springs	20	41	61		
Miami Springs First	R	32	56	88	142.3
Mulberry	1	3	4		
Mulberry	R	0	0	0	0.0



Sunday School and new Education Building,  
Alta Vista Church, Miami, Rev. E. H. Perkins,  
Minister

Oakland	Q	8	15	23	
Oakland	R	2	17	19	82.6
Orlando	Q	106	213	319	
Orlando First	R	56	220	276	86.5
Orlando	Q	57	114	171	
Park Lake	R	56	179	235	137.4
Orlando	Q	9	17	26	
Calvary	R	11	12	23	88.5
Orlando	Q	7	5	12	
Grace Covenant	R	6	10	16	100.0
Palmetto	Q	12	16	28	
Palmetto	R	17	35	52	112.5
Plant City	Q	26	27	53	
Plant City	R	2	3	5	101.9
Safety Harbor	Q	0	1	1	
Safety Harbor	R	0	1	1	20.0
Sanford	Q	51	100	151	
Sanford First	R	33	42	75	49.7
Sarasota	Q	32	60	92	
Sarasota First	R	34	80	114	123.9
Seffner	Q	6	10	16	
Hillsboro Central	R	6	16	22	137.5
St. Petersburg	Q	20	36	56	
Central	R	17	33	50	89.3
St. Petersburg	Q	89	177	266	
St. Petersburg	R	52	187	249	93.6
St. Petersburg	Q	10	21	31	
Woodlawn	R	22	23	45	145.2
Sebring	Q	9	17	26	
Sebring First	R	10	42	52	200.0
Tampa	Q	37	70	107	
Hyde Park	R	67	83	150	140.2
Tampa	Q	83	165	248	
Tampa First	R	38	118	156	62.9
Tampa	Q	11	21	32	
Seminole	R	30	17	47	146.8
Tampa	Q	29	56	85	
Palma Ceia	R	72	198	270	317.6
Tampa	Q	12	22	34	
Ybor City	R	36	2	38	111.7
Tampa	Q	12	23	35	
Tampa Heights	R	17	20	37	105.7
Tampa	Q	8	70	78	100.0
Umatilla	R	6	10	16	
First	R	2	1	3	18.7
Umatilla	Q	6	10	16	
First	R	3	4	7	43.8
Wauchula	Q	7	12	19	
First	R	9	12	21	110.5
West Palm Beach	Q	27	53	80	
Memorial	R	43	147	190	237.5
Wildwood	Q	3	5	8	
Wildwood	R	0	5	5	62.5
Presbytery	Q	1142	2234	3376	
Presbytery	R	1464	3200	4664	138.1
Churches exceeding quota both items				28	
Churches exceed. qta. 1 item but tot. over				11	

Churches exceed. q. 1 item but not tot. over 14 39  
Churches failed both items 13 27

*This Issue is Dedicated to the Program of Progress*

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No. 1

ST. JOHNS PRESBYTERY  
PUBLISHED BY THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dr. P. D. Miller in his book pointed out the Divine order for missionary advance in these words, "Take Jerusalem for God, and from there witness in Judea. Through Judea reach Samaria, and from thence take the ends of the earth for our Lord."

Our has been a Home Mission nation from its very beginning; from the Atlantic seaboard the early missionary turned west and planted the Christian church as he journeyed, until the vast continent of North America was at last covered with churches.

Home Missions is basic in the life of the Church, for we plant new churches, develop them into producing churches, all the other great causes of the church prosper. That has been the story in St. Johns Presbytery, and it is the story everywhere. In 1905 the Presbytery with twenty-five churches and fifteen hundred members gave to all the benevolent causes of the church \$2966; ten years later the Presbytery had grown to 41 churches with 3416 members, and they gave to all the benevolent causes \$16,498; after another ten years the Presbytery had grown to 50 churches with a

membership of 7733, and the contributions to the benevolent causes had risen to \$78,501.

Last year we reported 66 churches with a total membership of 23,331, and the gifts to the benevolent causes amounted to \$266,283.00. That story can be duplicated in practically every Presbytery of the Church, so the inevitable conclusion is that we should plant new churches, grow them into strong self supporting, producing churches for the sake of the whole work of the church. To do this of course means that we must support liberally Presbyterial Home Missions.

Just now your Committee knows of a number of promising places where Churches could be organized and developed into strong churches in a very short while. We are hindered only by a lack of sufficient money to help build chapels and churches, and places pastors to work in these fields. So the imperative call to the church in the days ahead of us is to give more generously to Home Missions; to pray for Home Missions; to strive and serve so that the whole work of the whole church may prosper more.



Wilton Manors - Highland Estates  
BETHANY'S OUTPOST (Ft. Lauderdale)  
REV. H. L. LOVE, Minister



North Tampa breaking dirt for their first unit. Rev. G. H. Cook, Minister.



## HIGHEST TEN CHURCHES

### Program of Progress 1947-48

	Percentage of Quota	Members Added
1. LeJeune, Miami	800.0%	72
2. Riviera, Miami	700.0%	133
3. Tins Memorial, Lutz	675.0%	27
4. Bethany, Ft. Lauderdale	386.1%	81
5. Palma Ceta, Tampa	317.3%	270
6. First, Deland	290.2%	119
7. First, Key West	263.1%	50
8. Alta Vista, Miami	256.3%	23
9. Northeast, Miami	246.1%	86
10. Memorial, West Palm Beach	237.5%	190

	Members Added	Quota Percentage
1. First, Orlando	276	86.5%
2. Palma Ceta, Tampa	270	317.1%
3. First, St. Petersburg	249	93.6%
4. Shenandoah, Miami	238	113.9%
5. Park Lake, Orlando	235	137.4%
6. Memorial, West Palm Beach	190	237.5%
7. First, Tampa	156	62.9%
8. Hyde Park, Tampa	150	140.2%
9. Westminster, Miami	143	111.2%
10. Riviera, Miami	133	700.0%

## SAMPLE LETTER TO EACH PASTOR

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

At the Spring meeting of Presbytery this year, Mr. J. V. Vernam, Jr., of Miami, Mr. T. A. Mitchell, of Daytona Beach, and I were appointed as Presbytery's committee on the Program of Progress, with instructions to aid and assist in any way we can in the promotion of the Program of Progress in St. John's Presbytery. The Upper East Coast and Central Florida has been assigned to Mr. Mitchell, the lower East Coast and South Florida to Mr. Vernam, and I have accepted the West Coast.

The plan book for the Program of Progress has been mailed to you and the Clerk of Session. I assume you are familiar with this program, and that your Church has the matter in mind, and that they have been informed of the request that this plan makes.

In order that the Presbytery's committee may function and have a good report to make in the Fall, I would appreciate it very much if you will advise me:

1. If your Church has been fully advised of the Program of Progress.
2. If your Church has adopted the plan suggested, and have a Program of Progress Committee within your Church.
3. If your Church has approved and adopted its quota both financial and otherwise.
4. What progress has been made on your five year program.

I have not been able to find out just what was accomplished during the previous year by the Presbytery's committee or by the individual Churches. I shall have to depend upon what the various Churches advise me, and what information I am able to get from Atlanta.

If you have read the plan book of the Program of Progress, I am sure you will be impressed with the urgency of this program. It



Wildwood's \$7,000.00 Education Building nearing completion. Rev. Terry Peterson Minister.

is an official program of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. It has been adopted by the General Assembly, and approved by the Presbytery. It is, therefore, entitled to our earnest and serious consideration and it is the hope of the Assembly and the Presbytery that the Program will be adopted and approved by each individual Church.

From such Churches as have adopted the plan, almost miraculous results have been obtained. The Churches have been strengthened spiritually, numerically, and financially. The Pastor's work has been much more fruitful, and the Kingdom of God has been definitely advanced. We cannot afford to neglect this opportunity or ignore the soul stirring challenge that exists under present World conditions.

For your information, your membership quota last year was 37 additions on confession, 70 by letter, making a total of 107. Your actual additions were 67 by confession, 83 by letter, making a total of 150, or 140.2 per cent. Where Visitation Evangelism was employed, every Church went beyond its quota. St. John Presbytery made 138 per cent of its total quota.

I do not have the figures on the results of the financial quotas. Under this plan, the askings from the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church of Tampa, for the five year period is \$12,109, proportioned as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$6,308
Home Missions	2,408
War Relief	640
Religious Education and Pub.	803
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,147
Assembly's Training School	401
Negro Work	401

These contributions are in addition to your regular benevolent budget. The plan book suggests various means by which this may be raised. One that seems popular is that one-fifth of this amount be added to your annual benevolent budget and covered in your every member canvas.

If you do not have sufficient literature on the Program of Progress, kindly advise me, and

I will see that you receive ample supply. If you wish to have a special speaker to present this matter to your Church, this can be arranged, or the writer will be willing to visit you some week day to meet with the officers of your Church and go over the plan with you.

The Program of Progress has already been under way one year. We should use every effort to make the rest of the four years remaining as successful as possible. The Program has been carefully studied from every viewpoint, and it is the considered opinion of the Assembly and Presbytery that this program is a minimum that the Churches should undertake to perform.

Please let me hear from you as early as possible, as to what the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, of Tampa, will do toward this matter.

Cordially yours,

J. G. ANDERSON, Jr., Chairman  
Program of Progress Committee St.  
John's Presbytery.  
P. O. Box 404,  
Tampa 1, Florida

Synods & Presbyteries	Total Membership 1947	Quota	No. Rec'd	Net Gain	No. Members per each profession
1. Synod of Ala.	26381	4397	3036	.053	25.5
1. Birmingham	7236	1206	1082	.057	17.8
2. East Alabama	5832	972	869	.090	24.6
3. Mobile	3771	629	312	.020	43.8
4. North Ala.	4868	811	519	.067	28.6
5. Tuscaloosa	4674	779	341	.014	44.1
2. S. of Appalachia	35443	5907	4076	.038	22.3
1. Abingdon	8365	1394	912	.017	17.7
2. Asheville	6021	1004	680	.052	28.4
3. Holston	10181	1697	1136	.025	21.5
4. Knoxville	10876	1813	1368	.049	25.8
3. S. of Arkansas	18173	3029	2082	.042	21.8
1. Arkansas	7863	1311	1023	.040	21.7
2. Ouachita	4975	829	497	.018	21.1
3. Pine Bluff	3641	607	364	.072	22.5
4. Washburn	1694	282	198	.052	19.3
4. S. of Florida	34845	5808	7639	.115	14.5
1. Florida	4880	813	937	.123	10.2
2. St. Johns	20436	3406	4664	.142	14.0
3. Suwannee	9529	1588	1438	.057	20.7
5. S. of Georgia	44800	7477	5145	.037	26.3
1. Athens	3498	583	292	.016	42.7
2. Atlanta	22490	3748	2419	.037	29.4
3. Augusta	3404	567	393	.003	28.6
4. Cherokee	3913	652	539	.057	24.6
5. Macon	4011	669	497	.038	23.6
6. Savannah	3975	663	570	.067	18.7
7. S.W. Georgia	3569	595	435	.062	18.5
8. S. of Kentucky	22513	3752	2109	.013	25.9
1. Guerrant	1473	246	239	.010	9.8
2. Lex. Ebenezer	5023	837	396	.003	26.6
3. Louisville	10740	1790	1102	.021	27.1
4. Muhlenburg	2613	436	220	.024	27.8
5. Transylvania	2664	444	152	.011	34.6
7. S. of Louisiana	20949	3493	2257	.020	28.7
1. Louisiana	5433	906	708	.029	25.3
2. New Orleans	8454	1609	726	.019	31.3
3. Red River	7062	1177	823	.050	29.2
8. S. of Mississippi	26999	4500	2579	.022	28.2
1. Cen. of Miss.	9639	1607	1043	.025	30.4
2. F. Miss.	4619	770	409	.049	30.2
3. Meridian	6163	1027	572	.014	26.2
4. Mississippi	2974	496	304	.053	20.7
5. N. Mississippi	3604	601	251	.031	35.0
9. S. of Missouri	19811	3292	2363	.087	20.0
1. Missouri	2671	445	257	.006	23.0
2. West. Miss.	2575	593	190	.046	55.5
3. Potomac	2761	417	269	.058	16.1



Grace Covenant Church, (Orlando) Daily Vacation Bible School. Rev. Jack Powell, Minister.

4. St. Louis	3949	658	559	.059	21.0
5. Upper Missouri	7135	1189	1049	.070	15.1
10. Synod of N. C.	103857	17320	10090	.036	25.6
1. Albemarle	6268	1045	765	.042	16.7
2. Concord	13941	2324	977	.019	34.3
3. Fayetteville	14619	2437	1222	.034	25.6
4. Granville	7912	1319	874	.059	25.0
5. Kings Mtn.	7521	1254	537	.021	36.0
6. Mecklenburg	22881	3814	2633	.055	25.5
7. Orange	15326	2554	1378	.027	28.1
8. Wilmington	10062	1677	938	.014	21.0
9. Winston-Salem	5327	888	606	.046	18.9
11. S. of Oklahoma	4368	728	699	.076	11.3
1. Durant	1801	3001	156	.029	22.8
2. Indian	547	91	74	.024	9.3
3. Mangum	2020	337	469	.145	12.5
12. S. of Seedeceor					
Memorial	2390	400	183	.024	18.9
1. Cen. Alabama	610	102	68	.033	16.1
2. Cen. Louisiana	459	77	29	.013	24.2
3. Ethel	363	61	27	.017	15.1
4. N. & S. Carolina	967	161	59	.009	21.0
13. S. of S. C.	45734	7622	4698	.024	27.2
1. Bethel	7224	1204	578	.029	28.0
2. Charleston	3909	652	599	.075	24.2
3. Congaree	5721	954	511	.017	33.7
4. Enoree	8795	1466	1158	.033	23.7
5. Harmony	4836	806	463	.051	21.8
6. Pee Dee	5501	917	583	.047	29.0
7. Piedmont	4115	686	411	.024	28.3
8. S. Carolina	5633	939	385	.039	23.0
14. S. of Tennessee	24918	4153	2244	.021	31.2
1. Columbia	2488	415	146	.006	50.8
2. Memphis	13498	2247	1329	.016	27.8
3. Nashville	8932	1489	769	.034	33.8
15. S. of Texas	70095	11683	9438	.048	22.8
1. Brazos	14910	2485	1795	.045	26.1
2. Cen. Texas	5986	998	651	.055	29.9
3. Dallas	12670	2112	1645	.037	27.4
4. El Paso	4097	683	849	.115	16.7
5. Mid-Texas	8367	1385	1218	.080	20.5
6. Paris	5346	891	446	.037	22.0
7. Tex. Mexican	2749	458	280	.018	13.7
8. Western Tex.	10030	2672	2354	.035	21.2
16. S. of Virginia	86839	14473	8614	.040	25.1
1. E. Hanover	16768	2795	1633	.040	33.3
2. Lexington	15447	2575	1446	.032	23.9
3. Montgomery	15446	2574	1542	.047	22.2
4. Norfolk	12882	2147	1531	.069	21.1
5. Potomac	7810	1302	974	.053	22.5
6. Roanoke	6278	1046	463	.034	32.2
7. W. Hanover	4519	770	315	.009	40.3
8. Winchester	7689	1283	610	.026	19.7
17. S. of W. Vir.	25517	4253	3058	.048	17.1
1. Greenstone	5133	856	614	.041	17.1
2. Greenbrier	6595	1099	642	.046	18.7
3. Kanawha	13789	2298	1802	.051	16.6



ORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE  
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
January 13, 1949

COMMISSION OF PRESBYTERY:

Ministers - Ryan L. Wood, Chairman  
James V. Johnson  
Willis Garrett  
Robert Hess  
H. Lawrence Love, Jr.

Elders - W. E. Nexsen  
H. E. Behrens  
M. R. Frierson

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Prelude	Mrs. Emma Ueber
Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation"	No. 27
Invocation And The Lord's Prayer	
Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr.	
Hymn - "Trust And Obey"	No. 136
Scripture Lesson and Prayer	
Rev. Robert Hess	
Special Music - The Children's Choir	
Directed by Mrs. Constance Ericson	
Sermon	Rev. Willis Garrett
Organization of Covenant Presbyterian Church	
Rev. Ryan L. Wood	
Charge To The Congregation	
Dr. James V. Johnson	
Hymn - "Blest Be The Tie"	No. 18
Prayer and Benediction	
Rev. Ryan L. Wood	

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Everyone is invited to remain after the services for  
a time of refreshment and fellowship.

January 13th, the Commission of Presbytery, composed of the following ministers: Ryan L. Wood, Chairman, James V. Johnson, Willis Garrett, Robert Hess and H. Lawrence Love, Jr., besides elders H. E. Behrens and Mr. M. R. Frierson, met at Highland Estates and organized the new Church at which time the name, Covenant Presbyterian Church, was adopted unanimously. Thirty-one charter members were received and others joining within the next thirty days will be considered charter members.

# **EASTER SERVICES**

## **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN**

**900 N. E. 8th Avenue**

**Sunday, April 17, - 9:30 A. M.**

**Sermon by Rev. Larry Love**

**Sunday School, - 10:15 A. M.**

**Services Every Sunday**

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## **BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN**

**800 S. E. 6th Avenue**

**Sunday, April 17, - 11:00 A. M.**

**Sermon by Rev. Larry Love**

**Sunday, April 17, - 7:30 P. M.**

**Cantata - "The King Immortal" by  
"The Youth Choir"**

**Mrs. C. Ericson. Director**

**SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE 7:30**

**APRIL 17, 1949**

The combined Choirs of Covenant and Bethany Presbyterian Churches, under the direction of Mrs. Constance Ericson, will present this evening the Cantata, "The King Immortal," by Valeria H. Lehman.



HIGHLAND ESTATES CIVIC CLUB, Inc.

N. E. 8TH AVENUE AT 28TH STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

CARBON COPY

Sept. 24, 1949

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
c/o Mr. Edward French, Pres.  
R.R. 3 - Highland Estates  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Dear Sir:

I was advised at the last monthly meeting of our Civic Club to notify the Church Session concerning the amount to be asked for rental of the club house for the Church. The amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) was voted as suitable.

We trust this meets with your approval and would appreciate an acknowledgement of this letter.

Respectfully,

Mrs. L. Shelby  
Secretary.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HIGHLAND ESTATES- WILTON MANOR  
FORT LAUDERDALE ----- FLORIDA

Oct. ~~10~~, 1949

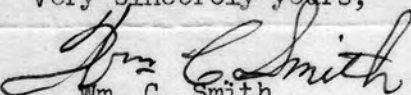
Mrs. L. Shelby,  
Secretary, Highland Estates Civic Club,  
City

Dear Mrs. Shelby:

In reply to your letter dated Sept. 24, 1949, in which you requested that the church contribute the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) monthly toward the operating expenses of the building, please be advised that the church board met last Sunday and approved the payment of this amount.

The Board also requested me to express our appreciation to your club for the friendly co-operation and generosity in permitting our organization to enjoy the use of your building. Your assistance has meant a great deal to this church, when it was most sorely needed, and we hope that we ~~can~~ continue to work together for the best interests of this community. If there is any way in which we, as individuals, or as a church, can help your organization at any time we hope you will feel free to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Wm. C. Smith  
Secretary.



## WALLS TO DIRECT MUSIC AT REVIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall of Cookeville, Tenn., will direct the music during a two weeks' revival beginning Sunday at the Covenant Presbyterian church.

The Walls, said the pastor, the Rev. David H. Martin, "still believe in the old-fashioned do-re-mi singing school."

The revival will continue through Nov. 19.



(Daily News photo by Steve Cresce)

**COVENANT CHOIR** — Special music by the choir of the Covenant Presbyterian church of Highland Estates will be part of the nightly evangelistic services to be held there during the next two weeks, starting tonight. In the front row, left to right, are Ada Johnson, Sharon Shelby, Triva Grantland, Betty Jo Evans, Patsy Dorman, Patsy Hendrick, Patricia Rothrock. Second row: Mrs. James L. Whyte, director; Myra Grantland, Mrs. Richard Mason, Dee Bourne, Nora Evans, Joan Rothrock, Mrs. A. B. Grantland. Third row: Mrs. E. Umber, Mac Sharpe, Bill Smith, Bill Depew. The Rev. H. Lawrence Love will preach at the services. The Rev. David Martin is the pastor.

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*after a W.O.C. meeting*

## NEVER A DULL SUNDAY

### at Covenant Presbyterian Church WILTON MANOR

"THE FRIENDLY BIBLE CHURCH"

#### SPECIAL FEATURES THIS MONTH:

OCT. 23—Rev. Gordon Baker, Miami, Director Child Evangelism, State of Florida. Missionary under appointment to Brazil.

OCT. 30—Rev. Elmore L. Baten, Nationally known radio speaker, author, publisher, evangelist.

NOV. 12-18—Rev. Richard Harvey, St. Louis, Mo., Nationally known Bible lecturer, Vice President Youth for Christ International, Dynamic Youth Speaker.

ALTERNATE SUNDAY EVENINGS—SINGSPIRATION SERVICES—Special music, songfest, and refreshments following evening services. THIS MONTH our pastor, Rev. Phillips, will be preaching and teaching on the subject, "CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS."

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US THIS SUNDAY???

Services: Sunday 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

225 Emory Ave., Orlando, Fla., *May 27, 1949*

RECEIVED FROM *Covenant Presby. Ch.,  
St. Lauderdale, Fla.* \$ *30.22*

which has been credited to the following:

Foreign Missions	22 %	<i>6.80</i>
Assembly Home Missions	9%	<i>2.85</i>
Presbyterial Home Missions	34 %	<i>10.20</i>
Christian Ed.—Min. Relief	5 %	<i>1.50</i>
Religious Education	1%	<i>.45</i>
Bible Cause	%	<i>.15</i>
Thornwell Orphanage	7%	<i>2.25</i>
Student Work at State Col.	<i>5.6 %</i>	<i>1.65</i>
Synod's Com. of Rel. Ed.	2%	<i>.75</i>
Davidson College	%	<i>.15</i>
Columbia Theol. Seminary	3 %	<i>.90</i>
Assembly's Training School	1%	<i>.53</i>
Radio, War Relief, Evang.	2 %	<i>.60</i>
Pres. Com. of Rel. Ed.	1%	<i>.45</i>
Defense Service Dep't.	%	<i>.08</i>
Negro Work	2 %	<i>.60</i>
Montreat	%	<i>.15</i>
<i>Christian Relations</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>.08</i>
<i>Supra. Promotional Com</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>.08</i>

\$ *30.22*

*Thank you.*

Benev. Treas. St. Johns Presbytery

*John A. Frachlich*

*First year Benevolences*

*From Bill Iverson, Student  
pastor for the summer upon  
returning to Columbia  
Seminary September, 1949.*

Columbia Seminary  
Decatur, Georgia  
September 14, 1949

Covenant Presbyterian Church:  
Mt. Lencoxdale, Fla.

Dearest Folks,

It has been a lonely  
10 days since I left you  
all. At intervals I'm gripped  
with nostalgia, homesickness, whenever I think  
of Covenant Church. I have  
never had my heart won over  
to folks as has been the  
case with you all. I sure do  
look forward to seeing you  
again, and discovering the spiritual  
growth of our folks, and also  
the increased numbers.

Our Lord Jesus said He would  
build His Church on the solid,



trusting faith in Him, and certainly that Rock is the foundation Covenant has. With that in mind, I sure have hopes of seeing a mighty church grow and flourish among you.

I have not received word concerning the choosing of a pastor. It seemed that the Lord providentially presented circumstances so as to indicate Rev. Preston Phillips as the one you should call. His sincerity and grace certainly won me, and he is one completely fundamented in his faith, and surrendered to Christ and the

message of his Gospel. Now we are fallible indeed, but God can certainly convict us of His will if we seek Him believing. As His children, He will direct His church in every way - "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Let me give you a note of hope concerning our Southern Presbyterian Church. We have the largest class in the history of the seminary. The boys & men are those who almost without exception are on fire & preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Four years ago, half the boys were dead, complacent, socializing ministerial candidates. We are

on the brink of a real revival  
 I'm sure. Pray for these men  
 and that the Lord will truly  
 plant the seeds for a tremendous  
 revival.

I sure miss the young  
 folks of our church, and the  
 children. They are so full of life  
 and growing in every way. Inci-  
 dentally, in one sense, it'd be better  
 if you prevent Mack from grow-  
 ing much more. Doors are only  
 so big. I urge you older folks  
 to take interest, energy, and time  
 concerning such as these, for they  
 are the hope of the church - and  
 the life.

Am sure you will soon be  
 going forward materially in the  
 building of the church & Sunday  
 School.



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I wonder if our elders and deacons are getting out to prayer meeting. What a job that is! I feel sorry for the man that has that job. Also, if we want to make sure our elders and deacons live out the next year, make sure they travel with French, Rothrock or even Perrigo. If they travel with Smith it means sudden death. He keeps thinking that car is a motorcycle and goes on two wheels. Something ought to be done to let him know that that isn't an airplane he flies.

(6)

I must close now. I am in the depths of work and study now. Guess you can't imagine me at work. Yet I have a burning desire to prepare myself completely to preach and teach concerning our Saviour.

Support your minister with prayer, and put legs on those prayers.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Your brother in Christ,  
Bill Swenson

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APRIL 17, 1949

PRESBYTERY. The Pastor and Mr. Sam Jaquinta will attend Presbytery, which convenes at Lakeland on Tuesday afternoon.

ATTENDED ALSO

April 17, 1949

APRIL 28, 1949

The members of the Covenant Presbyterian Church have found suitable lots on N. E. 36th Street for the erection of their new Church building. If it be the Lord's will, we will continue on with this work. We thank God that this movement has brought great blessing. And we thank God that we have a new sense of responsibility. We also ask God to grant His personal presence with us in this service.



Organization Meeting W.O.C.



THE REV. PRESTON P. PHILLIPS, JR., formerly pastor of the Everglades Presbyterian church of Belle Glade, has begun his duties as pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian church at Wilton Manors, it was announced today. Reverend Phillips has served as pastor in Florence, S. C., and in Lafayette and Thompson, Ga.

October 1949



## Presbyterians Plan Program

WILTON MANORS—A candlelight Christmas program along with the installation of officers for the new year is planned when the women of Covenant Presbyterian Church meet at 8 p.m. today.

meet at 8 p.m. Friday.

The candle lighting service is an inspiring version of the Christmas message by Ruth Douglas See, well known for her religious publications. Mrs. Luther L. Dameron will act as narrator with Mrs. William Snyder and Mrs. Charles Burton as candle lighters.

Mrs. Howard Sahler will be installed as president of the Women of the church by Dr. Charles G. McClure, pastor.

Other officers installed will be Mrs. Stan Robson, vice-president; Mrs. Sidney Wright, historian; Mrs. Harry Deiderich, world mission chairman; Mrs. Gene Peterson, christian education; Cloyd Bols, spiritual growth, and Mrs. Paul Clark general fund chairman.

*December 14, 1956*

## Presbyterians Hear Address By Missionary

WILTON MANORS — "We Each Have A Part" was the subject chosen by Mrs. Vernon Crawford, former missionary to the Orient for her talk to the Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The speaker, wife of the assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, spent 12 years in the Mission fields.

As she discussed the missionary work abroad she pointed on a world map where the missionaries are now and where the field is open.

She stressed the need in the areas of French Indo China, Taiwan (formerly Formosa), and Burma where the Chinese who have fled the Communists have gone. These people are in dire need of everything, she said. Compared to the heavy population there is a low percentage of Christians among them, Mrs. Crawford added.

She strongly emphasizes that world missions offers a challenge to everyone in this country do his part at home. Although there is a turn toward the churches during recent year, the need is still great, she said.

The eyes of the world are on America, she stated.

It is hard for the peoples in foreign places to accept the message of God's love when news pours into their countries about our racial problems and strife, she added.

A covered dish luncheon followed the business meeting and lecture.

*November 24, 1956*

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAL

APRIL 21 - 22, 1949

*Mrs E. Amber*

*Lt. Sandersdale*

*Covenant Pres. Ch.*

*Our first Presbyterial  
meeting. 3 ladies  
attended*

## Childs Robinson Church Speaker

Dr. Childs Robinson, professor of history at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., will address the congregation of the Covington Presbyterian Church, 516 NE 26th St., at the 8:30 a.m. service Sunday.

Dr. Charles McClure, pastor, will speak at the 9:45 and 11 a.m. services.

A Christmas pageant will be presented by the congregation that night at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

*December 22, 1956*

The Men of the Church held their first dinner Monday, October 9th, 1950. It was agreed that they will hold them once a month - every third Monday.

*From the original Scrapbook*



*The Sunbeam Choir*



# SESSION'S ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1950

*Covenant* Presbyterian Church of *FT Landford Fla* to *SB S. Amr* Presbytery  
(Post Office) *Address*

Pastor ☐ *Rev Breun P. Phillips* (NAME) *Ministry terminated Jan 15-1950* (St., Box, or R.F.D.) *Karpman* (Post Office)

Stated Supply ☒ *None* (NAME) (St., Box, or R.F.D.) (Post Office)

Temporary Supply ☐ *None* (NAME) (St., Box, or R.F.D.) (Post Office)

Associate Pastor ☐ *None* (NAME) (St., Box, or R.F.D.) (Post Office)

Assistant Pastor ☐ *None* (NAME) (St., Box, or R.F.D.) (Post Office)

Clerk of Session *Victor L. Rothwell* (NAME) *RFD-3-Box 255 FT Landford Fla* (St., Box, or R.F.D.) (Post Office)

Does church own a manse? Yes ☐ No ☒ (A manse owned by a "group" is to be reported **only** by the nearest church.)

If church does not own manse is rent paid by church on pastor's residence? Yes ☒ No ☐

What year was church organized? *January 13-1949* Did church have an Every Member Canvass? Yes ☐ No ☒

Does church participate in Ministers' Annuity Fund? Yes ☒ No ☐

## COMMUNICANTS

Members whose addresses are unknown for two years, or who for two years have not attended or contributed to the church, may, **after diligent effort to locate or re-enlist them**, be retired to a separate roll. Those on this separate or Retired Roll are not to be included in the report. Report all communicant members, including non-resident members who have not been placed on retired roll.

### GAINS

Total reported last year . . . . . *38*

Added on profession of faith . . . . . *6*

Added on certificate or reaffirmation . . . . . *5*

Restored from Retired Roll . . . . .

Total added during year . . . . . *11*

Total communicants on Roll during year . . . . . *49*

### LOSSES

Loss by death . . . . .

Loss by transfer to Retired Roll . . . . .

Dismissed to other churches . . . . .

Total losses during year . . . . . *None*

Net communicants on Roll at end of year . . . . . *49*

## OFFICERS

Elders . . . . . *Three*

Deacons . . . . . *Three*

Does church use Rotary Plan—

For Elders? Yes ☐ No ☒

For Deacons? Yes ☐ No ☒

## BAPTISMS

Adult . . . . . *6*

Infant . . . . . *3*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enrollment (including Cradle Roll, Home Department, and Outposts or Chapels) . . . . . *60*

Number of Outposts or Chapels . . . . . *None*

## FAMILY WORSHIP

Number families having family worship . . . . .

### NOTE TO CLERK OF SESSION:

1. Send this report to the stated clerk of Presbytery . . . . . at . . . . . not later than . . . . .
2. Be sure to record the name of your church on both the upper and lower sections. These are filed in different offices.

(RECORD NEAREST DOLLAR—OMIT CENTS)

1. FOREIGN MISSIONS—Contributions for support or equipment of our denominational Foreign Mission Work . . . . .	\$ 66.18
(Also report here 83% of Birthday Gift)	
2. ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS—Contributions for support or equipment, including mission schools under the supervision of the Assembly's Executive Committee . . . . .	\$ 28.65
3. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF—Contributions to the Assembly's Executive Committee, including the Joy Gift. Report in item 19 dues paid to the Ministers' Annuity Fund . . . . .	\$ 15.00
4. ASSEMBLY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—Contributions to the Assembly's Executive Committee, including the Rally Day offering . . . . .	\$ 3.50
5. ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS . . . . .	\$ 16.50
6. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—Contributions to the American Bible Society . . . . .	\$ 11.26
(Also report here 17% of Birthday Gift)	
7. OTHER ASSEMBLY BENEVOLENCES—Contributions to all other special benevolences authorized by the General Assembly . . . . .	\$ 20.00
Overseas Relief . . . . .	\$
Evangelism . . . . .	\$
Radio Committee . . . . .	\$
Montreat . . . . .	\$
Negro Work . . . . .	\$
Christian Relations . . . . .	\$
Defense Service Department . . . . .	\$
8. SYNOD'S HOME MISSIONS—Contributions to the Home Mission Committee of the Synod . . . . .	\$ 9.50
9. HOMES—Contributions to the Homes for children, and for the aged . . . . .	\$ 22.50
10. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS—Contributions to schools, colleges, and theological seminaries under the control of Synod and Presbytery, including gifts sent to the treasurers of campaign funds by individual members. Do not report here funds sent to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief . . . . .	\$ 10.50
11. PRESBYTERY'S HOME MISSIONS—Contributions to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery . . . . .	\$ 102.00
12. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY—Contributions to Synod's and Presbytery's Committees of Religious Education . . . . .	\$ 7.50
13. OTHER SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY BENEVOLENCES—Contributions to other benevolences authorized by Synod or Presbytery . . . . .	\$ None
Promotional and Administrative . . . . .	\$
Student Work . . . . .	\$
14. CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONS—All funds spent for the operating expense of Outposts or Chapels. Do not report here salary paid an ordained minister . . . . .	\$ None
15. MISCELLANEOUS—All contributions to benevolences not listed above, particularly nondenominational and interdenominational agencies . . . . .	\$ None
16. TOTAL TO BENEVOLENCES (items 1-15) . . . . .	\$ 311.09
17. PASTOR'S SALARY—Salaries actually paid to Pastors, Stated Supplies; and to Temporary Supplies when the church was without a pastor . . . . .	\$ 185.00
ASSOCIATE OR ASSISTANT PASTOR'S SALARY—Salary paid to Associate or Assistant listed above . . . . .	\$ None 1097.87
18. PASTOR'S SALARY PAID INDIRECT—This item will be filled in by the Clerk of the Presbytery, who will report amounts paid from Home Missions, or other agencies, but will not add it to the total \$ . . . . .	
19. CURRENT EXPENSES—All funds spent for the operating expenses of the church, and its organizations, except items 17 and 20. Include presbyterial assessments, pulpit supplies during temporary absence of the pastor, salaries of other than ordained employees, support of the needy, insurance, utilities, minor repairs, Ministers' Annuity Fund dues, contingent fees, expense of delegates to conferences, etc. . . . .	\$ 1079.98
Church proper . . . . .	\$
Sunday School . . . . .	\$
Women of the Church . . . . .	\$
Men's Work . . . . .	\$
Young People's Work . . . . .	\$
Other organizations . . . . .	\$
20. BUILDING EXPENSE—Contributions for major building improvements or building debts should be reported only in the year in which they are received. Such money when paid out should not be reported again. Do not report money borrowed or received from insurance on account of fire loss. . . . .	\$ 2250.-
TOTAL TO LOCAL CHURCH WORK (items 17, 19, 20) . . . . .	\$ 3360.22
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS . . . . .	\$ 7973.07
	\$ 8284.16



COMMUNANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
N.E. 26th. St. at 5th. Ave.,  
Wilton Manors  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

July 23, 1950

Mrs. Lavern Shelby,  
Secretary,  
Highland Estates Civic Club,  
City.

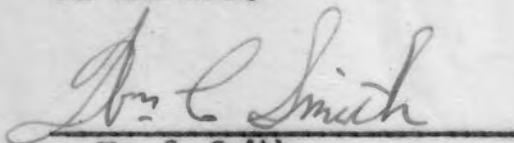
Dear Mrs. Shelby:

As you know, our church recently moved into our new building, and in moving, we felt very much as does an individual who moves from an old home which he has occupied and loved, into new and strange surroundings.... and we just wanted to take this opportunity to extend to you, and through you to the members of your club, the very sincere appreciation which we have for the many courtesies which your club extended to us while we occupied your building.

We are proud of the fact that your organization and our own have worked together so harmoniously for the good of the community, and we hope that your club may continue to grow and prosper and to serve a worthwhile purpose.

We hope too, that in moving out of your building you will not feel that we have moved out of the lives of your members, for our only desire is to continue to serve everyone in all sections of our community, and we pray that we may be bound closer together in brotherly love and understanding, in the Service of the Lord.

Please accept again our thanks for all that your club has done to make our present existence possible, and extend to all of your members our earnest invitation to come and worship with us in our new home.



Wm. C. Smith,  
Secretary,  
Board of Deacons

Sincerely yours,

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David Martin, Pastor



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
5th. AVE. & 26th. ST.,  
WILTON MANORS  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

November 12, 1950

Members of  
Highland Estates Civic Club,  
C/O Mrs. Dan Kingman, Secretary,  
N.E. 8th. Ave. and 26th. St.,  
City.

My Dear Friends:

Because of the fine work which your group and other civic clubs and individuals have done for this church and the community, we would like to designate Sunday, Nov. 26, 1950 as "Civic Day" or "Appreciation Day".... and we would like very much to have as many of your members, as possible, present that day at the morning service in order that we may publicly and personally thank you for what you have done... We hope that you will attend as an entire body, or at least as a representative group.

We have also invited the Civic Club of Wilton Manor, the Woman's Club, The Kiwanis Club and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, as we feel that each of these organizations has a very important place in the life of this community.

We have no wish to divert any one of your members from his or her own church, but we would like to have as many as possible present for this special meeting. We realize and appreciate too, that you are now engaged in a very difficult and strenuous effort to help raise funds to complete our Sunday School rooms. Whatever the results may be, your work will not soon be forgotten and we want you to know that you are all cordially invited to attend any and all of our services. We expect to have an unusually large crowd in attendance on Nov. 26, but we sincerely hope to find your group among those present.

Until then, please accept this letter as a personal expression of my appreciation, and that of the church, for what you have done and are now doing for us.

Yours for the best interests  
of our community,

*David Martin*  
David Martin,  
Pastor.

# New Covenant Church To See First Service

The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian church will hold the first services in the new and still incomplete building in Wilton Manors Sunday, beginning at 9:15 a. m. with a march to the music of hymns from the Highland Estates Community house, where services have been held, to the site of the new structure.

The Rev. David Martin, who accepted the pastorate in May, will conduct the worship at 9:30 a. m., followed by Sunday school at 10:45 a. m. Also on the day's program are a young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m., and at 7:30 p. m. another in a series of daily evangelical services being conducted by the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., of Bethany Presbyterian church.

Only the 200-seat chapel of the new building, located at NE Fifth ave. and 26th st., is near enough to completion to house the services. Ultimately the church, started about a year ago and built by the men of the congregation, will have, in addition, a main auditorium seating 500 persons, eight Sunday school rooms and other facilities. No indebtedness is being made. Construction will advance as funds become available.

The only church in the communities of Wilton Manors and Highland Estates, Covenant began in 1948 as a mission of the Bethany Presbyterian church of Ft. Lauderdale, with Mr. Love holding services in the Highland Estates Community House. It was organized as a church in January, 1949, and plans for a church building laid at once.

William Iverson of Miami, a divinity student, conducted services for a time, and the Rev. Preson P. Phillips served as pastor for about six months until January of this year. Supply ministers thereafter filled the pupil until Mr. Martin was called from Dallas, Texas.

Membership has grown to about 80. Although its form of government is Presbyterian, it was established as a non-denominational church designed to serve the entire community, the pastor stated.

Victor L. Rothrock, Clarence G. Sills and Robert G. Perrigo are the elders; Richard S. Mason, William C. Smith and Edward R. French the deacons.

Mrs. Constance Erickson is music director, supervising a choir of some 25 voices. Don Wall and Mrs. Emma Umber are pianists.

Weekday services will be choir practice each Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., and Bible study and prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

## Covenant Presbyterian Church To Hear Missionary Sunday

William F. Walker, missionary who has served for eight years in Guatemala, will speak Sunday at the 7:30 p.m. service of the Covenant Presbyterian church, which recently moved into its new sanctuary at NE Fifth ave. and 26th st. Motion pictures of Guatemalan native life will accompany the address. The church is placing

special emphasis on missions, the pastor, the Rev. David Martin, explained. During the past month it has had five visiting missionaries, one of whom the church helped send to Africa. Twelve young people of the church have decided to devote themselves to mission work, and one of them, Dee Bourne, will enroll at Columbia Bible college, Columbia, S. C., in September for training.

The pastor himself is a missionary candidate for Japan with the Evangelical Alliance Mission, and expects to go there within the next year.

Morning worship will be held at the Covenant church each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Bible school at 10:45 a.m., young people's meeting at 6:30 p.m. and evening service at 7:30 p.m. Midweek services in-

clude prayer meeting each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and choir rehearsal each Friday at 6:30 p.m.



REV. DAVID MARTIN

1950

## The Covenant Presbyterian Church

N. E. 5th Ave. & N. E. 26th St., Wilton Manors

Cordially Invites You to Attend

## REVIVAL SERVICES

November 5th thru 19th

Sundays — 9:30 A. M.

Each Evening — 7:30 P. M.

Morning Bible Study 10:00 A. M. at Bethany Presbyterian

Church — Rev. Anton J. Van Puffelen, Dallas, Texas

(Nursery for Small Children)

Pastor David Martin Preaching

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall visiting musicians from Tennessee  
We Preach Christ, Crucified, Risen and Coming Again

WELCOME

July 1950



# Rev. Martin Plans Career As Missionary

The Rev. David A. Martin, who arrived here last week to be assistant pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church and pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian, will become a missionary to Japan, along with Mrs. Martin, after he has spent a year here.

Both have been accepted by the Evangelical Alliance Mission, the largest evangelical mission in Japan, with 73 missionaries in the field and 68 others preparing to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were raised in Florida, he in Melrose and Gainesville, she in Tampa and Lakeland, and both are graduates of the University of Florida.

After his graduation in 1945, Mr. Martin attended the university law school for one year, then entered the insurance business and was an agent when he decided to enter the ministry.

His training was taken at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., and Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas Texas, where he was graduated this year. He was ordained by the elders of the Fort Worth Bible church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Martin is a graduate of Duke university as well as the University of Florida law school, and is a member of the Florida Bar association. The Martins have three children — Laurel, four; David, two, and Elizabeth, six months—and are living at 123 NE First st.

The Covenant Presbyterian church is now under construction on NE 26th st.

HIGHLAND ESTATES CIVIC CLUB, Inc.

N. E. 8TH AVENUE AT 28TH STREET

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

December 13, 1950.

Reverend David Martin  
Pastor Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Wilton Manor, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Reverend Martin: -

Enclosed you will find check in the amount of \$240.00 covering proceeds from the barbecue sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manor and Highland Estates Civic Club, Inc. held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1950, for the purpose of raising money for the "Building Fund."

The members of the Civic Club and I'm sure I can speak for the Kiwanis Club wish you and the members of the church every success in the completion of your edifice now under construction.

**BARBECUE PLANNED**

Plans for a barbecue, the proceeds from which will go to the Covenant Presbyterian church, will be made at a joint meeting of the Highland Estates civic club and the Wilton Manor Kiwanis club at 8 p. m. Wednesday. The meeting will be held in the Highland Estates club house.

Sincerely  
Susan H. Thigman  
(Recording Secretary)



# VILLAGE OF WILTON MANORS

THIS CARD MUST BE DISPLAYED ON FRONT OF JOB

## BUILDING PERMIT

Zoning

No. 63

Owner

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Contractor

owners

Lot

4,506

Block

62

No.

510

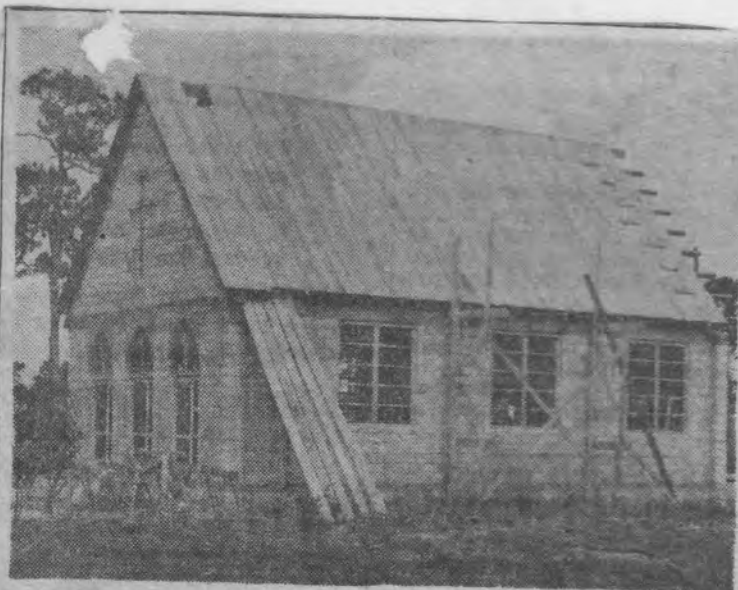
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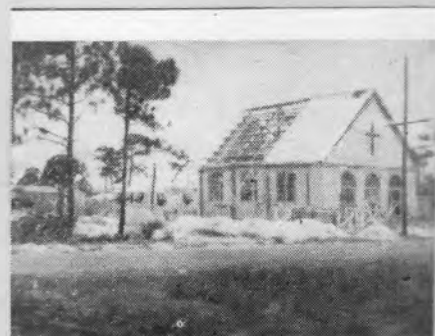
Certificate of Occupancy MUST Be Secured  
Before This Building Can Be Used For Any Purpose

**PENALTY FOR REMOVAL BEFORE JOB IS COMPLETED**



(Daily News photo by Phil Weidling)

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** is responsible for construction work being done on the new Presbyterian church in Wilton Manors. The church has been adopted as a community project and benefits have been held to raise funds. In addition to this, many of the residents have contributed much of their spare time to actual construction work.



Covenant Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



# COVENANT = NEWS

VOLUME I

MAY 6, 1956

NUMBER 1

## Can You Do It?

Beginning with this issue the Senior P.Y.F.'s are publishing a news-let-ter for the people of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

They are calling this issue the Covenant News, but they would like to hear from the people of the church, so that they can get a variety of names and pick the one most linking and proper.

If you have a suggestion for a name for the news-letter, please deposit it in the slot for that purpose on the table at the rear of the chapel.

As an incentive Miss Eileen Strickler is offering a prize to the winner. The decision of the judges is final, and all entries become the property of the PYF's.

Keep watching! For who knows! You may win.

## Singing for Christ

Those of you who attend the first church service every Sunday have been witnessing the growth of a very important group of our church--the Junior Choir.

The former average membership of ten boys and girls has now grown to twenty-five, with an age range from six to fourteen, showing a keen interest on the part of our children to serve the Lord in their own small way.

"It is a good thing that Providence smacks us down once in a while, or we might never learn to grow up."

## While the Ink Dries

Fresh off the press is your copy of The Covenant News. It will bring to our readers all the church news "gossip" local youth activities and other local news item.

The paper is published monthly by the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, (P. Y. F.) under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Rogers.

The newly elected staff; Editor, Donna Stiles; Assistant Editor, Ken Gilbert Sports Editor, Dale Adams; Secretary and Treasurer, Pat Rothrock; Reporters Judy Carter, Carol Rothrock, Al Green, Larry Adams, and Tom Deiderich.

This is the first publication of its kind for the new and fast-growing church.

The staff hopes that it will prove to be interesting and informative and that you will make it a habit to read your church paper regularly.

Boxes have been placed in various part of the church for suggestions, criticisms and particularly news items.

## Short News

The Covenant Presbyterian self-ball team, sporting a 1-3 record has a game on tap this Friday, May 4th. Team members are: Harry Adams, Dale Adams, Gene Gardner, Jack Wilson, Tom Deiderich, Jack Owens, Cal Howthorne and Flavel Roberts.

An immediate project of the PYF is the laying out of the basketball court. Outdoor lighting facilities will be provided in the near future.



MAY 1956

### U. S. P's

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (P. Y. F.) is composed of Young People between the ages of fifteen and twenty. The meetings are held each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 7:15 to study and work together for a better understanding of God's Word.

The officers are as follows: President Dale Adams; Vice-President, Donna Stiles Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Rothrock.

The Commission Heads are: Witness, Carl Adams; Faith, Pat Rothrock; Outreach, Pat Hendricks; Fellowship, Judy Sarter and Tom Deiderich; Citizenship, Larry Adams.

One of our recent projects was raising funds to complete the parking and recreational area west of the church building

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### Boy Kids-

The Pioneers, the Youth Group for boys and girls from twelve to fourteen sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gardner, meets every Sunday evening at the church.

From 6 to 6:30, they share a sandwich supper. From 6:30 to 7:15 they have a program of the different aspects of Christian Living.

The purpose of membership is to foster Christian fellowship and study.

The officers of this progressive group are:

David Waterhouse	- President
Dora Peterson	- Vice Pres.
Doris Peterson	- Sec. Treas.
Tom Cook	- Program Chairman

Saturday, April 21st, this group had an outing at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. They enjoyed such activities as swimming, canoeing, tree-climbing (?), and games. They cooked out; and a happy time was had by all.

### Scouting News

Our church sponsors five Scout troops serving 116 young people aged 7 to 17. Scout troops and their leaders are as follows: Brownie Troop 72 led by Mrs. J. D. Davis and Mrs. I. S. Casey; Brownie Troop 62 led by Mrs. Marie Mervine and Mrs. Mae Thompson; Girl Scout Troop 43 led by Mrs. Joe Rogers and Mrs. Fran Gibson.

Boy Scout troops include: Cub Scout Pack 135 with 38 boys led by Ralph Snow Boy Scout Troop 123 with 28 boys enrolled led by Scoutmaster William Roundtree. Started last week, was a Webelos Den with Russ Snyder as Den Dad; and Joe Rogers as institutional representative.

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Have you contributed to the Connet Fund? Only \$5.00 is needed to finish this project.

MAY 1956

## Men of the Church

The Men of the Church meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in Fellowship Hall. A supper is served by the women and an interesting program follows.

Among the projects that the men have completed for the Church are the securing of the "Slow Church Zone" signs and the presentation of a new flag to the Boy Scouts. They are working to get more dishes for the kitchen and to improve their sponsorship of Cub Scout Pack 135.

Their purposes, as set forth in their constitution are "To organize all the men of the congregation in Christian service and fellowship; to stimulate them to activity to promote the study of the Bible and of the history, standards, aims, agencies of our church and community.

The Men of the Church is open to all men in Wilton Manors and vicinity who are interested in the spiritual and moral development of the church and community.

The officers of the Men of the Church are: Mr. Gene Gardner, pres. Mr. I.S. Casey, vice-pres., Mr. Melosh Schulke, secretary, and Mr. C.M. Harrell, treas.

## Coming Events

- May 6-13 Christian Family Week,
- May 13 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- May 13 Congregational meeting to hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

Information concerning Daily Vacation Bible School will be available at a later date.

## "Your Sunday School"

A record enrollment of 408 on the Sunday School roll was announced by Supt. William Roundtree this week. There are now thirteen classes with students from "two to ninety-two." Many of the classes have more than 30 members and should be divided if teachers volunteer to take them. A short summary of the S. S. dept. follows:

Administration: Supt. WM. Roundtree  
 Secy-treas: Earl Horner  
 Recording Sec: NEEDED

## --Don Cupid--

The marriage of Miss Muriel Thiem to Mr. Glen Robinson will be held Saturday, May 12th in the Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Russell Toms, will perform the ceremony.

The young couple were welcomed in our congregation Sunday, April 7th.

## Jokes

Thome folks thay I listhp,  
 But then I don't perthieve it.  
 Juth listhen while I call the cat:  
 "Here Pusthy! Pusthy! Pusthy!  
 Now thee I don't listhp.

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They met by chance,  
 They had never met before.  
 They met by chance  
 And she was stricken sore.

They never met again,  
 Don't want to, I'll allow!  
 They met but once:

"On a freight-train and a cow!"



*Good morning  
Bluff Church*

In the first issue of the COVENANT NEWS, the staff ran a contest concerning a name for the paper. But since May 6th no comments or criticisms have been received: the name COVENANT NEWS shall stand. It has been a let down to the staff and its sponsors. We should like to hear from you whether or not to continue. This is only the second issue, but already the staff has shown signs of weariness. Mrs. Cook's hands are calloused and bent from banging away on the type writer; our reporters are weather-beaten and complaining of writers cramp! Most of the remaining officers are covered with ink, and can't wash it off!! We shall continue to keep plugging away to bring you the news. We should like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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#### WEEKIWACH

Young people from the Pioneer Group who represented Covenant Presbyterian Church at Weeki Wachee Bible Conference were Dora and Doris Peterson and Tommy Cook. During the Senior Conference, Covenant was represented by Miss Donna Stiles.

The Pioneer group left Lauderdale at 3 AM, June 11th, and arrived there at 5PM. Senior Conference was the following week. Donna drove to Weeki Wachee with Mr. Tom and the group from Memorial Church in West Palm Beach.

The camp program for the Pioneers was "How God Reveals Himself". They started their mornings off with the 'morning watch', from there the Bible hour and

#### WEEKI WACHEE - Cont.

following that, two hours of quests or classes. The group had free time from 2 till 5 PM. Many forms of recreation were offered, including: badminton, hiking, volley ball, baseball, horseshoes, and swimming in the clear cool waters of the Weeki Wachee River.

The Vesper services were always held at 7 PM on the point of ground overlooking the water. Dr. Ronald Wilson was our speaker. We all got a lot from his messages. Evening recreation was from 8 till 10 PM. We had square dancing stunt night, talent night, singing around the campfire; and one evening, we had a group of tumblers put on a show for us.

Sunday night vespers were held after dark. After the sermon, each person took a lighted candle and walked up the winding road where trees sprinkled with moss guarded the procession. When each group reached their cabin, they sang "Day is Dying in the West". The candles were blown out and everyone went into the cabin, had devotions and went to bed.

Rev. Ed Hallman was in charge of the Pioneer Conference; Rev. James Carter, the Seniors. They did a wonderful job in handling the Camp.

We had a wonderful time at camp. Everyone enjoyed the classes and learned a lot. Many of the questions we have long been wondering about were answered by a panel of Ministers Saturday Night and by the Ministers through their classes.

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Be careful of your thoughts. They may become words at anytime.

-Christian Observer



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## RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES

A reception for the graduates was given by the Women of the Church on Sunday June 10th, in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Evening service.

Mr. Rothrock spoke to the graduates, and Mrs. Jos. High presented them with a Bible. Graduates included: Patsy Hendricks, Ken Gilbert, Treva Grantland, Barbara Halliday, Ken Herrell, Beverly Smith, and Jack Wilson. Jim Blizzard was graduated from Columbia Bible College.

Punch, cookies, nuts and candy were served from the refreshment table artistically decorated with garden flowers.

Of special interest to the Congregation was the Graduation of Mrs. Arcue Grantland who was presented with a white Bible.

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Never race your mouth unless your brain is in gear.

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"It is a good thing that Providence knocks us down once in awhile, or we might never learn to look up!"

G. A. GIBBY JR.

SAYS



## THREE CHANGES

The Nominating Committee announced this past week that three Alternates have become active members of this committee due to resignations.

Mrs. Howard Sahler has replaced Mrs. F. Beadle who will be away about three months. Mr. Cloyd Bols has replaced Mr. Thomas M. Gattle, who will return around November 1. Dale Adams will replace Miss Eileen Strickler as representative of the Youth of the Church.

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## VACATIONS

Coming and going

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Grantland, and daughter Treva, have just returned from visiting their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Brubacker in Washington, D.C.. At that time, the Grantlands made the acquaintance of their new grandchild.

Returning recently from a vacation trip through Georgia, Washington, and New York are Mr. and Mrs. Mac's B. McLean. While in Washington, M. McLean was on active duty in the Pentagon. Mr. McLean is a Captain in the Reserves. On the way home they stopped at Mrs. McLean's home in North Carolina.

Miss Carol Rothrock is in Oklahoma visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Strickler, Eileen and Urith Ann left Wednesday on an extended vacation to Pennsylvania.

The Stanford Robsons and Amy are in Oklahoma visiting relatives.

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"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8



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### THEY'RE OFF ??

Vacation Bible School got off to a rousing start last Monday night when twenty-five Intermediates and Juniors came to the opening session! All boys and girls who have just finished 7th, 8th, or 9th grade are invited to attend each Monday night throughout the summer from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Bring your Bibles. A freewill offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

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### GLAD TO HEAR !

We are glad to hear that Mr. Carl M. Adams is satisfactorily convalescing in Broward General Hospital, and can have visitors now.

Mr. George Robinson III is home now, recuperating from his second operation.

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### DID YOU LOSE A ?????

A "Lost and Found" has been established in the Church Office. Various items such as: sweaters, earrings, glasses, shoes and other articles have piled up.

You may claim your belongings by identifying them. Look and see if you have one earring or maybe a stray shoe. We may have the mate!

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When grandmother was a young girl her beau would greet her with a shy

--HELLO--

When Mother was a cute young chic --  
Dad would wink and end up with a

--Kick--

Now US, you could say we're diff--  
When our steady calls,

### HEARD ON THE PARTY LINE

Who are the two sisters that are exchanging letters with older boys from Wee ki Wagonne, Dora and Doris?

Yes, I also heard Tom Cook, Jr. has a girl up there too.

Is Lamont Adams going steady with a girl whose initials are Carole Stiles?

Did ya all see Dale Adams new car? Neat!

For cutest couple, we nominate Betsy and Bob.

Be seeing ya!

Nosey Nell

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Confirmation has been received by the Session that Rev. Parks Wilson will fill the pulpit here at Covenant during the month of August.

The Rev. Parks Wilson is Pastor of the University Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La.. He will take up temporary residence in Wilton Manors for the month of August.

Dr. W. Ivan Hoy will be on vacation during the month of August.

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### COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 2nd: The Holy Communion.

Thursday, July 5th: Circle #6 meets in Church Library.

Sunday, July 8th: Congregational meeting.

Thursday, July 12th: Circles 1,2,3,4 at the Church.

Monday, July 16th: Men of the Church supper meeting.

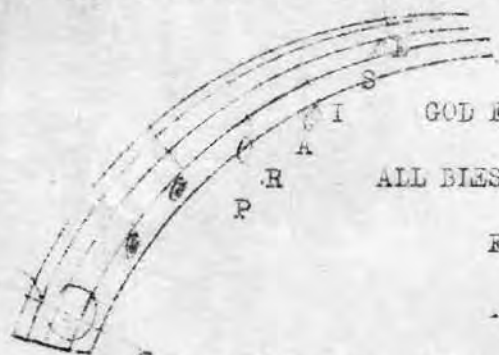
Thursday, July 19th: General Meeting Women of the Church.

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We are looking forward with great expectancy and enthusiasm (and relief) to the anticipated arrival of Dr. Charles G. McClure and his family on September 10th. He will preach his first sermon as our pastor at Covenant on September 16th.

Did you know that Dr. McClure was Salutatorian of his High School graduating class; that he received his B.S. from the University of Tennessee; that he was winner of the Alpha Delta Pi Scholarship Key while there; that his B. D. was from Columbia Theological Seminary; and was awarded an Honorary D. D. from Kings College.

Dr. and Mrs. McClure were married in 1929, and have three sons. Charles, Jr. is in the Paratroopers; Robert is entering his first year at Davidson College this month. Mercer Lewis will enter his Sophomore year at Lauderdale High next week.

We have been told that Dr. McClure endeavors to hold period of religious emphasis each year. He also holds similar periods for the Youth. The Church from which he comes has been the seat of a recent spontaneous youth meeting for one week. That he uses his lyman, and leads his people in love.

Let us be grateful that God has sent such a one to us.

The Women of the Church  
request the pleasure of the company of  
Members and Friends  
of  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
at a reception to be held at the Church.

in honor of

DR. AND MRS. CHARLES G. MCCLURE

Wednesday, September 19, 1956

7:30

at 8 PM

immediately following Prayer Meeting.

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"Where there is no wood the fire goeth out: so where there is no tale-bearer, the

strife

ceaseth."

-Proverbs





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SEEN HERE

AND

COVENANT:

AROUND

THERE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robinson as the new Sunday School Teachers for the Intermediate Group (boys and girls in the 7th and 8th grades at school).....Mrs. Mac McLean the new pianist for the Primaries.....All of those people over at the manse helping Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Wright fix it up for the new occupants.....a new water cooler in the downstairs hall.....Mr. Rudolph Klippel back from vacation.....and say: if your young son or daughter comes home with a twinkle of delight in his or her small eyes after Sunday School next Sunday, here's what's behind it all. In the line of Christian duty and love, three of our most promising young ladies have graciously and wholeheartedly volunteered to take over the Kindergarten. Innocent Ones, they don't know what is in store for them; but more next issue.

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Has your family received their copy of the new Church Directory. There is one for each family in the Church. If you haven't received yours yet, ask Mrs. Cook for it.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The first annual Sunday School picnic was held at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park on Saturday, July 28th.

Everyone enjoyed a variety of games and activities led by the Bill Roundtrees.

The superbly delicious hot-dogs were prepared by Messrs. Gene Peterson and Edward Sahler. A gay time was had by all who attended, and we are looking forward to an even bigger and better one next year.

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"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness.

#### KINDERGARTEN AFTER ALL

For the past two years, Mrs. Arthur Ball has been the teacher of the Week-day Kindergarten of our Church. Mrs. Ball, who is also Vice-president of the Women of the Church, has found it impossible to continue in that capacity. Her resignation has been accepted with deep regret.

It seemed for a while that there would be no Week-day Kindergarten here this year. That, however, is all changed now and

WEEK-DAY KINDERGARTEN will open September 11th, if all goes well, with Mrs. Oscar M. Lewis as teacher.

For more information and reservations, call Mrs. Lewis at Lo4-1336.

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Hey Kiddies  
be watching  
next issue a special story just for you.

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"We were tired, dead tired, but we kept on going anyway...deadline you know." That statement might well be uttered by anyone of nearly a dozen people the 'Morning after'....putting out this paper, that is. Well to go into detail, this publication takes a lot of time on our part, and patience on the part of our sponsor. You see, several months ago the Senior High Fellowship Group hit on the idea that what this Church needed was a paper; so that everyone would know what was going on all the time. We started. Now, three issues later, we are at least a little way on our journey to Junior newspaper people and nosey news getters. You might be interested in what went into this issue of the Covenant News: two typewriters (used) sixteen cokes, one half ream scratch paper, four pencil stubs, fun with a tape recorder, singing, laughter, a game of shuffle board, and erasers.

Here are the people who put this one together: Carol Rothrock, Pat Rothrock, Judy Carter, Donna Stiles, Dave Scott, Al Green, Ken Gilbert, Mrs. T.A. Cook, Mary, and Tom Cook, Jr.



DR. CHARLES G. MCCLURE  
... Takes Over Pastorate

## New Pastor

# Dr. McClure Accepts Call

WILTON MANORS — Dr. Charles G. McClure, eminent Presbyterian pastor from Caldwell Memorial Church, Charlotte, N. C. has accepted the call from Covenant Presbyterian Church and will start his pastoral duties here tomorrow preaching at all three services.

Dr. McClure is past moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

During the fourteen years he served Caldwell Memorial Church, membership grew to 900 and three new churches were organized.

A native of Albany, Ga. and a graduate of University of Tennessee and Columbia Theological Seminary, Dr. McClure holds an honorary doctorate from King College.

In 1929 he married the former Henrietta Wooten, Shellman, Ga. The McClure's have three sons, Lt. Charles G. McClure Jr., stationed with the paratroopers in France; Robert, entering Davidson College, N. C. this month and Mercer Louis, a sophomore in Ft. Lauderdale High.

Other activities include membership on Boy Scout Council, Charlotte, where Dr. McClure was awarded the coveted Silver Beaver award. Kiwanis Club, Chaplain of the Masonic Fellowship and Executive Club Charlotte. The McClures arrived here this week, and are residing at 423 NE 26th St. A reception will be held for them at the church, 512 NE 26th St., next Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

## Presbyterians Of Covenant Church Schedule Activities Honoring Charles McClures

WILTON MANORS—The spacious backyard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cook, 1424 NE 27th St., was the setting for a patio buffet dinner honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Charles G. McClure, the deacons and elders of Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Rev. McClure arrived last week from Charlotte, N. C., to take over the duties of pastor of the church.

On hand to welcome the newcomers were Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Klippel, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rothrock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perrigo, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sills, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. High, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gattle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vollmerhausen, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Bois and Mr. and Mrs. Melosh Shulko.

A reception for all members and their friends, will be held at the church at 7:30 p.m. today.

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The Covenant church women will hold a general meeting at

11 a.m. tomorrow at the church with Mrs. S. W. Wright in charge of the program.

The topic for discussion will be, "Your teacher and the pupil, everyday." A round table discussion will be led by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Gene Peterson and Mrs. Howard Sahler.

A nursery for young children will be provided. Guests are invited to stay for a covered dish luncheon following the meeting and program.

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(Daily News photo by Bob Eiley)

**NEWCOMERS** to Wilton Manors are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles G. McClure, former residents of Charlotte, N. C. The Rev. McClure will serve as minister to Covenant Presbyterian Church. The couple, along with their son, Mercer, were honor guests at a reception Wednesday in the church Fellowship Hall.

## Covenant Presbyterians Honor Charles McClures

**WILTON MANORS** — Occasional showers did not dampen the spirits of the 150 members and friends of Covenant Presbyterian Church as they gathered in Fellowship Hall Wednesday night to greet their new minister, the Rev. Charles G. McClure, his charming wife and their son, Mercer.

Candlelight enhanced the

beauty of the tables set with gleaming silver and crystal.

A yellow and green color theme was used throughout. An arrangement of yellow rose buds centered the table with sprays of yellow alamanas and fern circling the punch bowl. Tall green tapers in silver candelabra were placed at each end of the table.

Mrs. Mac McLean presided at the punchbowl, in which a flower arrangement frozen into the ice caused much comment. Mrs. Ray Gottshall served coffee.

An exact replica of the serving table was placed in another part of the hall for the children. Mrs. Ken Mulheim served from the smaller table.

In the receiving line were Victor Rothrock, clerk of the session, and Mrs. Rothrock. Dr. and Mrs. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph High, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gardner, and Rudolph Klippel.

Mrs. McLean, chairman of the refreshment committee, was assisted by Mrs. Wilbur Strickler, Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. Paul Clark.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER.....

Dear Christian Friends:

In my first message to you through our Church paper, I want to call your attention to a very interesting passage of Scripture; and make a simple but important request of each one. In the Old Testament we read the story of Israel in battle. The Bible says that as long as Moses' arm was raised Israel prevailed, but when his arm grew weary, and was allowed to rest by his side, the enemy prevailed. Finally we read that Aaron and Hur stationed themselves on each side of Moses and held his arm up until the going down of the sun, and consequently until victory had come to his people, Israel.

In the light of this challenging story, and its victorious conclusion, I want to ask each of you to hold up the new ministers' arms by your prayers; by your attendance at the worship services; and by faithful stewardship of time, talent, and possessions. If you hold up the ministers' arms day after day, and year after year victory will be ours. If we grow weary in well doing, and allow the arms to fall, victory will come to the forces of evil. Much depends on the individual members of the Church. Can we count on you?

Rev. Charles McClure, DD

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SOLENN FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One day Dr. Emil Brunner, the great German theologian, was asked how the German young people could become so completely indoctrinated with the pagan Nazi philosophy. He replied that for one generation they had neglected the religious training of their youth, and had lost the spiritual heritage of centuries.

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MR. VERNON SAMSELL

Our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, has in His loving providence called to his eternal home Mr. Vernon Samsell on October 1st.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family for the loss of a devoted husband, father and brother. And we assure that God's grace is sufficient to sustain them.

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FROM THE SHORTER CATECHISM:

Q 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies being still united to Christ do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged, and acquitted in the day of judgement, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the coming of Rally Day on September 30th past, the Rotation system in the office of Sunday School Superintendent was adopted in accordance with the recommendation of our General Assembly's Committee on Christian Education.

Mr. William Roundtree, our Superintendent for the past two years, has relinquished this office to Mr. Gene T. Peterson who will serve a two year term also.

The grateful appreciation and thanks of the Session, the Diaconate, the Class teachers, and the whole congregation; together with our prayers go to and with our Brother in Christ - a faithful and conscientious servant in the work of the Lord.

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\*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCING\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson III proudly announce the acquisition of a M. A. and P. A. degree conferred upon them by the arrival of Carrie Eaton Robinson on September 22nd. Miss Carrie boasted a trim 7 pounds, 5 ounces upon arrival.

ORCHIDS to Mrs. McLean and her committee for the success of the beautiful reception given in honor of the McHure's.

"It's always too soon to quit!"  
-from: The Disciplines of Life

"GABRIEL, JR. SAYS:"

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.



HERE IT IS KIDDIES a story for you!

### MATILDA

Matilda and her puppies were all alone in the middle of a old cotton field. They belonged to no one. They had no home.

A farmer owned the cotton field. "My cotton is all picked," the farmer said. "The stalks are dry. I must cut down the stalks and plow my field again.

The farmer did not know that he had three little puppies in his cotton field.

The farmer fastened a stalk cutter to his tractor. Down the field went the tractor- pttt, pttt, ptt! Round and round went the sharp stalk cutter - whrr! whrr, whrr! Down, down, down went the old dry cotton stalks.

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MATILDA - cont.

NEW MEMBERS, cont

Matilda heard the big tractor. She saw the sharp stalk cutter. She saw the cotton stalks fall. Matilda was frightened. Her puppies were so big. They could not get out of the way of the way of the big tractor.

Closer and closer they came to Matilda and her three puppies. Matilda was afraid. What could she do to save her babies?

Matilda jumped up. She barked at the tractor. She barked at the farmer. She ran round and round her puppies and barked and barked and barked.

"What's this?" asked the farmer. "What's the matter?" He stopped the big tractor. He got off the tractor and looked. Then he saw Matilda's three little puppies. Matilda looked at the farmer with big troubled eyes.

"Well, well, well," the farmer said. "So you have puppies in my cotton field! You are not a pretty dog, but you are a good mother; you are wise and brave! I like you. My little boy Timmy will like you too. He will like your puppies. You belonged to no one, but now you belong to me!"

"Woof-woof" barked the happy Matilda.  
Katty McCully

NEW MEMBERS

It is with great delight that we report the addition of 13 new members to our fellowship since September 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, Sr. and son Al (former members returned to us). 501 NE 22nd Drive. by letter from the Rockledge Presbyterian Church, Rockledge, Fla

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Von Sprecken, 26 NE 26th Street. Mrs. VonSprecken by reaffirmation of faith, Mr. Von Sprecken by profession of faith.

Also, Miss Paulette Von Sprecken by profession of faith.

Mrs. Charles McClure and sons Charles, Jr., Robert and Mercer, 423 N.E. 26th Street (the manse, you know,) by letter from Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Makres, 2918 NW 5th Avenue by profession of faith.

Mr. Joseph Zaengle, Throop Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rosedale, N.Y.

COMING EVENTS !  
October 1956

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| October 2nd | Meeting of Diaconate, 7:30  |
| 4th         | Circles 4 & 6 at the Church at 8 PM.  |
| 7th         | World Wide Communion  |
| 9th         | Session Meeting 7:30 PM   |
| 11th        | Circles 1,2,3 at the Church at 10 AM. Nursery.  |
| 15th        | Men's Supper. Potluck. 7 PM.  |
| 14-19       | Week of prayer and self-denial for Church Extension.  |
| 18th        | General Meeting of the women of the Church, at 10:30 AM Covered dish luncheon follows. Nursery. |
| 25th        | Board Meeting of the women of the Church, 10 AM.  |

Each:  
Wednesday: Junior Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study and Prayer  
7:30 PM

Thursday: Chorus Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 PM  
Boy Scouts in upstairs Fellowship Hall



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## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Today is a memorable one in the history of Covenant Presbyterian Church. God, our heavenly Father, is willing that we should secure our physical building to His earth by the laying of a Corner-Stone. We all earnestly pray that in the years to come, it will be a sanctuary for many who seek the Lord: Who tells us from the Bible that when we gather together in His Name, there He will be also.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Memorial Committee has been set up; and anyone desiring to give one of the following articles in memory of some Loved One is invited to do so. Please read through the following list of possible memorials.

One pew for sanctuary (50 needed)	\$130.00
One pew for choir (4 needed)	\$245.00
One pulpit	325.00
One lectern	175.00
One side chair (4 needed)	73.00
One Communion Table	105.00
One Communion Chair (2 needed)	38.00
One Baptismal Font	120.00
One registration stand (2 needed)	50.00
One Organ	10,250.00
One piano	750.00

Perhaps you will want to give a pew, or Communion table, or side chair. Speak to one of the following men this afternoon, or at your convenience if interested: Mr. Joe High, Mr. Clarence Sills, Mr. Howard Sahler, Mr. Sidney Wright, Mr. Cloyd Bols, or Mr. Tom Cook.

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Wilton Manors, Florida Rev. Charles G. McClure, D.D., Minister

### THE CORNER-STONE LAYING June 1, 1958

Presentation of Colors                      Girl and Boy Scouts  
Processional                      "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
The Scripture                      I Chronicles 29:10-18  
Prayer  
Hymn 345      "The Church's One Foundation"  
The Creed  
The Corner-Stone Laying  
Prayer of Consecration  
Solo                      "The Builder"                      Cadman  
                                 Mr. Pierce V. Chaffin, soloist  
Messages:  
Mayor Frank Starling; for the Community  
Rev. Russell Toms, former Minister  
Mrs. Howard Sahler, president Women of Church  
Mr. M. B. McLean, president Men of Church  
Mr. Tom Gattle, representing Sunday School  
Mr. Carl Adams, Jr., president Youth of Church  
Mr. Thomas Cook, Chm. Building Council  
Dr. Charles McClure, present minister  
Hymn 353      "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"  
Benediction

### WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all of our friends and guests this afternoon. If you live in this community and do not have a Church home, we invite you to worship with us at our regular services.



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.  
August 1, 1958

Dear

How many of our 510 members here at Covenant Presbyterian Church do you know? We "older" members can remember how just a short time ago we knew everyone. You "newer" members remember how it was back home.....you knew just everyone. But here - it's different. Our rapid growth and divided services account for this difference, of course. We long to know you and each other better.

To this end, we are planning a FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER for August 13th (it's a Wednesday night) at 6 PM. It will be a covered dish supper. We do so want you to come!

Here are our plans. We will meet and eat in the sanctuary (that's right, the unfinished building. It will give you an opportunity to see all of the work that is being done, and have your questions answered as to how it's being done.). We realize that six is probably an early hour for some, but we have no electricity out there; so we have to depend on daylight this time. It is our hope that, knowing this far in advance, you will be able to plan for that hour this once. After supper, there will be entertainment for the children upstairs, while the adults have a planned period of "ice-breakers" and "get acquainted". Then, we will close with a devotional led by our Pastor.

The whole affair will last about an hour and a half - plenty of time to get the children home and to bed at a reasonable hour, or any other thing you may have to do.

We would like to do something like this once a month if you think you would enjoy it. We'll see as time goes on.

Enclosed, you will find a card which we ask you to please fill out and return to us immediately, so that we may know how to plan.

Just one thing more. We realize that many of us have allergies and can't eat just everything. If this is so with you, please feel perfectly free to bring a dish "specially for you". You won't be alone.

Sincerely yours,  
The Committee in Charge  
Family Night Supper

For further information call:  
Mrs. T. A. Cook L04-5813  
Mrs. R. F. Stephens L06-2175  
Mrs. Paul Clark L06-2781  
Mrs. Herman Walters L06-4717  
Mrs. Carl Anthony L04-3026

The following items and services are needed for the church. Any special gifts or donations of time, talent or money towards the completion of these projects will be greatly appreciated.

Narthex Furnishings

Office Furnishings and Equipment:

1. Adjustable typist's chair.
2. Addressograph machine.
3. Duplicating machine (for the purpose of printing cards, envelopes, etc., and all printing now being sent out to be done.)
4. Adding machine.
5. Filing cabinet.

Completion of Unfinished Sections of Sunday School Area and Kitchen:

1. Painting.
2. Flooring.
3. Six 6 foot slimline lighting fixtures.
4. Night light outside of library.
5. Outside lights in rear of kitchen and on rear stairway.
6. Completion of dumb waiter from kitchen to upstairs Fellowship Hall.

Items Needed for Manse:

1. New kitchen stove.
2. Two large storm awnings for patio and living room windows, and storm shutters for remaining windows.
3. Roof cleaned and painted.

Repairs Needed:

1. Chapel roof cleaning.
2. Seal-cote to be applied on new parking area.
3. Re-paving of old parking lot.
4. Repair of leaks in roof over Sunday School Section.
5. Window repairs.
6. Masonry repairs around windows of Chapel.

Other Miscellaneous Items:

1. Large wall clocks for various Sunday School rooms.
2. Power edger.
3. Heavy duty floor buffer.
4. Several two and three speed portable electric fans.
5. Waste baskets
6. Two pianos
7. Repair to Organ in Chapel.
8. Junior Choir robes
9. Heating for Sunday School section.











FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

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WICK GILMORE



NEW SANCTUARY

FAMILY MEETING 1958







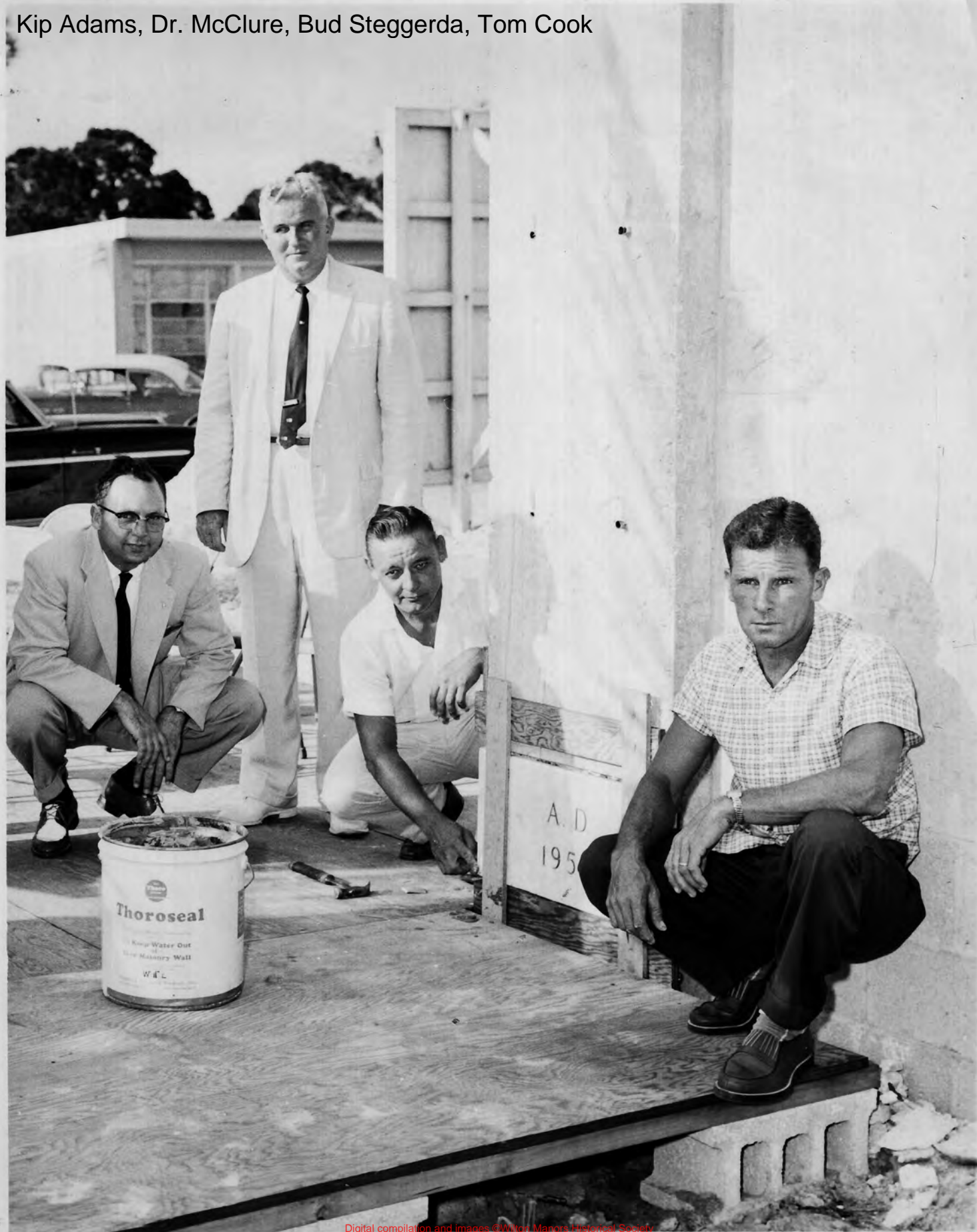
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DEDICATION AND CORNERSTONE





Kip Adams, Dr. McClure, Bud Steggerda, Tom Cook



the sons of God...And it doth not yet appear  
what we shall be, but we know that when He shall  
appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him  
as He is. And every man that hath this hope puri-  
fieth himself even as He is pure, whom not having  
seen, ye love; in whom though now ye see Him not,  
yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and  
full of glory.

CONGREGATION: Christ, the hope of the world, Christ,  
the hope of the world.

MINISTER: Rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice,

HYMN No. 55(Sung by all): "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
(Stanza 4)

### "In Him Was Life"

#### CANDLE-LIGHTING SERVICE

MINISTER:(As candles are being lighted) In Him was  
life, and the life was the light of men..And the  
light shineth in darkness, and the darkness compre-  
hendeth it not. In Thy light shall we see light..  
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.  
If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we  
have fellowship with one another, and the blood  
of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

HYMN No 60.(Sung by all after candles are lighted):  
"Silent Night" (Stanzas 1 and 3)

MINISTER: Ye are the light of the world. Let your  
light so shine before men that they may see your  
good works, and glorify your Father which is in  
Heaven. ( 3 Fold Amen.)

POSTLUDE: (Congregation will remain seated until di-  
rected by ushers to leave. Please leave sanctuary  
quietly with candles burning.)

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Director:	Mrs. T. A. Cook
Organist:	Mrs. Victor Mucci
Pageant Committee:	Mrs. Charles Burton
Mr.&Mrs.S.Walker	Mrs. Jack Gilmore.
Mr.&Mrs.W.Wood	Mrs. Stanford Robson
	Mrs. Hal Saunderson



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JOY TO THE WORLD  
A Christmas Vesper Service  
by Annie Graham King

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ORGAN PRELUDE: (Congregation will please rise as  
the minister enters.)

HYMN No. 56 (Sung by all): "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

MINISTER: Who are ye who have come here?

CONGREGATION: We are the generation of them that seek  
Him, that seek Thy face, O Jacob.

MINISTER: Who is the King of Glory?

CONGREGATION: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord,  
mighty in battle.

CHOIR: Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift  
them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King  
of Glory shall come in.

MINISTER: Who is the King of Glory?

CONGREGATION: The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of  
Glory.

HYMN No. 25 (Sung by all): "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
(First stanza)  
(Congregation will please be seated.)

"For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

JUNIOR HIGH ENSEMBLE: "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"

PROPHET: Mr. Gene Gardner

CHOIR: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SOLO: "O Holy Night" Miss Karen Dokter

MARY: Mrs. Richard Long

JOSEPH: Mr. Tom Gattle

READER: Mr. Tom Cook

JUNIOR CHOIR: "Gloria In Excelsis"

TRAINING CHOIR: "Away In A Manger"

Shepherds:

George McJunkin  
Steve Williams

CHERUBS: Sandra Browne  
Alice Gardner  
Glenn Gattle  
Nancy Loverin  
Debbie Rivers

Amy Robson  
Judy Saunders  
Amy Beth Snyder  
Becky Sowers  
Brenda Sowers

SHEPHERDS: Bobby Burton  
Tommy Gattle  
Kirk Sowers  
Russell Wood

ANGEL: Paulette Von Sprecken

HEAVENLY HOST:

Susanne Cook  
Evans Gilmore  
Jane Gilmore  
Carol Haberstitch  
Susie Lazzari  
Leigh Rollinson

CHOIR: "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

"Joy To The World"

HYMN No. 57 (Sung by all): "Joy To The World"  
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3)

HEROD: Mr. Robert Williams

GUARDS: Jack Dokter  
Brent Lund

WISE MEN: Mr. Richard Long  
Mr. Howard Sahler  
Mr. Steve Walker

CHOIR: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS: (Following exit of Wise Men)  
The entire offering is our Joy Gift to be used  
for the Ministerial Relief.

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF GIFTS: Minister

"Jesus Thou Joy Of Loving Hearts"

MINISTER: Behold, what manner of love the Father  
hath bestowed upon us that we should be called



Get Reservations In Early

# Camp Is Packed With Youth Of Florida All Season Long

Twenty-eight happy youngsters are homeward bound today after five days and nights of camping, canoeing, treasure hunts and swimming at a cool, shady oceanfront camp especially built for children by the Ft. Lauderdale Elks' lodge. The main cabin at the Elks Youth Camp dedicated at Birch State Park in 1949 has a huge fireplace with stuffed animals over the mantelpiece—to the delight of small fry who likened it to lodges in the "North woods."

Complete kitchen facilities and a walk-in refrigerator kept youngsters happy at "chow-down" time. Children slept in four cabins with a boardwalk joining cabins with the beach. A waterway flows by the front door of the main lodge, providing ideal canoeing and boating.

Other facilities include: Screened porch with table tennis and other games; dining room tables and chairs sufficient to feed 60 persons; wash and shower rooms divided for boys and girls, and two rooms for camp counselors.

**TEN PER CABIN**  
Cabins for youngsters sleep 10 each. Campers are charged 50 cents a night, probably less than Youth Hostel camp charges.

The Elks' camp for "development of the youth of Florida" is open to all young people in the state. The camp has become so popular that reservations must be made months in advance.

The group completing camp today earned their trip by a year's perfect attendance at Covenant Presbyterian Sunday School in Wilton Manors.

Bible study was conducted each morning with evening vespers for the youngsters, ranging in age from six through 14.

The camp staff was headed by William Roundtree, Sunday School superintendent, assisted by Jim Blizzard, a senior at Columbia Bible College. Kitchen supervisor was Mrs. T. A. Cook.

Parents of the campers worked on "kitchen police" and life-guard duty, planned handicrafts and other amusements for the children, and chaperoned cabins.

HAPPY SMILES AS YOUNGSTERS ARE GREETED BY CAMP COUNSELOR  
... Susan, Tommy Cook Walk Down Tree-Shaded Lane At Birch Park



FIRST CHORE, LEARN HOW TO MAKE BED  
... Jimmie High, Wallace Wright Take A Lesson



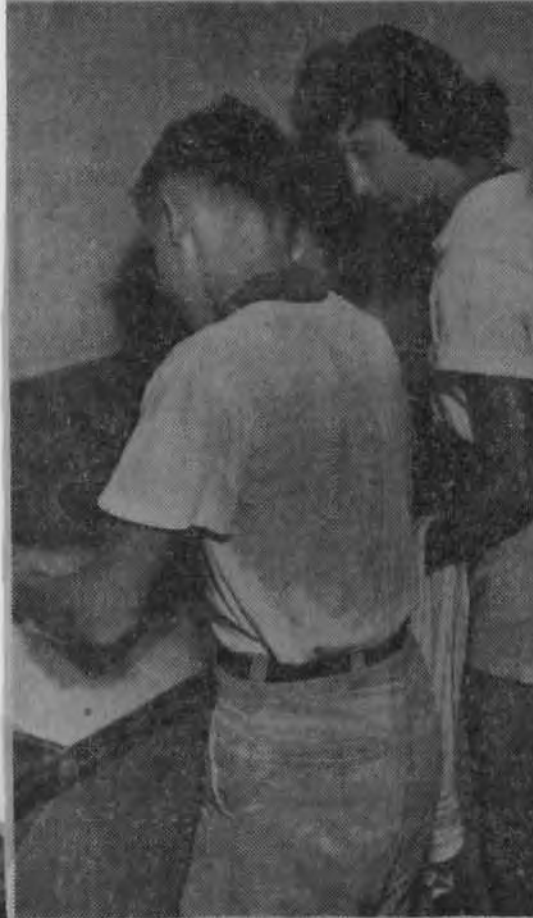
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Elks Youth Camp At Birch State Park Like Trip To



# North Woods For Kids Here



**JIM BLIZZARD ANNOUNCES MORNING "REVEILLE"**  
... But Joe Eberhardt Is Still Sleepy




**ON KP DUTY**  
... Ray and JoAnn Gregory Wash Crockery



**CLEANLINESS IS VERY IMPORTANT**  
... Marilyn Jones, Carol Haberstich Work



**CHOW-TIME IS BEST PART OF DAY AND GETS BIGGEST CROWD**  
... Camp Cook, Left, Wears Paper Chef's Cap As "Uniform"



CHOW TIME  
ELKS CAMP 1958





JIMMIE HIGH 1955  
WALLACE WRIGHT  
AT CAMP











MARILYN JONES  
CAROL HABERSTICH  
CAMP LIFE 1955









# 'Do-It-Yourself' Circle Project Gives Church Decorator Touches

WILTON MANORS—Talk of paint, draperies, new light fixtures, bookcases and nursery furniture sounds like the Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church are not idle these days.

Painting and redecorating the Sunday School rooms, the library, choir room, Fellowship Hall and Dr. Charles G. McClure's study are but a few of projects the women have undertaken.

The project chairman for each circle agreed to concentrate on the part of the building already established, in order that the new sanctuary would not outshine the older church.

Husbands have installed new light fixtures and hung draperies.

In the nursery the youngsters will find furniture scaled to their size.

In addition to the "face lifting" local church women have sent articles to schools, missions and hospitals here and abroad. This year they started a church newspaper.

Mrs. Howard Sahler is president of the Women of the Church and Mrs. Paul B. Clark is projects chairman.

Circle project chairmen who have worked with Mrs. Clark are Mrs. Vernon Samsell, Mrs.

Clarence Sills, Mrs. Rudolph Rosemann, Mrs. Galen Lund and Mrs. Charles Burton.

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Members of the Junior Youth Group of Covenant Presbyterian Church who are graduating into the Pioneer Youth Group were feted recently at a party.

Graduates who attended were Urithann Strickler, Susan Bols, Susan and Sharon Botsford, Kendra Yoder, Linda Adams, Barbara Bradley, Linda Steggerda, Vickie Dw'ght, Jack and Janice Dokter, Susie Lazzari, Carol Haberstich, Sharon Samsell, Butch Wyatt, Jimmy and Mike High.

Other children attending were Bruce and Paula Clark, Norman and Bobby Botsford, Susanne Cook, Evans Gilmore, Janet Snyder and Leigh Rollinson.

Chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Botsford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steggerda, Mr.

and Mrs. J. C. High, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bols, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Clark and Russell Snyder.

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## 1957 5 SERVICES PLANNED BY COVENANT CHURCH

WILTON MANORS—Covenant Presbyterian Church, 512 NE 28th St. will hold five services tomorrow. Worship services will be held at 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m. with special Christmas music.

A pageant depicting the "Night of the Nativity" will be shown at 6 and 7:30 p.m.







**WILTON MANORS LIBRARY**—Several children gathered in the young tots' corner of Wilton Manors' first library Monday when an open house was held to observe the opening of the library which is located at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Mrs. O. W. Klein, librarian, is

(Daily News photo by H. J. Indicott)

shown with readers Carol Haberstich, Dale Toms, Susanne Cook, Jean Peterson, David Toms and Eugenia Toms. The library, which has hours from 7 to 9 p. m. Mondays and 3 to 5 p. m. Wednesdays, is open to the public.

## Wilton Manors<sup>1954</sup> Church Schedules Anniversary Fete

**WILTON MANORS** — Covenant Presbyterian Church, officially organized Jan. 13, 1949, will observe its fifth anniversary with a "founders' day" service and dinner Sunday.

A special workshop service is planned for 2:30 p.m., with the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, delivering the message. Rev. Love was pastor of the Wilton Manors church when it was organized. The present pastor is the Rev. Russell D. Toms.

Dinner will be served on the church grounds, 512 NE 26th St., at 12:45 p.m., with charter members and founding workers and their families as guests of honor.

### 33 CHARTER MEMBERS

The church, organized with 33 charter members, is now expanding its facilities. The completed project will consist of a sanctuary seating 750 persons, a chapel with a seating capacity of 150, a fellowship hall, 20 classrooms, kitchen and dining facilities, Sunday School, church offices and a pastor's study.

The chapel, five classrooms and kitchen and dining facilities are now in use, and work is underway on additional classrooms and the fellowship hall.

### GUESTS TO ATTEND

Anna Wilmarth, director of Christian Education at the Shennandoah Presbyterian Church of Miami, who made the original survey of the area prior to the establishment of the church, will be one of the guests.

Other guests will include Mrs. Ed Umber, first church pianist; Mrs. Robert Perrigo, who assisted in organizing a choir; Mrs. Constance Erlanson, the first regular choir director; Don Wall, organist at Bethany Presbyterian Church, who served as pianist in the early days of the church; Robert Perrigo, first Sunday School superintendent; Herbert Behrens, worker in the Sunday School, and Mrs. J. J. Charles who aided in establishment of women's work of the church.

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**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

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INTO ALL THE WORLD



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## KINDERGARTEN CLASS ROLL

Julie Almeida  
Michael Bergen  
Sandra Browne  
Lane Foster  
Alice Gardner  
Glenna Gattle  
Stewart Hall  
Michael Hennen  
Barbara Jo Koren  
Johnny Kubler  
Jimmy Lieber  
Jon Lumsden  
Lisa Lund  
Paul Murray  
Douglas Pearce  
Mary Denise Pfaff  
Johnny Rees  
Amy Beth Snyder  
Douglas Snyder  
Brenda Lee Sowers  
Craig Stevens  
Mark Sullivan  
Cynthia Thompson  
Susan Waters  
Pamela Winston  
Joe Ziawinski

## COVENANT KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



Covenant Presbyterian Church

7:00 P. M.

June 4, 1959



# I

Opening-----Dr. McClure  
*Music*  
 Lord's Prayer-----Douglas Snyder  
 (Audience remains Standing)  
 Flag Salute-----Michael Hennen  
 Flag Bearer--Susan Waters  
 Catechisms-----Johnny Kubler  
 Bible Bees-----Glenna Gattle  
 Mother-----Amy Beth Snyder  
 Child-----Mary Denise Pfaff  
 Flowers-----1. Brenda Lee Sowers  
 2.-----Johnny Rees  
 Be Cheerful-----Paul Murray  
 Be Obedient-----Craig Stevens  
 Be Thankful-----Stewart Hall  
 Be Kind-----Cynthia Thompson  
 Be Truthful-----Douglas Pearce  
 Be Careful-----Mark Sullivan  
 Be Polite-----Alice Gardner  
 Be Helpful-----Lane Foster  
 Be Reverent-----Michael Bergen  
 Christ for Me-----Douglas Snyder

# II

This Is The Bee Hive-----Sandra Browne  
 The Busy Bees-----Mark Sullivan

1. Joe Ziawinski
2. Sandra Browne
3. Jon Lumsden
4. Pamela Winston
5. Barbara Jo Koren
6. Jimmy Lieber
7. Julie Almeida

Over In The Meadow-----Barbara Jo Koren

The Windmill-----Jon Lumsden  
 (Windmills)

Stewart Hall-----Michael Hennen  
 Brenda Sowers-----Johnny Rees  
 Susan Waters-----Lisa Lund  
 Craig Stevens-----Glenna Gattle

*Leave stage (music)*

----- Movies Of Our Children -----  
 by, Mr. and Mrs. Max Waters

*Music*

Processional----- (Audience Standing)

Presentation of Diplomas----Mr. Klippel

Benediction-----Mrs. Bols

Recessional----- (Audience Seated)

Music-----Mrs. T. A. Cook



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The Building Fund Campaign Committee  
of the  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Invites you to be their guest at a  
"LOYALTY DINNER"

at

Phillips 66 Motel  
Venetian Banquet Room

Wednesday, May 25, 1960 — at 6:30 P. M.

Please reply promptly on the enclosed reservation card  
No charge for the dinner      No solicitation of funds



**Joy to World**

The little angel is Brenda Sowers rehearsing for tonight's Christmas pageant.

"Joy To The World," at the Covenant, Presbyterian Church, 512 NE 26th St., Wilton Manors. Four choirs will take part. Adjusting Brenda's halo is Mrs. Pat Saunders.

# Presbyterian Women Plan Fall Meeting

Fall board meeting and planning conference of the Women of the Church of Everglades Presbytery will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Riviera Church, Miami.

Mrs. Raymond Shepley, president, will be in charge.

Lunch will be served by the host church.

Attending from this area are Mrs. James Kinkaide, chairman district six, and Mrs. L. T. Adams, program, Ft. Lauderdale, and Mrs. M. B. McLean, literature chairman, Pompano Beach.

*November 5, 1962*

## Therapists To Display Indian Saris

**WILTON MANORS**—Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church will get a picture of life in South India at 8 p.m., Thursday in the church.

Ruby Tillman and Hilda Ilten will show slides and tell about their experiences while working at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, S. India.

The two women volunteered to work for a month and made numerous side trips into remote areas while traveling to and from their destination. The two registered physical therapists will also display some souvenirs and demonstrate how a sari, is wrapped.

Meeting is open to the public.  
Refreshments will be served.

*February 1962*

Covenant Presbyterian, Wilton Manors: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" will be the theme for the annual Christmas pageant at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow with four church choirs participating. Communion services will be held at 9 p.m. Monday with a brief message from the pastor.

*December 22, 1962*

## Miami Coach Will Speak On Guidance

**WILTON MANORS** — Bill Crutchfield, University of Miami backfield football coach, will speak when Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church celebrate the



birthday of Presbyterian women at 8 p.m., tomorrow in the church.

Crutchfield will discuss the Christian Vocational Guidance Program.

Since he came to the university in 1960 he has been supporting a program of guidance throughout the Presbytery of the Everglades. He is a native of Orangeburg, S.C., and a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

Youth groups of Plaza, Bethany and Coral Ridge Presbyterian Churches and their parents will be guests of the local church.

Choralettes, directed by Mrs. Wallace Sowers will present a musical program.

*April 26, 1962*



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Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church will have their general meeting at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 with Mrs. Kenneth Mulheim presiding. Mrs. Jack Gilmore will conduct the devotional.

The entire congregation of the church is invited to hear the Rev. Samuel M. Houck speak on "Church Extension in the Presbytery of the Everglades." He is minister of Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami.

A covered dish luncheon will follow with Mrs. Rudolph Rosemann, Mrs. J. E. Biernesser, Mrs. Ernest Eckert, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Vernon Kline, Mrs. Harry Noah, Mrs. W. B. Peterson, Mrs. C. R. Richardson, Mrs. A. G. Smith and Mrs. Henry Young as hostesses.

## Presbyterians Organize Church

An organization meeting of the Covenant Presbyterian church, out post of Bethany Presbyterian church, was held recently at the Highland Estates Civic club building to which approximately 100 people attended.

The presiding ministers commission of St. John's Presbytery included the Rev. Ryan L. Wood of West Palm Beach, Dr. James U. Johnson of Miami; the Rev. Robert Hess of Miami, the Rev. Willis Garrett of Miami Beach and the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church of Ft. Lauderdale.

Elders W. E. Nexsen, H. E. Behrens and M. R. Frierson assisted in accepting the 31 charter members. The name Covenant Presbyterian church was chosen and plans for a new church building to be erected were discussed.

Charter members will be accepted for the coming 30 days. Sunday school services will begin at 9:30 a.m. and prayer meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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### MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Pastor's salary promised for 1949-50 . . . . .	\$ 2000.00	Conservative value of manse . . . . .	\$ None
Pastor's salary paid in 1949-50 . . . . .	\$ 1282.87	Total value of church property . . . . .	\$ 7500.00
Increase over previous year . . . . .	\$ 1000.00	Total insurance carried . . . . .	\$ None
Decrease from previous year . . . . .	\$ None	Total indebtedness of the church . . . . .	\$ None
Conservative value of church . . . . .	\$ 7000.00	Were all treasurer's books properly audited? . . .	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Stewardship Committee . . . . .	None	St. or R.F.D. . . . .	P. O. . . . .
Church Treasurer . . . . .	B. J. Mason	St. or R.F.D. 3 Box 260	P. O. Ft. Lauderdale Fla
Benevolence Treasurer . . . . .	B. J. Mason	St. or R.F.D. 3 Box 260	P. O. "
Attested by Clerk of Session . . . . .	Victor L. Rackrook	St. or R.F.D. 3 Box 255	P. O. Ft. Lauderdale
Signed by Pastor . . . . .	None	St. or R.F.D. . . . .	P. O. . . . .

#### NOTE TO CLERK OF PRESBYTERY:

As soon as you have compiled your summaries, detach the LOWER section and send it to Rev. J. G. Patton, Jr., 324 Church St., Decatur, Ga., and the UPPER part to Rev. E. C. Scott, 701 Henry Grady Building, Atlanta, Ga.

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America  
512 N.E. 26 Street, Wilton Manors, Florida Phone: 563-5784

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### SESSION

### DIACONATE

Ronald Benoit	John Lang	Kip Adams	Dan Eastman
Jack Davis	Clayton Vogler	Carl Anthony	William Lang
Joseph High	Jerry Williams	Leonard Booth	Fahim Nimah
		Ron Burr	Rene Noel

## MISSIONARIES

### MEXICO

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dye (Ann)

### COLOMBIA

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williams (Terry)

### LATIN AMERICA

Rev. and Mrs. Les Thompson (Carolyn)

## COVENANT'S WEEKLY WORSHIP AND WORK

### SUNDAY:

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Time
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

### WEDNESDAY:

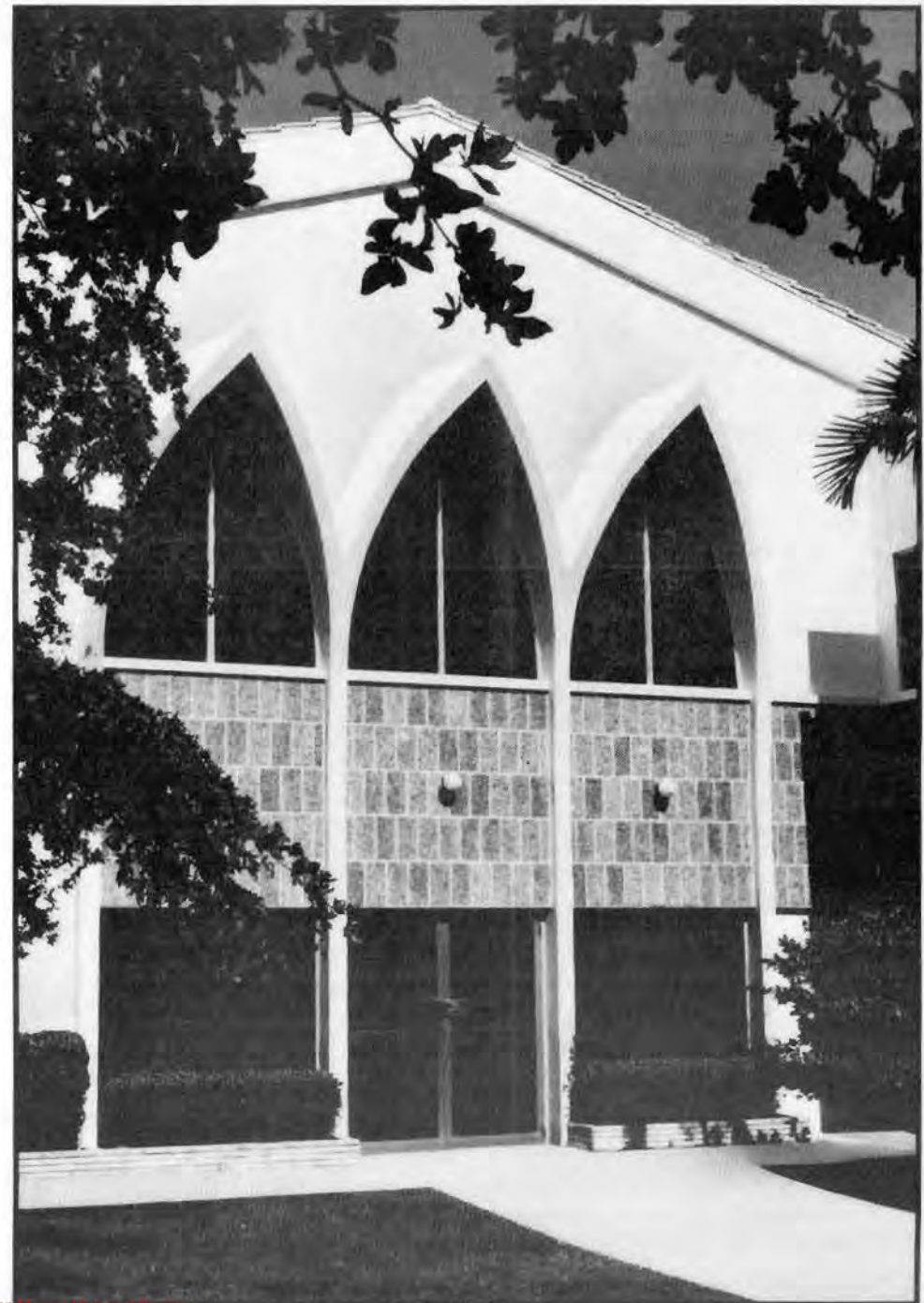
6:30 p.m.	Dinner (September - May)
7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Prayer and Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Covenant Kids (ages 4 - 12)

### THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m.	Visitation
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	(Except 2nd Thurs. - meets on Wed. at 8:00 p.m.)

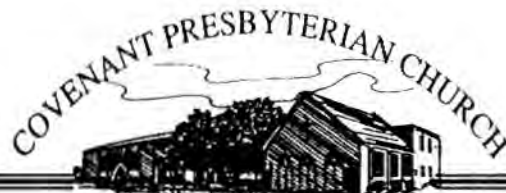
### SATURDAY

7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Fellowship
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Morning Worship



11:00 a.m.

Founded 1949

**PRELUDE** *Gospel Medley* arr. Wolaver  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
**HYMN** *Victory in Jesus* p. 473  
**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**  
**\*HYMN MEDLEY** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* p. 460  
*He Leadeth Me* p. 461  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* p. 462  
**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Down From His Glory* Rev. Russ Toms  
**WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS** arr. Wolaver  
*People Need the Lord*  
**\*DOXOLOGY**  
**ANTHEM**  
**READING OF SCRIPTURE** Joshua 1:1-9 (p. 222)  
 Hebrews 13:1-13 (p. 1265)  
**SERMON** *JESUS, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW* Rev. Russ Toms  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*RESPONSE**  
**POSTLUDE** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Wolaver  
 (\*congregation standing)

We welcome each of our visitors and guests this morning and thank you for being a part of this special day in the life of our Church Family. We invite you to be our guest for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's Service. Please return to the Sanctuary after lunch for our afternoon musical program. There will be no 6:00 Service this evening.

The Teenagers will be meeting this Wednesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the St. John's home.

The next Covenant Kids rehearsal will be Wednesday, June 5 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (There will be no rehearsal tonight nor next Sunday evening, May 26.)

The Session (4:30 p.m.) and Diaconate (4:00 p.m.) will be meeting next Sunday, May 26.

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower** for Joanne Rubingh and Ron Marcoux on Wednesday Evening, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. \*\*Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study will begin at 6:30 p.m. on this particular Wednesday.

Ft. Lauderdale Christian School (6330 NW 31 Ave.) invites you to an Open House on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. Call 972-3444.

We thank The Posie Patch Florist for the beautiful floral arrangement this morning!

## Founders Day Sunday, May 19, 1991

Afternoon Program

1:30 p.m.

### "A History of Covenant"

Narrator: Jerry Williams

*Medley of Hymns* ..... Diana Benoit, pianist; Joanne Rubingh, clarinet;  
 Ron Burr / Dennis Fitser, trumpets

**OPENING HYMN** *We're Marching to Zion* p. 555

*I Will Serve Thee* ..... by Gaither  
 Joanne Rubingh & Dennis Fitser, duet

*Rise Up, O Church* ..... arr. by Otis Skillings  
 Chancel Choir; Ron Burr, Director

*His Word Will Stand* ..... by Borop & Liles  
 Remembrance (Diana Benoit, Linda Noel, Bob & Sebrina St. John)

**MUSIC THROUGH THE YEARS** ..... presentation by The "Covenant Kids"  
 soloists: Kristi Green, Andy Noel

Choir Members: Heather Davis, Monica Davis, Kristi Green, Lucinda Williams,  
 Amelia Williams, Andy Noel, Tony DeStefanis, Justin Burr,  
 Sabrina Wilbanks, Tiffany DeStefanis, and Danielle Green

*How Great Thou Art* ..... by S.K. Hine  
 Rev. Russ Toms, soloist

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* ..... arr. by M.W. Coalter  
 Diana Benoit & Sebrina St. John, pianists

*There's a Quiet Understanding* ..... by T. Smith  
 Chancel Choir

*My Tribute* ..... by Andrae Crouch  
 Lorna Bryan, soloist

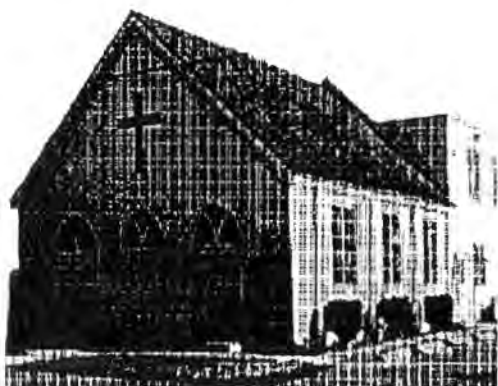
*Thank You* ..... by Ray Boltz  
 Ron Burr, soloist

*Precious Lord/Heaven's Parade* ..... arr. by St. John  
 Remembrance

*Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* ..... by J.W. Peterson  
 Chancel Choir

**CLOSING PRAYER** Rev. Russ Toms

**CLOSING HYMN** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* p. 286



The "Old Chapel" (now referred to as the Fellowship Hall) built on land donated by Mr. David Turner

*On May 16, 1948, believers in the Wilton Manors/Highland Estates area met together for worship for the first time in response to the Holy Spirit opening their hearts to the need for a church in their area. They worked and prayed very hard throughout the next few months, and on January 13, 1949, a Commission of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. convened and organized Covenant Presbyterian Church with 33 charter members.*

## Covenant Presbyterian Church

### ***FOUNDER'S DAY***

#### Schedule of Events

#### **BANQUET**

Wednesday, May 15, 1991      Covenant's Fellowship Hall      6:30 p.m.

Special Music will be presented by the Clearwater Christian College Ensemble  
Cost: \$3 . 00 per person (\$1. 50 for children under 8)

Please R.S.V.P. by May 1, 1991.

Church Office (305) 563-5784

Melba Anthony (305) 566-6541

#### **PICNIC & GAMES**

Saturday, May 18, 1991      Church Grounds      10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### **WORSHIP & PRAISE DAY**

Sunday, May 19, 1991

Sunday School 9: 30 a . m .

Morning Service 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Russ Toms

Potluck Luncheon 12 :15 p .m.

Special Music and Praise Time following lunch



Covenant's "New Sanctuary"s built in 1958

*God blessed the efforts of Covenant's pioneers and on April 20, 1958, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the much needed new and larger Sanctuary. On October 26, 1958, they held their first worship service in the new Sanctuary. Many additions and changes have been made since then. One such change was the congregation's decision to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in 1973. Covenant Presbyterian Church now belongs to the Presbyterian Church of America.*

*These "FOUNDER'S DAY" Activities are dedicated to all of those Christian "pioneers" who began our precious Covenant family. We hope YOU will be able to be with us for our reunion!*

(A limited number of commemorative Founder 's Day mugs will be available . Cost is \$5 per mug . )



**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

**FOUNDERS DAY BANQUET**

Wednesday, May 15, 1991

6:30 p.m.



God builds no churches. By His plan that labor  
Has been left to man,

No spires miraculously arise;  
No little mission from the skies

Falls on the bleak and barren place to be a  
Source of strength and grace.

The humblest church demands its  
Price in human toil and sacrifice.

Men call the Church the House of God, toward  
Which the toil-strained pilgrims trod

In search of strength and rest  
And hope, as blindly through  
Life's Mist they grope.

And there God dwells but it is man who builds  
That House, and draws its plan;

Pays for the mortar and the  
Stone that none need seek for  
God alone.

The humblest spire in mortal ken where God abides  
Was built by men.

And if the church is still to  
Grow, is still the light of  
Hope to throw

Across the valley of despair, men still must  
Build God's house of prayer.

God sends no churches from the  
Skies. Out of our hearts they  
Must rise .

Edgar A. Guest

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**OPENING . . . . . FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Welcome Mr. Jerry Williams

Presentations by Mr. Carl Anthony  
Mr. Joseph High

Invocation Mr. Jerry Williams

**DINNER . . . . . FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Menu: Ham, Green beans, Potato salad, Apple sauce Rolls / Dessert Coffee / Tea

**PROGRAM . . . . . SANCTUARY**

Call to Worship Mr. Jerry Williams

Opening Hymns Led by Mr. Ron Burr

Introduction of Program Guests Mr. Ron Burr

Program by the Clearwater Christian College  
Summer Ensemble

Love Offering

Benediction Mr. Jerry Williams

**FELLOWSHIP . . . . . NARTHEX**

Please join us in the Narthex for punch and coffee.

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*We thank each of you for being a part of this special celebration of God's love over these past 42 years and hope you will also join us for our other Founders Day activities. (See page 21, May/June Covenant News.)*

*A special welcome is extended to the Clearwater Christian College Summer Ensemble who are presenting our program this evening. Clearwater Christian College is a fundamental, Bible-believing, Christian liberal arts college located on the shores of Tampa Bay. If you would like to make a financial gift to help support the wonderful ministry of these young men and women, there will be an opportunity at the end of their program.*

October 6, 1997

Dear Ed and Jean,

Thank you for the kind letter and generous check.

It has been more than 47 years since we met each other at the Wilton Manors Church. How kind God has been to keep us through the years.

Ed, I still prize the Bible you and the elders and deacons of the Covenant Presbyterian Church gave me when I left all of you to head for Japan in 1951. What a happy day it was when we all marched together from the Community House to the partially completed Church building.

Humiko and I go this week to Toyokawa in Aichi Prefecture to help in the marriage of a Pastor and a lady Bible teacher that we introduced.

And today a couple from our area went to Nagoya to adopt a baby which we helped to arrange. We are always glad to see an unwanted child adopted into a Christian home.

Please give Eugenia and Marcia our love in Christ when you see them next.

Love in Jesus.

David and Humiko



DAVID & FUMIKO MARTIN

9-6 Nishiyama-cho

Sabae-shi, Fukui-Ken 916-0024

Japan tel 0778-54-0192

October 26, 1998

Dear Ed and Jean,

Thank you for all the news in your welcome letter,  
and Fumiko and I are grateful for your generous gift.

When I left the Covenant Church in 1951 to come to  
Japan the elders and deacons gave me a Thompson Chain Reference  
Bible and the four elders and four deacons signed it:

Victor Rothrock, Clarence H. Sills, Robert H. Perigo, Paul W.  
Horse, Richard Jack Mason, Rudolph Klippel, Ed French and  
Bill Smith. I wonder how many are still in this world besides  
you and me, Ed. Since the Covenant Church was the first one  
I helped in after getting out of Seminary it is always very special.  
I think you are the only couple who still live in Wilton Manors.

God has certainly been gracious to me to allow me to  
still be a witness for Christ in Japan since I and my family first came  
here 47 years ago.

I would have answered your letter sooner but Humberto and I were in Sacramento, California from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month. My sister, Betty, had called and told us my mother (now age 97) might not live another month and that if we wanted to see her while she would still know us we should come quickly. She had stopped eating and refused any interavenous feeding.

We went and Humberto was a superb daughter-in-law taking care of my mother. She relieved my sister, cooking excellent meals, washing my mother and putting her on the portable toilet by her bed and all the other things that needed to be done.

My older brother, Bill, has been an epileptic since birth and been in institutions from the age of 17 until now (He is now 77). He wrote her a letter which was more help than anything I could say. I thought it was so appropriate at that time that I'll send you a copy. He wrote it on four postcards my sister had sent him to write to my mother with and the front and back of a sheet of paper. Jesus said that many who are first in this world will be last in the next and that many who are



last here shall be first there. I'm certain that in heaven he will be up there close to you while I am back by the entrance - in but barely.

Every Sunday there is something to encourage us here at the Sabal Church. Yesterday the granddaughter (6<sup>th</sup> grade) of one of our believers came back to Sunday school after a long absence. One of her friends had died which sobered her. The mother runs a bar and tries to keep the daughter away from the church which makes it hard for Brother Osumura (the grandfather) to bring her when his daughter does not want the <sup>grand</sup>daughter to come. He is the only Christian in the fishing village (2000 population) where he lives. He is 53 and like a son to me. What a battle it is for anyone to get into the faith here and then to remain faithful with so much opposition. But that makes the fellowship of the church all the sweeter for there is where friends meet to give their sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to him who came from heaven to die for us and waits there for our arrival (John 14:1-3)

May God's rich blessing be with you both. Please give our love in Christ to all at the Covenant Church.

Love in Jesus.

David + Jimiko

NEW COVENANT CHURCH. ONLY CHAPEL AT RIGHT IS COMPLETE



*From the original Scrapbook*

We are growing with the Grace of God. Our Sunday School rooms have been started and classes were held for the first time on March 11, 1951.

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## Martin Assumes Missionary Duties

Joining the ranks of missionaries in the field under direction of Bethany Presbyterian church, David Martin, assistant pastor of the church, leaves Ft. Lauderdale Monday for Japan. He will be accompanied by his wife and three children.

During the past year, he has been serving as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian church. More recently, during the absence of Bethany church pastor, the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., Mr. Martin has been filling the pulpit. He will preach at both services Sunday.

A missionary rally for the Martins is planned after the evening service Sunday.

Bethany church now supports 10 missionaries, four in South America, three in Africa, one in the Philippines and two in Japan.



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JACQUE ELIZABETH LAUREL DAVID DAVE

### THE MARTINS

obeying Christ's command

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15).

1951



Our new pastor The Rev. Russell Toms and his Session

From right to left: Mr. R. Klippel, Mr. R. Purigo,  
Mr. V. Rethrick. Mr. Sills (Elder was not  
there at that time). Mr. Mason, Church  
Treasurer in background.



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CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

L. Thomas Adams  
310 NE 51 Street  
566-6659

Thomas A. Cook  
1424 NE 27 Street  
564-5813

E. Ray Gottshall  
2800 NE 1 Avenue  
564-4848

Joseph C. High  
651 NE 5 Street  
Pompano Beach  
933-9732

A. Galen Lund, Clerk  
547 NE 24 Street  
564-8790

Mac B. McLean  
701 SE 15 Street  
Pompano Beach  
933-3304

Howard Sahler  
808 NE 17 Street  
523-6738

Merle Von Stein  
1510 NW 7 Terrace  
523-6808

Robert Williams  
2801 NW 9 Lane  
566-3779

BOARD OF DEACONS

J. Frank Beauchamp  
4420 NW 30 Street  
581-4898  
Class of 1965

Walter Cabral  
5456 NE 3 Terrace  
566-8276  
Class of 1965

Jerald Cook  
3516 SW 15 Street  
583-6873  
Class of 1967

Charles Deal  
3270 NW 6 Avenue  
564-4561  
Class of 1966

Thomas Hamilton  
320 NW 34 Street  
564-0266  
Class of 1967

Charles Herrell  
1106 NW 15 Street  
523-0306  
Class of 1966

Sam Ivill  
2310 NW 6 Avenue  
566-9516  
Class of 1967

Edgar Jones  
812 NW 28 Court  
566-8752  
Class of 1966

George Lang  
760 NW 37 Street  
566-6671  
Class of 1966

Ralph Mumma  
3025 NW 5 Avenue  
565-1547  
Class of 1967

Albert Rich  
430 NW 51 Court  
565-0662  
Class of 1965

Harold Saunders  
412 SW 9 Avenue  
525-3681 (office)  
Class of 1966

Steve Walker  
308 NW 26 Court  
564-0492  
Class of 1967

John Wells  
721 NW 67 Avenue  
587-1973  
Class of 1966

Donald Williams  
2801 NW 9 Lane  
566-3779  
Class of 1965

James Pace  
728 NW 29 Court  
566-1932  
Class of 1965

TRUSTEES

Class of 1965  
Walter Cabral  
5456 NE 3 Terrace  
566-8276

William Dalton  
2832 NE 18 Terrace  
566-8546

William Jenkins  
2616 NE 6 Avenue  
566-9006

Class of 1966  
Claflin Bowman  
1304 NW 15 Place  
522-7247

Michael Casoria  
516 NE 23 Street  
566-6604

Thomas Hamilton  
320 NW 34 Street  
564-0266

Class of 1967  
J. Frank Beauchamp  
4420 NW 30 Street  
581-4898

Bill Bennett  
261 SW 52 Terrace  
581-5007

Walter Updike  
4880 N. Andrews Avenue  
564-3366



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

506-526 N. E. 26th Street  
WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA



*(Proposed Completed Church)*

CHURCH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ 9:45 A. M.  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.  
WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 P. M.

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REV. RUSSELL D. TOMS, MINISTER

Manse: 423 N. E. 26th St.

Manse Phone: 3-3064

Church Phone: 3-9847

*We welcome you to worship the Lord with us.  
Let us magnify the Lord Jesus together.*

# FOUNDERS DAY SERVICE

Sunday, January 31, 1954

2:30 P.M.

PRELUDE

PROCESSION

\*INVOCATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI

RESPONSIVE READING

SELECTION 8

\*HYMN 7 "O WORSHIP THE KING"

INTRODUCTION OF FOUNDERS

SPECIAL MUSIC BY MR. DON WALK, ORGANIST AT BETHANY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PIANIST IN THE EARLY  
DAYS OF COVENANT

MEDLEY - "WHEN THEY RING THOSE GOLDEN BELLS"  
"WHEN THEY RING THE BELLS OF HEAVEN"

COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER

THE PASTOR

QUARTETTE - "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

SCRIPTURE

SOLO

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

THE PASTOR

SERMON BY THE REV. H. LAWRENCE LOVE, JR.,  
PASTOR, BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
FOUNDING PASTOR OF COVENANT

\*HYMN 217 "I AM THINE, O LORD"

BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

\*CONGREGATION STANDING

(From the Newspaper five years ago)

## "COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORGANIZED

An impressive organizational meeting of the Covenant Presbyterian Church was held Thursday, January 13, at the Highland Estates Civic Building. About 100 people attended. The presiding ministers commission of St. Johns Presbytery were the Rev. Ryan L. Wood of West Palm Beach, the Rev. James V. Johnson of Miami, the Rev. Willis Garrett of Miami Beach, the Rev. Robert Hess of Miami, and the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Ft. Lauderdale. Elders were W. E. Nexsen, H. E. Behrens, and M. R. Frierson assisted in accepting 31 charter members for organizing a Presbyterian Church in Highland Estates and Wilton Manors. The name of Covenant Presbyterian Church was chosen and plans for a new church building to be erected in the near future are being made.

The Scripture Lesson and prayer was given by the Rev. Robert Hess. Sermon by the Rev. Willis Garrett, and organization of Covenant Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Ryan L. Wood. The charge to the congregation was delivered by Dr. James V. Johnson.

A special number was given by the Youth Choir directed by Mrs. Constance Eriksen.

Charter members will be accepted for the next 30 days."

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Such was the formal founding of the church, but prior to its organization there were those with vision, feelings of urgency, and much labor and love in those days which are necessary before any work can be established. The Lord uses us to carry on His work. At Covenant He used the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., who felt the responsibility in meeting the spiritual need of this area; Miss Anna Wilmarth who made the preliminary survey looking toward the establishment of God's work in this place was another of the Lord's obedient servants; and then, too, there were many others whom we recognize this day.

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Just as the Gospel was preached first at Jerusalem, then in all Judea, and in Samaria, and is to be preached unto the uttermost part of the earth; so may it always be here at Covenant.



## THE SESSION

The Rev. Russell D. Toms, Moderator	423 N. E. 26th St.—Ph. 3-3064
Thomas Allen Cook, Clerk	1405 N. W. 7th Ave.—Ph. 6419
Rudolph L. Klippel	2721 N. E. 6th Lane—Ph. 3-0631
Robert G. Perrigo	901 N. E. 28th St.—Ph. 2-8440
Victor L. Rothrock	811 N. E. 28th St.—Ph. 2-1984
Clarence G. Sills	814 N. E. 28th St.

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Mr. E. Claude Martin, Chairman	2665 N. E. 8th Ave.—Ph. 3-0421
Mr. Gene T. Peterson, Treasurer	207 N. E. 29th St.—Ph. 3-6950

(Make Checks Payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Inc.)

Class of 1954	Class of 1955	Class of 1956
Alfred J. Henderson	E. Claude Martin	John M. Vollmerhausen
Arcue B. Grantland	Henry C. Youngs	Thomas M. Gattle
	Gene T. Peterson	Sidney W. Wright

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Robert G. Perrigo, Superintendent	Ph. 2-8440
Mrs. Edward French, Sec'y-Treas.	Ph. 2-0895

## THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

President, Mrs. T. A. Cook, 1405 N. W. 7th Ave.	Ph. 6419
Vice-President, Mrs. S. W. Wright, 705 S. W. 14th Ave.	
Secretary, Mrs. G. T. Peterson, 207 N. E. 29th St.	Ph. 3-6950
Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Beadle, 1637 N. E. 16th Ave.	Ph. 3-2237
Historian, Mrs. V. L. Rothrock, 811 N. E. 28th St.	Ph. 2-1984
Circle Chm., No. 1, Mrs. Ed Ueber, 2640 N. E. 9th Ave.	Ph. 5464
Circle Chm., No. 3, Mrs. J. C. High, 25 N. W. 37th St.	Ph. 3-7675
Circle Chm., No. 4, Mrs. L. W. Sommers, 312 N. E. 25th St.	

General Meeting, 4th Thursday, 11 A. M.

Circles 1 and 3 meet at 10 A. M. on 2nd Thursday.

Circle 4 meets at 8 P. M. on 2nd Thursday.

## THE MEN OF THE CHURCH

President, John M. Vollmerhausen, 2808 N. E. 3rd Ave.	Ph. 3-7004
Vice-President, Carl H. Anthony, Jr., 117 N. E. 26th Drive	Ph. 9988
Secretary, Sidney W. Wright, 705 S. W. 14th Ave.	Bus. Ph. 2-4724
Treasurer, Arcue B. Grantland, 133 Carolina Ave.	Ph. 6917

Supper meeting 3rd Monday at 7 P. M.

Senior Youth Fellowship	Pioneer Youth Fellowship	Junior Youth Fellowship
Pres., Edward Miller	Pres., Patsy Hendricks	Pres., Robert G. Perrigo, Jr.
V-Pres., Kenneth Green	V-Pres., Karen Clark	V-Pres., David Waterhouse
Sec'y., Susie Housand	Sec'y-Treas., Ada Johnston	Sec'y., Thomas A. Cook, Jr.
Treas., Michael Deiderich	Advisor, Mrs. Delia Hayes	Treas., Ronald Murray
Advisors, Rev. & Mrs. Toms	Choir Rehearsal,	Advisors,
Choir Rehearsal,	Sun., 5:30 P. M.	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Burns
Sun., 5:30 P. M.	Sandwich Supper, 6:15 P. M.	Meeting, 5:30 P. M.
Sandwich Supper, 6:15 P. M.	Meeting, 6:40 P. M.	Sandwich Supper, 6:15 P. M.
Meeting, 6:40 P. M.		Choir Rehearsal, 6:40 P. M.

## THE CHURCH CHORUS CHOIR

Mrs. T. A. Cook, Organist and Choir Director	Ph. 6419
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Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7 P. M.

## WEEK-DAY KINDERGARTEN-NURSERY

Sessions Held September through May.

Director, Rev. Russell D. Toms, Ph. 3-9847 or 3-3064

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Family Night Supper on First Friday at 6:30 P. M.

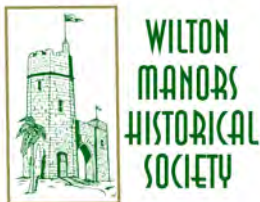
## OUR INVITATION

Members are received in the fellowship of the Church on Profession of Faith in Christ, on Reaffirmation of Faith, and by Letter of Transfer.

The Pastor and members of the Session are available for interviews on questions of your relation with Christ and His Church.

In the Name of Christ you are cordially invited into fellowship with Him, and the membership of this Church.

***Selected photographs and newspaper articles about the  
church and related activities from the collection of Jean  
French, ca 1948-1960***





# The BULLETIN BOARD

Vol. 4

PLANT CITY, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER, 1948

No. 1

ST. JOHNS PRESBYTERY  
PUBLISHED BY THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dr. P. D. Miller in his book pointed out the Divine order for missionary advance in these words, "Take Jerusalem for God, and from there witness in Judea. Through Judea reach Samaria, and from thence take the ends of the earth for our Lord."

Ours has been a Home Mission nation from its very beginning; from the Atlantic seaboard the early missionary turned west and planted the Christian church as he journeyed, until the vast continent of North America was at last covered with churches.

Home Missions is basic in the life of the church, for as we plant new churches, develop them into producing churches, all the other great causes of the church prosper. That has been the story in St. Johns Presbytery, and it is the story everywhere. In 1905 the Presbytery with twenty-five churches and fifteen hundred members gave to all the benevolent causes of the church \$2966; ten years later the Presbytery had grown to 41 churches with 3416 members, and they gave to all the benevolent causes \$16,498; after another ten years the Presbytery had grown to 50 churches with a

membership of 7733, and the contributions to the benevolent causes had risen to \$78,501.

Last year we reported 66 churches with a total membership of 23,331, and the gifts to the benevolent causes amounted to \$266,283.00. That story can be duplicated in practically every Presbytery of the Church, so the inevitable conclusion is that we should plant new churches, grow them into strong self supporting, producing churches for the sake of the whole work of the church. To do this of course means that we must support liberally Presbyterian Home Missions.

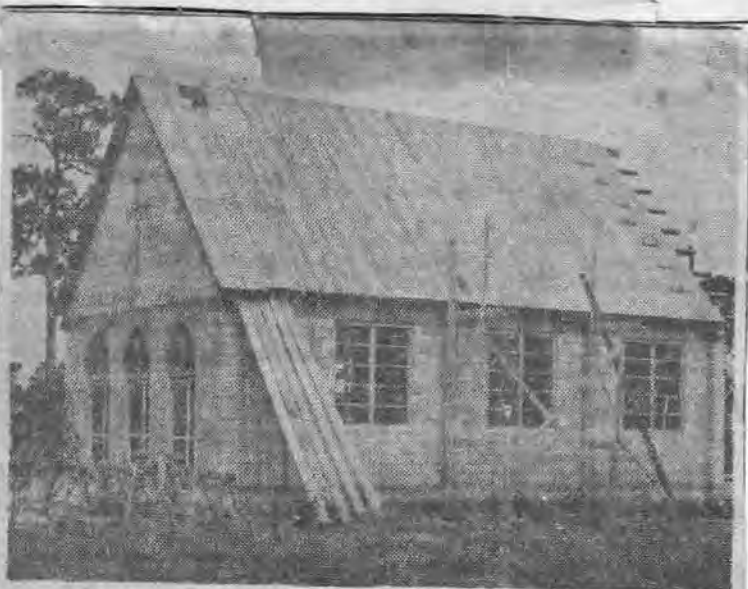
Just now your Committee knows of a number of promising places where Churches could be organized and developed into strong churches in a very short while. We are hindered only by a lack of sufficient money to help build chapels and churches, and places pastors to work in these fields. So the imperative call to the church in the days ahead of us is to give more generously to Home Missions; to pray for Home Missions; to strive and serve so that the whole work of the whole church may prosper more.



Wilton Manors - Highland Estates  
BETHANY'S OUTPOST (Ft. Lauderdale)  
REV. H. L. LOVE, Minister



North Tampa breaking dirt for their first unit. Rev. G. H. Cook, Minister.



(Daily News photo by Phil Welding)  
**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** is responsible for construction work being done on the new Presbyterian church in Wilton Manors. The church has been adopted as a community project and benefits have been realized. In addition to this, many of the residents have contributed

## Church Site Sought By New Group

### Highland Estates, Wilton Manors Are Planning Permanent Church in Area.

Petitions are now being circulated in Highland Estates and Wilton Manors to secure signatures of residents to become charter members of a Presbyterian church in that area.

The group first organized in May of this year, holding their initial meeting at the Highland Estates Civic Club house. Sixty-four residents of the two towns were present, and approximately the same number have attended services at the Community Church since that time.

An evening worship is conducted each Sunday night by the Rev. L. Love of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale. Sunday school services are held each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for children of all age groups. Mrs. Edward French is in charge of the beginner's group; Mrs. R. G. Perrigo, primary; Mrs. H. M. Sharpe, juniors; Mrs. Ruth Grantland, intermediates, and Miss Ann Wilmarth, adults. R. G. Perrigo is the Sunday school superintendent.

Since the first meeting last May, two choir groups have also been organized within the church. The songsters, who are directed by Mrs. Connie Erickson with Mrs. Ed Umber at the piano, is for children in the 11 to 17 age group. The Sun Beams, consisting of children from 6 to 11 years, is sponsored by Mrs. R. G. Perrigo and Miss Betty Jo Evans.

Another addition since the inauguration of the church is a daily prayer service, which starts Sept. 9th, and is conducted by Rev. Love every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

As the petitions are being circulated, members are also seeking a suitable site, centrally located between the two towns, for the new church which they hope to build in the near future.





REV. DAVID MARTIN

## Church To See First Service

The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian church will hold the first services in the new and still incomplete building in Wilton Manors Sunday, beginning at 9:15 a. m. with a march to the music of hymns from the Highland Estates Community house, where services have been held, to the site of the new structure.

The Rev. David Martin, who accepted the pastorate in May, will conduct the worship at 9:30 a. m., followed by Sunday school at 10:45 a. m. Also on the day's program are a young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m., and at 7:30 p. m. another in a series of daily evangelical services being conducted by the Rev. H. Lawrence Love, Jr., of Bethany Presbyterian church.

Only the 200-seat chapel of the new building, located at NE Fifth ave. and 26th st., is near enough to completion to house the services. Ultimately the church, started about a year ago and built by the men of the congregation, will have, in addition, a main auditorium seating 500 persons and Sunday school rooms and other facilities. No indebtedness is being made. Construction will advance as funds become available.

The only church in the communities of Wilton Manors and Highland Estates, Covenant began in 1948 as a mission of the Bethany Presbyterian church of Ft. Lauderdale, with Mr. Love holding services in the Highland Estates Community House. It was organized as a church in January, 1949, and plans for a church building laid at once.

William Iverson of Miami, a divinity student, conducted services for a time, and the Rev. Preson P. Phillips served as pastor for about six months until January of this year. Supply ministers thereafter filled the pupil until Mr. Martin was called from Dallas, Texas.

Membership has grown to about 80. Although its form of government is Presbyterian, it was established as a non-denominational church designed to serve the entire community, the pastor stated.

Victor L. Rothrock, Clarence G. Sills and Robert G. Perrigo are the elders; Richard S. Mason, William C. Smith and Edward R. French the deacons.

Mrs. Constance Erickson is music director, supervising a choir of some 25 voices. Don Wall and Mrs. Emma Umber are pianists.

Weekday services will be choir practice each Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., and Bible study and prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m.



Florida

Jun '55



Women of the Church 1949



# Covenant Presbyterian Church Semi Annual Meeting Attracts 175 Women To Wilton Manors

By VIRGINIA ROGERS

**WILTON MANORS**—The outstanding event of the current year for the Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church occurred Wednesday when 175 Women of the Church, District One, of St. John's Presbytery met for their semi-annual meeting Wilton Manors.

Attending the morning worship service and the turkey dinner that followed were representatives from Presbyterian churches in West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale.

Theme of the morning service was "Personal Christian Faith." Among the speakers were Mrs. Russel Toms, wife of the pastor of the hostess church; Mrs. H. L. Love Jr., Mrs. Joseph High, president of the Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church; Mrs. A. W. Wickham, Mrs. Guy McLain, Mrs. Tom Watson Jr., Miss Joyce Coke, Mrs. J. E. Fraser, and Mrs. Wert W. Ruble, Presbyterial president, who gave the morning address. Her subject was "First Fruits of Residue."

Two skits were presented by the women of Bethany Covenant Presbyterian Church, "The Half-hearted Circle" and "The Whole-hearted Circle."

Co-chairmen of the day were Mrs. T. A. Cook and Mrs. Joseph High. They were assisted by a committee of 40 volunteer workers from Covenant who welcomed the guests and prepared and served the dinner.

Mrs. Addie Jenkins, who makes her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sanderson, celebrated her 79th birthday recently.

Highlights of the day "which was just about perfect," declared Mrs. Jenkins, was a favorite chocolate birthday cake baked by Mrs. Sanderson, [who is a cook of renown!] a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses and a special present from an only son in Chicago. Helping Grandma celebrate were three grandsons, Gordon, Walter and Roger Sanderson.

A surprise guest at last week's PTA meeting was Mrs. William Cherney, one of the most active members of the charter organization. Four years ago, Mrs. Cherney moved north. Back for a two week's vacation, Mrs. Cherney was "amazed" at the way the school and the city have grown.

Honored guest at a farewell coffee party recently was

Mrs. Alex Paulson, who moved to Orlando this week. Given in the lovely home of Mrs. Edward French, 29 NE 25th St., it was attended by 17 members of the Women of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

An assortment of hot breads were served by Mrs. French, hostess. The serving table was decorated with colors of rose and white.

Attending the party were Mrs. Charles Harrell, Mrs. Fred Haberstick, Mrs. Howard Sahler, Mrs. Clyde Bols, Mrs. J. E. Knaggs, Mrs. S. W. Wright, Mrs. R. C. Hawthorne, Mrs. Clarence Sills, Mrs. O. W. Klein, Mrs. Joseph Phillips, Mrs. Joseph High, Mrs. William Roundtree, Mrs. C. H. Anthony Jr., Mrs. T. A. Cook, and Mrs. Russell Toms.

A big-top circus tent birthday cake complete with animals was the "piece de resistance" at Terry Noonan's ninth birthday party, given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Noonan.

Since Terry's birthday fell on cub-scout day, Terry invited all of Den Three to his party including a special guest, Boy Scout Ronnie Horrocks, his den chief. "Ronnie saved the day by supervising all the games."

said Mrs. N. Tradition served with carrying

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## Mrs. David Martin Visits Friends Here On Return After Four Years In Japan

By VIRGINIA ROGERS

**WILTON MANORS** — The many friends of Mrs. David Martin have bid a fond farewell to her after a month of reminiscing about the year 1950, when the Rev. and Mrs. Martin came to Wilton Manors from Dallas, Tex., to help establish the first church here.

Although Mrs. Martin has been the houseguest of Mrs. Larry Love in Ft. Lauderdale, she was a special guest of women of the Covenant Presbyterian Church at their luncheon meeting and was entertained by Mrs. Edward French on several occasions, making Wilton Manors her second headquarters.

Back from four years in Japan, where Mr. Martin is a missionary in Kanazawa, Mrs. Martin had fascinating tales to tell. Although she left Thursday for her brother's home in Woodbury, Ga., she has promised to come back this summer before making the long trek back to Japan.

Special inducements waiting for her in Japan are her three youngsters, who are being cared for by Mrs. Martin's mother, a teacher at the Boyo Missionary School.

marked, "Covenant Presbyterian Church was a small mission of Bethany Presbyterian Church baskets, balloons and tiny doll parasols to take home.

Highland Estates Civic Club. I'll never forget what a thrill it was to the little congregation to march to the new 26th St. church for the dedication service in July, 1950."

Fun for everyone was the party given by Mrs. Cloyd Bols last week honoring daughter Suzanne on her ninth birthday. Fifteen young friends came to help Susie celebrate with a variety of outdoor games played in the spacious backyard.

Warmly received was a special relay in which the contestants flipped a pot-holder pancake in a small skillet—the prize going to the fastest junior chef.

Only two-game winner was Roger Sanderson—but he had a slight advantage, being the only boy in a predominantly all-girl social, a situation which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Highlight of the afternoon were the party staples — ice

cream, fancy cake aglow with candles, fruit punch and candy. Among the guests were Karen Conlin, Kendra Yoder, Paulette Von Sprecken, Suzanne Kleinhans, Lynne Rogers and Pamela Manown.

Also, Carrol Haberstick, Carol Jean Langford, Gail Mason, Joyce Hagen, Pam and Beverly Bean, Urith Ann Strickler and Bonnie Lloyd.

Enjoying the "beer and shrimps" party, a get-acquainted social at Miami's Hotel McAllister Friday night as part of the Junior Chamber of Commerce state caucus, were eight couples representing the Wilton Manors JC chapter.

Attending were the local JC president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Little, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sleski, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arnstein, Mr. and Mrs. John Rees, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt.





**DIRECTING** the Mothers' March on Polio in Wilton Manors between 7 and 8 p.m. Jan. 28 will be this group of captains. The police siren will signal the start of the drive, and residents are asked to turn on porch lights. Left to right are Mrs. Edward French, chairman; Mrs. E. McDougall, Mrs. Thurlew Thorstensen,

Mrs. Frederick Haberstitch, Mrs. William Connelly, Mrs. Chester Jackson, Mrs. William Rountree, Mrs. Carl Anthony and Mrs. William Miller, standing. Anyone missed by a solicitor is asked to call Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher, Sr., campaign director.

—Herald Photo by Mel Kenyon

Jean French and other Covenant women participate in civic/charitable activities.

## Mothers' Polio March Night of January 29th

The evening of January 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. has been designated as the date for the Mothers' March for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Edward French of 2713 N. E. Sixth Lane is chairman for the March of Dimes for the Village. Co-chairman is Mrs. Leslie Stafford. Mrs. French has been most active and did an outstanding job in raising funds during 1952. Captains for the Mothers' March on the 29th include Mrs. Francis Gates, Mrs. Pat Miller and Mrs. William Dickens.



(News staff photo by Bill Batist)

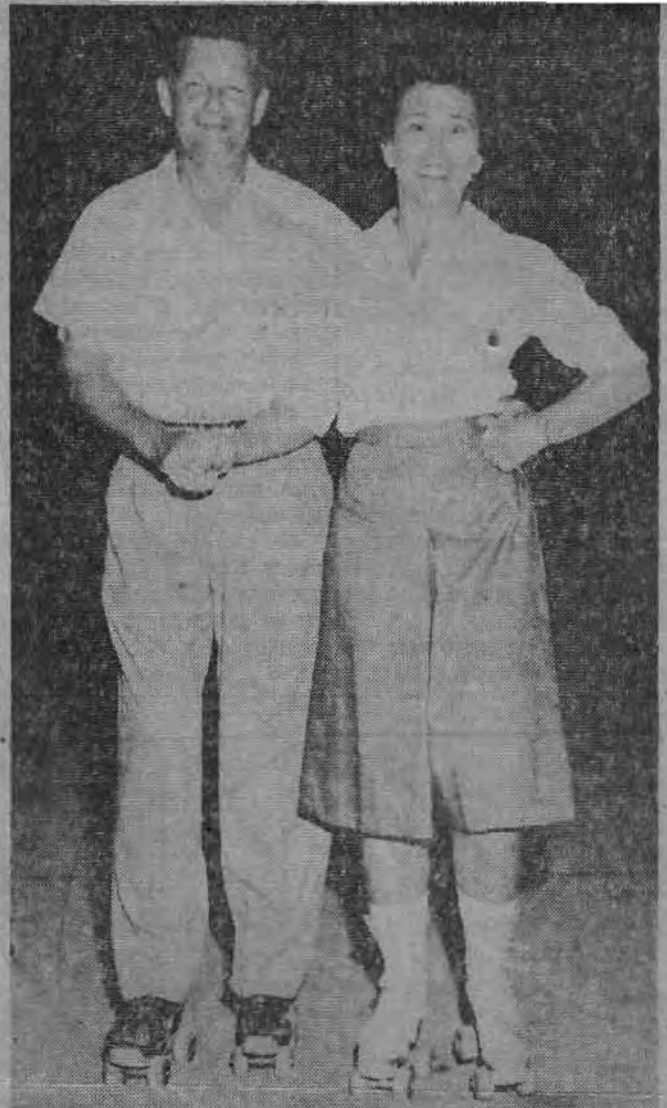
**NEW OFFICERS** of the Mothers' Council of Wilton Manors are Mrs. Edward French, left, vice-president, and Mrs. Anthony Shober, president. The council, designed to assist the city recreation program, will meet on the third Friday of each month.



(News photo by Paul Whitehouse)

**WAITING**—Mrs. Edward French, a worker at the Hagen Pavilion precinct waits for voters to show up, to decide if Wilton Manors swimming pool and police civil service referendum will be sanctioned. Five hours after the polls opened only 210 people had cast votes at three polling places. The civil service question can be decided by a majority of those voting, but it requires 885 favorable votes of registered freeholders to authorize spending the funds needed for a new swimming pool.





**SKATING WAS FUN** for members of the Mothers' Council who put aside other duties to entertain husbands at a roller skating party Wednesday in Oakland Manor Arena. Mr. and Mrs. Edward French try some fancy skating.

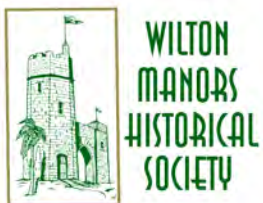
(News photos by Bill Bates)



**WILTON MANORS POLIO DRIVE** — Mrs. Bernard O'Brien (seated left) knows what it means to have help when polio strikes. One of the first to volunteer her services in Wilton Manors, she is the mother of a five-year-old girl now in Variety Children's Hospital. Helping address the emergency drive

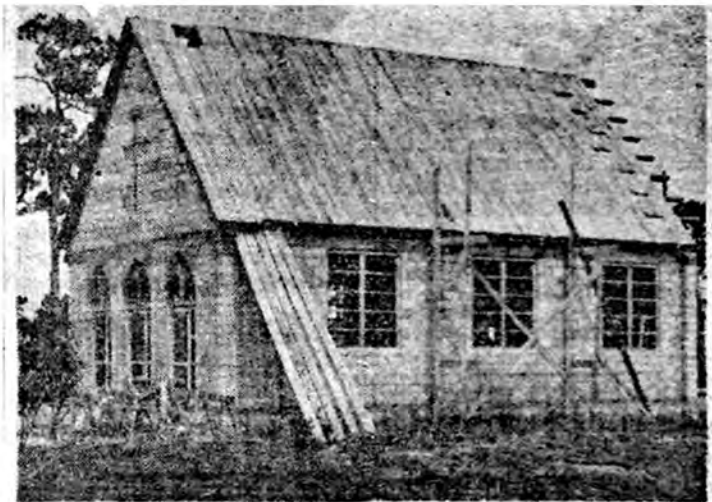
envelopes are Mrs. Edward French (seated right), chairman of the Mothers March for the past four years, and Mrs. Z. H. Pilcher, Sr. (standing), chairman of the drive. Envelopes are being distributed by volunteers this week with an urgent request to "send what you can."

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photographs***





## Phases of Chapel Construction



(Daily News photo by Phil Weidling)  
**COMMUNITY SPIRIT** is responsible for construction work being done on the new Presbyterian church in Wilton Manors. The church has been adopted as a community project and benefits have been held to raise funds. In addition to this, many of the residents have contributed much of their spare time to actual construction work.



1955 - Sunday School 2nd floor addition  
 Jean French Collection

Ca 1955 Note proposed Sanctuary is perpendicular to that actually built

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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*(Proposed Completed Church)*

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2012 - original beam ceiling and chandelier found above modern  
acoustical tile in the Chapel



2024 - restored Chapel beam ceiling and chandeliers



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