

In 1943 the existing parsonage was built under the pastorate of the late Rev. F.A. Roundtree.

In 1945 the late Rev. R.A. Jackson, the pastor, organized the first Women's Day below the Mason Dixie Line, which was held in the present church. The last Mrs. Myrtle McCleod Davis served as Chairperson.

In 1947 Rev. I.D. Hinson, pastor at that time, started construction of the Educational Building, now known as the Annex. Improvements were made by Rev. R.E. Lamb and the late Rev. J.A. Roberts, and it was completed by the Rev. T.C. Kelley. Rev. Kelley also organized the Male Chorus, the Busy Bee Club and the Willing Workers.

The previous mortgage had been burned by the late Rev. A.F. Little.

Under the pastorate of the late Rev. T.E. Wright the name of the church was changed to Greater Saint Paul AME Church. He saw a need to serve the community of Coconut Grove with a Day Care Center, which accommodated at least 45 working mothers. Necessary repairs were made to the church and the annex during his administration. He had an undying loyalty to the Youth Church which he referred to as the "church of tomorrow". Under the leadership of Mesdames Elizabeth Espy, Ruth Seal Bullard, Hattie Johnson, Carlee Daniels, Esther M. Ambrister and Cliffonia Ross, the Junior Church was one of the best in the South Florida Conference.

The Missionary Choir was organized with Mrs. Catherine Morgan as the directress, and the late Mrs. Miriam Sands Massey as the pianist. Mrs. Massey served the church well for 38 years, her sister the late Ms. Ernestine Sands, served the church for 12 years, and their father, the late Nathan Sands, served as director of the Mozart Choir for 45 years. The service of the Sands family was unlimited.

From 1972 and during the pastorate of Rev. F.A. Allen, major renovations and repairs were made to the exterior and interior of the church and the annex. He organized the F.A. Allen Gospel Choir and the Singing Angels, our youth choir. In 1972 Hauley Wiggins Choir was organized, consisting of the young adults of the church.

According to church records four ministers were ordained into the ministry and now pastor their own churches. Under Rev. Wright's pastorate, Rev. John Bodison was ordained, along with Rev. Theodore Barnett and Rev. Eugene Wilson. Rev. Michael Bouie was ordained under the pastorate of Rev. Allen.

During the Annual Conference of 1984 Rev. O.W. Burroughs was appointed as pastor, and interestingly enough he had been ordained in St. Paul 1949, having come from another district. Rev. Burroughs served the church well, liquidating the church of debt before his untimely demise in 1987. Regrettably he was unable to physically witness the burning of the mortgage, however, spiritually his presence was felt.

During the annual conference Rev. James H. Davis was given the charge to shepherd the flock of St. Paul, to uplift their morale and give them insight into the future of a new Greater Saint Paul. The church took on a new outlook with a vision in mind, which was to build a new edifice, one of which we can be proud. Property was purchased on Thomas Avenue across the street, which is now being used for parking. Property was purchased on Williams Avenue, behind the church, which holds a set of duplexes, which are self supportive.

The assistant pastor, Rev. Phillip Cooper, having been inherited from the Allen administration, is working diligently alongside our pastor. He serves the church spiritually, musically, educationally and financially.

Rev. Cooper is quite supportive of the church's programs.

Greater Saint Paul AW Church witnessed the building of a new church, and will celebrate its centennial anniversary and dedication on April 14, 1996.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPT. PATRICK L. HIGGINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 24, 1996*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and great respect that I rise to recognize the retirement of Capt. Patrick L. Higgins from the Thompsonville fire district in Enfield, CT, after 30 years of unparalleled and dedicated service. Throughout his exceptional career he has been active in his community, not only through his role in public safety, but also with his membership in such organizations as the VFW.

In 1969, early in his career with the fire department, Captain Higgins traveled to Wisconsin to pick up and deliver Thompsonville's first firefighting foam unit. Later, although not known for being foam unit specialists, Captain Higgins led his department to victory in competitions at Westover Air Force Base, defeating the renowned Westover department in foam unit firefighting.

Captain Higgins was born and raised in Thompsonville and is married, with two children. Today we pay tribute to his years of valiant service and outstanding contributions and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

#### JUDGE PENZIEN: GUILTY AS CHARGED

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 24, 1996*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, in our system of government where legislatures pass laws, executives sign them, and courts interpret and apply them, we need to be very appreciative of the dedicated jurists who take the task of judging disputes between society and individuals, or simply between individuals. The people of Bay County, MI, my home county, have had the good fortune to be served by a very dedicated man, Bay County Circuit Judge Eugene C. Penzien, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of effort in a stellar legal career.

Judge Penzien began private general practice in 1958 with former prosecuting attorney and district and circuit court judge, Ira Butterfield, as well as David Skinner. After 11 years, he became the first full-time Bay County prosecuting attorney until 1978. He first became circuit judge in 1979 and also served as chief judge between 1979 and 1982.

During his tenure, he became a personally important individual to literally thousands of Bay County residents. Having rendered over 22,000 decisions from the bench, there is no doubt that this fine jurist has left his mark on Bay County. But while some people think that the courtroom is always as dramatic as television portrays, many are quite appreciative of the fact that throughout his time as a circuit

court judge that Judge Penzien has encouraged people to meet in chambers to reach amicable agreement in a quick and less onerous fashion than a protracted court fight which may ultimately be no better than the settlement.

His membership in numerous professional organizations, including the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and its coordinating council, as well as his chairmanship of the Bay County Law Enforcement Council only begin to describe his civil commitment. He has been involved with the American Cancer Society Bay County Chapter, the Bay Area Child Guidance Clinic, the Bay City Kiwanis Club, the Bay County Mental Health Society, the Bay City YMCA, and the First United Methodist Church.

He has provided an admirable role model to the people of Bay County. He has done so with the support of his wonderful wife Mary, his children Karla and Douglas, and his stepchildren Stephen Chick and Caroline Arnold. And now his grandchildren Jessica Richards and Kimberly Penzien, and his grandchild Daishelle Richards, can learn more about what justice is supposed to be from a man who has worked a lifetime to provide it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Bay County Circuit Court Judge Eugene C. Penzien for his years of service, and in wishing him the very best for the challenges that lie ahead.

#### THE PHILLIPS AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 24, 1996*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues Beth Israel Medical Center's Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, which is opening its doors today in New York's 14th Congressional District.

The Phillips Ambulatory Care Center is an extraordinary new health care facility that is designed to provide a single standard of ambulatory care to all patients, regardless of health insurance status. The development of new ambulatory care facilities such as this one is particularly important at a time when health insurance plans are increasingly emphasizing out-of-hospital service.

Phillips proposes to provide each patient medical services at a designated patient care module that is small, patient-friendly, and modeled after the most modern and comfortable private physician office.

As a state-of-the-art ambulatory care center, this new facility incorporates many technological innovations into its design and operation. For example, the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center has the Nation's first digitized filmless radiology service.

Filmless radiography will allow physicians to view radiographic images promptly at convenient locations within the facility and will make it possible to consult with a radiologist moments after the studies are done.

Another technological innovation at the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center is a computer-based, paperless medical records system. With this system, physicians and other clinical staff will have immediate access to a patient's