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His fifty-three year ministry included pastoring nineteen churches in eight states. He was also a missionary for many years and organized three churches: Lakeland, Florida; Memphis, Tennessee; and Pensacola, Florida. He conducted radio ministries in four states for many years. Two sons and a younger brother followed his footsteps in the ministry. Additionally, he helped establish three Bible Institutes in Oklahoma, Florida and Illinois.

Bro. Lewallen served on the Baptist Sunday School Committee and was chairman for seventeen years. The American Baptist Association honored him by electing him as one of the Vice Presidents for several terms. He served on the standing Missionary Committee for five years.

Fred George Stevenson (59)

Fred G. Stevenson was born to George R. and Jeanette Irene (Jennie) Smith Stevenson on October 28, 1902, and was reared on a small farm in Dallas County, AR, near Fordyce. He received his elementary education in a small school near Fordyce and accomplished his high school work in the Missionary Baptist College at Sheridan, AR. During 1924-1926 he attended Fourth District A&M College (U of A, Monticello) at Monticello, AR. In the late 1920's and early 1930's, he taught for five years in the public schools.

Bro. Stevenson professed salvation on July 4, 1932, under the pastorate of Bro. C. N. Glover who baptized him by the authority of the First Baptist Church in Sheridan, AR. He surrendered and was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in November, 1932, at which service Bro. Glover sat on the presbytery and preached the ordination sermon.

Bro. Stevenson was among the first students who enrolled in the Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary when it opened for the first term in 1934. The following year he moved to Magnolia, AR, where he remained for nine years, teaching English and Bible languages in the Columbia Baptist Bible School. In autumn 1943, he returned to Little Rock and began his work as an instructor in the Greek and Hebrew languages and Bible subjects in the Missionary Baptist Seminary. It was during this period that he achieved his Doctor in Bible Languages degree. He was a member of that faculty until the summer of 1971, followed by four years teaching in church Bible schools in Prescott and Camden, AR.

He married Lyda Johnson on December 23, 1934, a union to which were born five children, two of whom preceded them in death: Mark was a casualty of the Vietnam War on March 28, 1967, at age 21; and Timothy drowned at age 19 on June 2, 1968. Bro. Stevenson knew deep sorrow and suffered ill health at various times during his life. His surviving children are: Fred S. Stevenson married to Virginia Plyler, of Brighton, CO; Glyna S. Patterson, widow of Jerry A. Patterson, of Town & Country, MO; and Jalynn S. Johnson, married to Ronnie Johnson, of Beebe, AR. There are four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bro. Stevenson could read both the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments with almost as much ease as the English translations. He was largely self-taught and God truly blessed him with a keen ability to retain almost everything he read. He truly put these attributes to good work for the honor and glory of God.

He served as pastor of at least 14 different churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, and many churches called on him for support in the fields of evangelism and teaching. Bro. Stevenson was a great thinker, teacher, and writer.

He was first elected as Recording Clerk of the ABA in 1950 at Lakeland, FL, which was the split of the BMAA. That was also the meeting at which he was elected to write the Adult quarterly. He served as recording secretary thru the 1955 session. He gave up both positions because of an extended illness in 1956.

Currently in print by the Baptist Sunday School Committee are **Stevenson's Commentary on Revelation, Twenty-Six Studies in I Corinthians, Twenty-Six Studies in Galatians and Ephesians**, and **Direct Answers to Difficult Questions**. He also wrote **The Work of the Holy Spirit** as his doctoral thesis and was encouraged by Dr. Ben M. Bogard to have it published.

At his death on May 10, 1981, he was buried beside his two sons in the Palmyra cemetery near Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church which was his last pastorate. Lyda Johnson Stevenson died on April 12, 1994, at age 84, and was buried beside her husband of 46 years.

Bro. Stevenson said, "The great doctrinal point I have tried to put over in recent years . . . is that the New Testament is not the discussion of a new plan of salvation, but it is rather the discussion of a new way of God's dealing with His special people in the world, this special people being the church."

---written by Jalynn Johnson, Glyna Patterson (daughters) and Fred S. Stevenson (son)

Lawton Durant Foreman (60)
Vice President, 1947-1949, 1962
President, 1950-1951

L. D. Foreman was born March 8, 1913 in Sebastian Co., AR. His parents were Jess Jonathan and Willie Ann (Matthews) Foreman.

He was saved in a "city wide" revival in Ft. Smith, conducted by the famous Mordecai F. Ham, better known as the "Old Kentucky Home" evangelist." Central Baptist Church in Ft. Smith was newly organized and was meeting in a tent. John W. Kesner was pastor and administered baptism on Foreman and Mary Opal Henry whom he later united in marriage.



To that union were born four daughters: Rebecca Curtis and