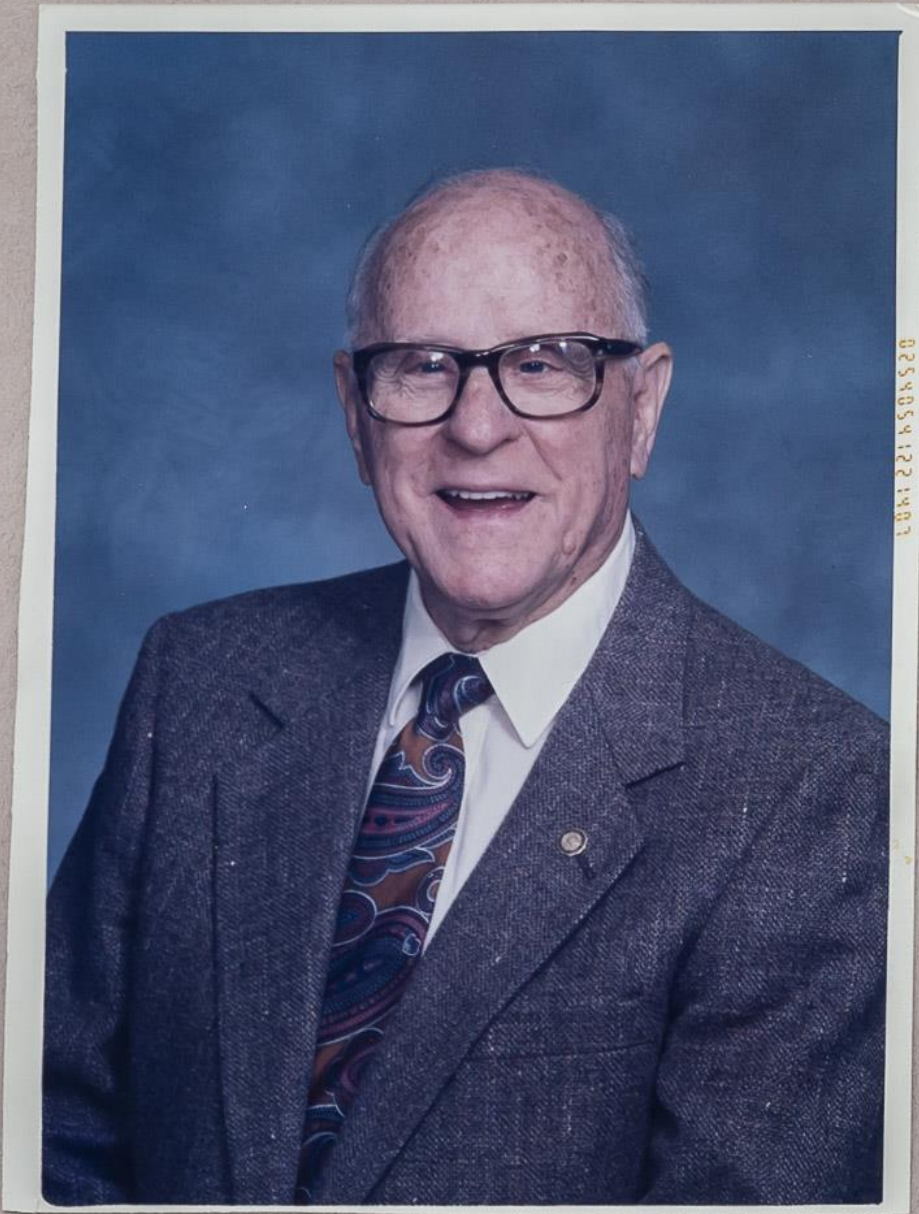


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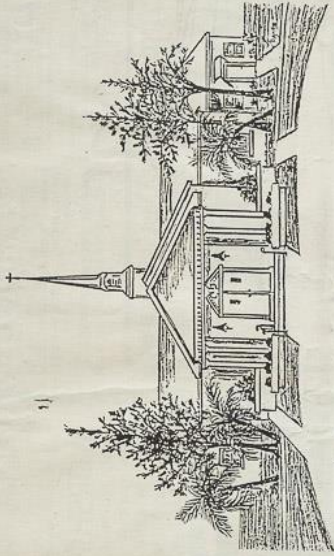
BY VELMA CRAFT

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"Bro Si"

I here is the right way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21
Jesus said, "I am the way." John 14:6



Bulview United Methodist Church
"A small church with a big welcome"

221 Rose Lane
Laguna Beach

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Broadcast over WPCF - FM 100.1 AM 1290
10:15 Sunday School

REVIVAL

February 18, 1990 6:30 p.m.

Dr. George Mathison - Preacher
Dr. Si Mathison - Pastor & Song Leader



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Preacher



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Pastor & Song Leader

BULVIEW METHODIST
The women of the church will hold their SEBRY sale on Feb. 18-20. Dr. Mathison is the pastor in Laguna Beach, Ala. United Methodist Church. The women will hold their SEBRY sale on Feb. 18-20. This project assists handicapped people from the community. The show and sale will be held in the fellowship hall.

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OUR DISTRICT TRUSTEES REQUESTED THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
TO PRESENT THE MATTER OF 'GOING INTO THE FLORIDA
CONFERENCE' TO THE 48 QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

At their Meeting on December 7, 1958, the District Trustees voted unanimously to request the District Superintendent to present A Resolution to each of the Forty Eight quarterly conferences in Our District, asking their official vote on a proposal that 'the Marianna District ask to become a part of the Florida Conference.

As many of the Officials know, the Marianna District Conference has voted several times on this question, and the vote has been favorable each time. However, the General Conference (when it received the request) never did grant their request.

Many reasons for this proposed change have been given. Our section has so many things in common with the Tallahassee District, in the Florida Conference. Our interests are closely bound with those of our neighbors, and especially so in the fields of education, economics and politics. There are other important phases of life in which we hold common interests.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many of the Methodists in the Marianna District have given serious consideration to the matter of becoming a part of the Florida Conference, and has been expressed by their vote at District Conference sessions from time to time; and

WHEREAS, now that Special provision has been made, by the approval of certain Amendments to the Constitution of The Methodist Church, to make it easier for a Church, and/or, Conference to cross Conference, and/or, jurisdictional lines;

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that the Gulfview Quarterly Conference, meeting on this the 21 day of April 1959, hereby requests that the proper procedures be followed in making it possible for the Marianna District to be made a part of the Florida Conference by the beginning of the next quadricennium, 1960.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a vote was taken on this Resolution on the above date, and that the results were: FOR 12 AGAINST 0

Copies to:
Bishop B G Hodge
Bishop John Branscomb
Secretaries:
Ala-W.Fla.Conference
Florida Conference
All Files

Signed W B Atkinson
District Superintendent
Signed Mrs. Joe Ball
Secretary, Quarterly Conference

the Methodist Story
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I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5

MARIANNA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT

SUPER SUNDAY

January 21, 1990

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
United Methodist Women -----	Ms. Sarah McNeal
Enlisting & Deploying Volunteers -----	Rev. Langdon Garrison
United Methodist Position on -----	
Social Issues -----	Rev. Spencer Turnipseed
Older Adult Ministries -----	Rev. Ed Britton
The Staff Parish Committee -----	Dr. Dick Sigler
Celebrate and Witness -----	Rev. Lenwood Lewis
Evangelism Through Teaching -----	Dr. Gerald Freeman
How To Prepare For a Revival -----	Rev. Norman Carr
How To Share Your Faith -----	Dr. Bob McKibben
(1st Hour)	
How To Share Your Faith With Youth -----	Ms. Diane Shepherd
(1st Hour)	and Rev. Steve Warren
Evangelism To Baby Boomers -----	Dr. Bob McKibben
(2nd Hour)	
Worship Resources -----	Ms. Diane Shepherd
(2nd Hour)	

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 LOVE
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Opening Assembly in the Sanctuary for Everyone.

Coffee break near the middle of the time.

At 4:00 P.M. Benediction in each class. You will not return to the Sanctuary.

Our thanks to First Church, Panama City, for hosting our Super Sunday, and to all our teachers and others who make this day possible!!



A called Session of The Annual Conference will be held February 3. Hour and location to be in the call the Bishop sends to each Pastor and 1990 Lay Delegate. The session will be for the purpose of considering a change in Hospital Insurance for the Conference.

District Youth Retreat and Cucus will be held February 23-24, beginning at 6:00 P.M. For details contact Rev. Mike Roberts at Parker U.M.C.

The Bishop's Celebrate and Witness Evangelism Rally will be held March 17, 1990 from 10:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. in the Civic Auditorium in Pensacola. Five thousand (5000) people are expected from the Mobile, Pensacola, Andalusia and Marianna-Panama City Districts.

Bishop says no to applause in church; God only audience

By UNITED METHODIST NEWS SERVICE

During recent sessions of the United Methodist West Virginia Annual Conference, presiding Bishop William B. Grove explained why he thinks applause during worship is inappropriate.

"It turns the church into a theater," he said. "And ... it confuses people about where the gift has come from."

Grove said "Amen" or "Hallelujah" are more appropriate responses to acknowledge gratitude for "the gift of a voice or voices" during worship.

He expressed particular concern about what children learn when they are applauded for singing during worship. "they think you applaud because you think they're good," he said.

Children's questions about why someone says "Amen" provide "a teaching moment," he said. "If you applaud, they'll never ask why."

Quoting Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard, Grove concluded, "In worship, all of us are actors and participants. God is the only audience."

**The first meeting of the fall season for the GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 10, at the home of Pearl Fisk, 312 Legrand Drive, at 2 p.m. All women are welcome. 1990

**The amount of \$12,000.00 principal and \$593.28 interest was paid on our note at the Methodist Foundation, Dothan, March 31. This leaves a balance of \$18,000 plus interest and a balance of \$8,000 plus interest to District Board of Missions. April 1-1990

Program of Sunday

GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 25, 1990
9:00 A. M.

Broadcast on WPCF Radio - 1290 AM/100.1 FM
Worship Leader - Mr. "Pete" Brannon
SNOWBIRD SUNDAY

DR. SI MATHISON	MINISTER
MR. VANCE ANDRE	PASTOR'S ASSISTANT
MRS. B. B. COFIELD	RETIRED MISSIONARY
MRS. PAM HALE	ORGANIST
MS. CYNTHIA MOSES	CHOIR DIRECTOR
MRS. VIRGINIA LEE	PIANIST
MS. REVA BREWER	ACTING ED. PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Prelude	Piano-Organ
The Call to Worship "Snowbird Introit"	Choir
The Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King"	No. 641*
The Affirmation of Faith	No. 881*
The Responsive Reading: "The Lord Reigns"	No. 813*
The Gloria Patri	Congregation*
The Affirmation of Fellowship	Congregation*
The Notices and Offerings	Mr. Brannon
The Doxology and "America" (4th St.)	Congregation*
The Special Music	Mrs. Hazel Albon
The Church of the Children	Mr. Lou Hawken
The Special Music	Mr. Tommy Saunders
The Prayer	Rev. Frank Ferguson
The Hymn "What A Friend"	No. 526*
The Scripture: II Tim 4:9-11	Mrs. Grace Oschman
Sermon "John Mark - From the Useless To the Useful"	Dr. Mathison
The Hymn "Sweet Spirit"	No. 334*
"The Star Spangled Banner"	
"O Canada" "Snowbird Introit"	
(Verses on last page"	Congregation*
The Benediction	Rev. Lowell Reykdal
The Hymn "God Be with You"	No. 673*
Postlude	Organist

Snowbird Ushers: Al Bruton, Bert Lundy, Art Gambel,
Bob Saxson and Bill Oschman

*Congregation please stand

Church in 1990



**On this LAITY SUNDAY, we warmly welcome Dr. Arthur C. Zediker as speaker. He is one of the leading dentists in Bay County and is an outstanding Christian leader and speaker. His membership is in St. Andrew Baptist, where he is very loyal and active; and his wife is a very active member of First United Methodist Church, Panama City.

**On December 15 we will enjoy "snacks" in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. and the special Christmas program will be presented by the Sunday School at 6 p.m.

Items of candlelight service
Dec. 1990

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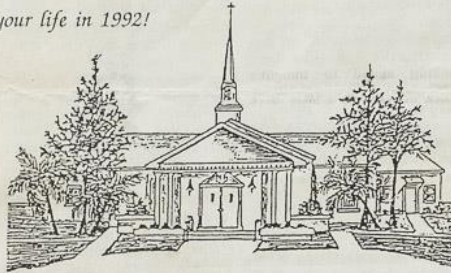
Excited about the new diary which she had just received for Christmas, young Becky began to write in it. When her mother noticed hours later that she continued to write she observed and saw that every page for the next six months had been written on.

"Honey, you know that a diary is to be used to record recent events but you've written on pages for the future."

"Sure! You see, I've planned out each day for the next six months," she responded, "so now all I have to do is live out what's written down!"

That's what God has done, completed a diary of your life of this new year. "Before you were born, God planned all your days..." (Ephesians 2:10)

God has a plan for your life in 1992!



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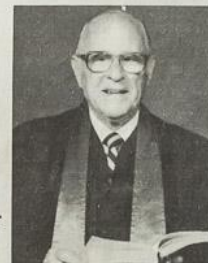
10:15 Sunday School

Revival

January 12 - 14 • 6:30 PM

Dr. George Mathison of Auburn, Ala., Preacher

Dr. Si Mathison, Pastor - Song Leader



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Bro S1, Mrs Chapman
with one of lovely cakes!
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Part of Remodel & Fellowship Hall 1994



**The Gulfview United Methodist Women will hold their annual YARD SALE next Saturday, November 3, here at the church from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be serving breakfast from 8-10 a.m. and hot dogs for lunch from 11 a.m. until closing.

**Anyone who still has items to donate to this sale, should get them to the church as early as possible this week. You may call either Margaret Boyd, 234-5155, or Agnes Jones, 234-5728, for help.

**A week from this Saturday, the U. M. W. will once again hold their "famous" SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, slaw, bread selection, dessert, and tea or coffee. The price this year will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6-12. Tickets may be purchased from any U. M. W. member or at the door the day of luncheon.



2/21/91 **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Volesky, whose winter home was Port of Call on the Beach, were touring part of Louisiana the week of January 29. In Lafayette, Louisiana, she suffered a massive heart attack and died. They are from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and were regular worshipers here at Gulfview. We offer sincere sympathies and prayers to Carl and family in this time of sadness and loss.

 **The U. M. W. will have a SERRV Sale of handcrafted items on February 22 in the church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be baked goods for sale and hot dogs and coffee for lunch.

 **Don't forget that each Sunday afternoon our Methodist Youth Fellowship (M. Y. F.) meets here at the church at 3 p.m. This is for all area youth who are in Grades 6 through 12. Everyone is welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEBRUARY 18-20 Revival led by Dr. George Mathison
- FEBRUARY 22 U. M. W. SERRV Sale Day
- FEBRUARY 25 Snowbird Sunday
- MARCH 11 Wisconsin Sunday

1/21/91 **To Mrs. Margaret Boyd we again extend our thoughts and prayers in the death of a brother, Mr. Paul McAdams, February 1 in Birmingham. This is the second brother she has lost within three weeks.

[Christmas 1991]



June 30-91

 **Again, we remind our people of the special service NEXT SUNDAY, when Congressman Earl Hutto will be the speaker. It will be a patriotic service when Mayor Phillip Griffiths will lead in the Pledge of Alligiance following presentation of the flags.



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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN OUR BUILDING/RENOVATION PROGRAM

- 10/11/87 - Charge Conference approved the project
- 04/04/88 - First meeting of committee with architect
- 11/13/88 - Groundbreaking
- 04/30/89 - Consecration of facilities
Moved into new sanctuary
- 3/23/91 - Made last payment--Out of debt!

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE was originally chaired by Ed Bowen. Upon his move to Jacksonville, Ferrell Pinson and Pete Brannon became co-chairmen. Mary Eck and Reva Brewer co-chaired the sub-committee on furnishings and decoration. Other committee members were Charles Grice, Glenn Bowzon, Ben Wheeler, Ron Holder, Charles Lee, and Tom Grice.

**It is a distinct honor to have our RESIDENT BISHOP C. W. HANCOCK and our DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DR. DICK SIGLER pay us a visit today and lead in the service of dedication of our new facilities. Bishop Hancock will be our preacher this morning. The bishop concludes his third year as our episcopal leader and has given excellent leadership to our Alabama-West Florida area.

**Our NEW FACILITIES being dedicated today include renovation and redecoration of our sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall, restrooms, and Sunday School rooms at a cost of \$186,000.00. We completed payment of the debt in March and have joyfully anticipated this day of dedication.

**We PRAISE OUR GOD for His goodness and thank our people for their generosity and dedication in this project.

June 23 - 1991

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Led by Bishop C. W. Hancock

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of his people to build this house to the glory of his name. We now accept this building that we may dedicate it, and so set it apart for the worship of almighty God and the service of his people. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

**Then, all standing, the minister shall say, the people responding:

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;
To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

we dedicate this house.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel;
For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;

we dedicate this house.

For the comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

we dedicate this house.

For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young;
For the perfecting of the saints;

we dedicate this house.

For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the kingdom of God;

we dedicate this house.

In the unity of the faith;
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and good will to all;

we dedicate this house.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

we dedicate this house.

**Then all shall say:

We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER BY BISHOP HANCOCK.

**The AMMERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is sponsoring a bus trip, Tuesday, October 22, to Pensacola. They will visit the Naval Base, the Museum, Serville Square, and Fort Barrancas. Lunch will be served at Miss Hopkins' Boarding House. The bus will depart at 8 a.m. from church. The all-inclusive price is \$35 per person. Please see or call Ila Sandlin (235-6304) for more information or reservations.

COMING EVENTS

October 12	Council on Ministries
October 16	Covered Dish Dinner with Choir recognition and performance
October 21	Pastor-Parish Committee
6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
6:45 p.m.	Administrative Board
November 10	Sunday School Workers' Meeting
November 13	
November 17	District Conference at First United Methodist Church, Panama City
2:30 p.m.	Alabama-Auburn Football Game
November 30	White Christmas Program
December 15	Revival Services
February 9-11	Dr. George Mathieson, Preacher



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Brother Si is not slowing down at age 82

Paul Cox
Beach Bay News

Oct 23, 1991

If you're looking for the oldest pastor in Bay County, you might check out "Brother Si" Mathison.

Mathison, who will be 82 in January, is in his 12th year as pastor of Gulfview United Methodist Church on Laguna Beach and is still going strong.

Although he was christened Marion Clyde, Mathison has never used any other name than Si and has become a legend of sorts in Northwest Florida and East Alabama. Known affectionately as Brother Si to everyone who has ever heard him preach, the 81-year-old minister has been pastoring churches in the Panama City area for the past 26 years.

"Before my younger brother learned to talk, he kept trying to say Clyde and it came out Si," Mathison said. "I have been Si every since. I used the name when I got married and that's the way it is on my bank account. The only time I ever use my full name is when it comes to a legal matter, or something like Social Security."

Actually, the name Si has become pretty popular in the Mathison family. Si Ethridge Mathison, a grandson, is a senior at Auburn University.

Young Si's father is John Ed Mathison, Brother Si's oldest son and pastor of Frazer Memorial Methodist Church in Montgomery, Ala., the fastest growing Methodist church in the country.

Brother Si has another son, George, who is pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama.

Both John Ed and George were outstanding high school athletes and championship-caliber tennis players. As a matter of fact, John Ed was an all-state



Rev. Si Mathison and wife Mary at Gulfview Church. (Photo by Ernestine Cox)

basketball player his sophomore year in high school and currently is the top-ranked senior tennis player in Alabama.

While few will argue that Brother Si Mathison is the oldest Methodist minister in Northwest Florida, none can contest the fact that he also is one of the busiest.

In addition to his duties as pastor at Gulfview, Mathison is the chaplain at Bay Medical Center in Downtown Panama City and occupies an office there from 2:30 until 5 p.m. five days a week and often on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

"I've been at the hospital for 11 years and it's something I really like to do," he said. "There are a lot of people who come to the hospital and don't have a preacher or a church. The need someone to talk to and the need someone to give them comfort."

In addition to his two full-time

jobs, Mathison is chaplain for three Panama City businesses — Dr. Arthur C. Zediker, a prominent Panama City dentist, the Ramada Inn in Panama City and Phillips Meat and Seafood.

"I just go in and have a devotional with the employees at those places," he said.

For the past 25 years, Brother Si has done "Thought for the Day" on the local NBC affiliate, WJHG-TV. For the past 12 years, he has done "Thought for the Day" on local radio stations.

So, what does the 81-year-old minister do in his spare time? "Well, I play tennis twice a week," he said with a smile.

A native of DeFuniak Springs, Mathison has attended several colleges and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Huntingdon, Ala., and did graduate work at Emory University.

Mathison has not always been a preacher, although he started thinking about going into the ministry at an early age. After

he was graduated from high school, he worked for six years with the Florida State Highway Department.

"It was while I was working in Pensacola that I became convinced that I should be a minister," he said. "I served my first charge (church) while I was still working in 1937. I was assigned to the church at Loxley (Ala.) in 1938 and became a member of the Methodist Conference."

Mathison served several churches in Alabama, including Notasulga and Wetumpka. From 1950 until 1962, he was pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Opelika (Ala.) and one of his members was Tommy Thomas, now a highly successful automobile dealer in Panama City.

After leaving Opelika, Mathison went to work for the Pensacola District for four years. He gave that up to become pastor of the First Methodist Church of Panama City, a position he held for 14 years.

"When I became 70 years old in 1980, I had to retire," he said. "I went out to preach at Gulfview and I've been there almost 12 years now."

Gulfview Methodist is not a real large church, with approximately 280 members, and was having a real struggle before Mathison took over the reins.

"I enjoy preaching there and haven't even thought about quitting," he said. "I asked Mary (his wife) the other day what we would do if we didn't pastor the church. I would be completely lost if I didn't have a church."

Although there have been many rewarding moments in Mathison's long and illustrious career, he said there is no doubt about the highlight. "It has to be the two boys (John Ed and George) going into the ministry. I am really proud of what they have accomplished."

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**Tomorrow and Tuesday, March 18 and 19, the Gulfview United Methodist Women will hold their last MISSION STUDY ON CENTRAL AMERICA. The sessions start at 9 a.m. and end at noon both days. The study will be led by Emma Reddy and Helen Meyers.

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TO: MARGARET BOYD
FOR: 1991 GUMC HISTORY
SUBJ: CHORUS DEDICATION SKIT
10/23/91

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves Me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Living For Jesus

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

O Jesus, Lord and Saviour, I give myself to Thee;
For Thou, in Thy atonement, Didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, My heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

He Lives

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His
voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

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Oct 27-1991

**We call attention to the following UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 10	11:00 A. M.	Administrative Board
November 13	6:30 P. M.	Sunday School Workers
November 16		Spaghetti Luncheon
November 17	2:30 P. M.	District Conference
November 24	9:00 A. M.	First Methodist, P.C.
December 15		Charge Conference
		White Christmas Sunday

Oct 27-1991

**The Gulfview United Methodist Women will be holding their "famous" SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON on Saturday, November 16. Watch for more details later.

White Christmas Fund, as of 12/15/91: \$1,449.80

Dec 27-91

Dec 22-1991

*** GOD SENT US A SAVIOR ***
(Furnished by Reva Brewer)

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.
But our greatest need was forgiveness,
So God sent us a Savior.

Dec 22-1991 *** HOW WE GOT THE POINSETTIA ***
(Furnished by Al Balkema)

This mid-winter bloomer is a native of Central Mexico, where the Aztecs used its red leaves for dye and its sap as a treatment for fever. 17th century Franciscan Friars from Spain began the Mexican tradition of adorning nativity pageants with banks of poinsettias, which became known as "flores de noche buena" or flowers of the Holy Night.

During the 1820's, the United States Ambassador to Mexico was an amateur botanist named Joel Poinsett. Fascinated by the red-leafed shrub and its association with the nativity scene, Poinsett sent a few of the plants back to friends in South Carolina, who named the curiosity in his honor.

THE POINSETTIAS DECORATING THE FRONT OF OUR CHURCH DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WERE DONATED BY:

Hazel Albon	Pete and Vi Brannon
Al Balkema	Maude Zingerello
Milt and Mary Harris	Bill and Ellen Crosby
Betty Lilford	Nell Blanchard
Dwight and Vonnie Lee Crump	Emma Reddy
Paula Sullivan	Margaret Boyd
O. B. DOWIS	"Bro." Si and Miss Mary
Charles and Jeanette Watford	Julia Weber
Strawberry and Allison Simmons	
Millie Otto	
In memory of husband, Ernie	
Anno Sportel	
In memory of Bert Lundy	
Blance Barton	
In memory of husband, Benny	
Martha Sutton	
In memory of mother, Mary Lee G. Albritton	
In memory of father-in-law, Chuck Sutton	
Winona Lundy	
In memory of husband, Bert	

ALL DONORS ARE REQUESTED TO PICK UP THEIR POINSETTIAS AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY, DECEMBER 22. THOSE REMAINING WILL BE GIVEN TO NURSING HOMES AND SHUT-INS. THANK YOU.

Dec 29-1991 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanks to the Gulfview United Methodist Women for hosting our Mini-School of Missions and Sharing Meeting in February. It was a wonderful meeting and we appreciate the hard work that went into the planning and preparation for the day.

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Another
Beautiful
Cake made
by Mrs. Chapman!

Christmas
1991



Betty Bowron
Edith White
Ray Pearl Fick



Margaret McCall
S. Rube Rucks
Elby Rucks
Cleveland White
Tony & Billie Prestigiacomo
Don Hertel



Lewis Jones
Blenn Bowron
Charles Lee
Walter Ragan
Tony P. Ragan
Agnes Jones
Mary R. Tuckel
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The Montgomery Advertiser

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1992

Ministry all in the family for Mathisons

Feb 1 - 1992

■ The Revs. John Ed and George Mathison have followed in their father's footsteps

By CARLA CROWDER
Staff Writer

Folklore has it the preacher's children are the worst in town, but the Mathison family disproved that adage by leaps and bounds.

Brothers John Ed and George Mathison grew up hearing the lessons of their father from the pulpit and from the living room of their Opelika home.

The Rev. Si Mathison was licensed to preach by the Methodist church in 1937.

The brothers' paternal grandfather was a minister, too.

John Ed and George both are senior pastors of United Methodist churches with memberships in the thousands.

However, John Ed claims, "We gave more strength to that old adage that the preacher's kids are the worst kids in town. ... In fact, most folks never figured that either one of us would go into the ministry."

This self-proclaimed "worst kid in town" led Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church from a membership of less than 600 when he arrived in 1972 to about 6,300 today.

And George is now senior pastor at Auburn United Methodist Church, where the average attendance has grown from 836 to 1,192 people in the two years he has been there.

"When George was debating about whether or not to go there (to Auburn), the last question he asked me was, 'How long do people remember?'" John Ed said.



George

joyfully tattling on his younger brother.

George chuckled and told the story a different way: "If you hear any stories about the Mathison boys, remember John Ed is the bad one."

The Mathison brothers have outgrown the mischievousness that colored their boyhood days in Opelika.

However, they still share similar accomplishments, dreams and a respect for one another untainted by any trace of sibling rivalry.

"John Ed has directed me to the most important things in my life — preaching, my wife and tennis," George said.

John Ed began preaching and playing tennis a few years before George. He also encouraged George to attend a youth camp where he met his wife, the younger Mathison said.

George unabashedly praised his brother and role model.

"I've always looked up to him. He's been my idol," George said. "And he still beats me in tennis."

But, as Alabama's top-ranked senior tennis player, John Ed beats most challengers.

John Ed influenced George, but both brothers agree their respect and the admiration of others for their father didn't hurt in guiding them into the ministry.

"People still refer to him in awe. ... His reputation was always impeccable everywhere he went," John Ed said of his father.

Si Mathison is now 82, but his age doesn't appear to have slowed down since his days in various pulpits across south Alabama and Florida.

Their father retired from the ministry at age 70, as is required



Si



File photo

John Ed Mathison is pastor of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church

Please see MINISTRY, 6D

college, John Ed did not expect to glide into the job just on his family's good name.

A diligent scholar, he first studied at Young Harris Junior College. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Huntingdon College, a bachelor of divinity from Candler School of Theology.

Whatever the inspiration, the Mathison "family business" has touched countless lives.

*Mary
Lender*

Jan. 26-1992

**The MATHISONS go to Auburn, Alabama, this afternoon and plan to return Saturday, February 1. If needed, they may be contacted at one of these numbers: 205-821-2424 or 205-826-8800.

**Next Sunday Dr. Henry "Hank" Russell will be our preacher. This will be their last day here for a few months. Immediately following church, they leave for Paducah, Kentucky, their home. "Hank" and Grace have endeared themselves to our people, and we regret they have to leave. They have a condo at Pinnacle Port and will be returning later in the year.

On Sunday, February 9, we received into the Gulfview family MRS. LEONORA MOTCH of 118 Venado Place. She comes by vows. We welcome Leonora and her two children, Lucy Marie, 3-1/2 years old, and William, 2 years.

**Our prayers and sympathy are with Milt and Mary Harris and their family on the death last Sunday of her brother in South Carolina.

**Special thanks to HANK AND GRACE RUSSELL for the marvelous job of teaching they did last Tuesday for the U. M. W.'s Missions Bible Study sessions. We appreciate so much having them as part of our congregation during the winter months.

**On this SNOWBIRD SUNDAY, we welcome our Northern friends, who have a prominent part in the Worship Service today. You mean much to Gulfview, and be assured that we value your friendship, your presence and the service that so many of you render.

**The FLOWERS on the altar this morning were furnished by all our Snowbird friends.

**We give SPECIAL THANKS to our soloists, Tommy Saunders and Fran Stephenson. The choir today is also augmented by Snowbirds Grace Oshman, Judy Weber, Arnold Sportel, Hazel Albon, Hazel McCollough, Floyd and Lillian Kennedy, John Neufeld and Edna Wartman. They will share their beautiful voices with us and lead us in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," "O Canada," and the "Snowbird Introit." Our appreciation also to Mary Brown, who headed the Kitchen Committee; to our capable Snowbird ushers; and to Lowell Reykdal for their participation.

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**A special thanks to the SPONSORS of our Sunday radio program, which broadcasts our service over WPCF 1290 AM and WPCF 100.1 FM to shut-ins and others unable to attend. They are Ramada Inn, Harbour House Restaurant, Tommy Thomas Chevrolet, and Tom Grice Excavating Company.

**Last Sunday, January 28, we welcomed Mrs. Julia Kath Webber as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER of our church. Her home church is First Presbyterian of Hibbing, Minnesota. Her local address is #C-3-704 Pinnacle Port. We are very happy to have Julia as part of the Gulfview family.

 **Please plan to attend and pray for the REVIVAL SERVICES to be led by Dr. George Mathison, February 18, 19, and 20, 6:30 p.m. We will enjoy fine congregational singing, excellent special music, and preaching. On Tuesday night, February 20, we will enjoy our monthly covered dish dinner at five o'clock. - 1992

This is way Church yard looked after rain Feb. 18 - 1991 90



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MARCH 15-1992 *****
 **Tomorrow, March 16, the final session of the study program sponsored by the Gulfview U. M. W. will be held from 1-3 p.m. here at the church. The study is titled "LIVING VALUES IN CHANGING TIMES" and is taught by Helen McCollough. Everyone is urged to attend.

 **This Wednesday night, March 18, is our COVERED DISH DINNER occasion. Our guest will be Rev. Jack Hawkins, young enthusiastic preacher at Emmaus, our new church east of Panama City. He will give us an "update" on the progress of the church. He is offering great leadership as they get into their building program. See you at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

 **An interesting and, we feel, a very helpful and rewarding LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM is being initiated. Several persons have offered themselves to serve as Lay Ministers and were in a training session last Sunday. They are to be commissioned today as to their new work and witness. Please pray for this new ministry in Gulfview. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harris are the leaders.

**Al Balkema has arranged for THE PRAISING HANDS CHOIR of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, to perform for us today. The choir is composed of both deaf and hearing people, with the majority of the members being deaf. The choir was listed at the "White House Commission on the Year of the Handicapped" by President Ronald Reagan as an organization that has helped in the advancement of handicapped members of our society.

**We welcome this unique group to our church today.

MARCH 15-1992
This was so very good, could have listened all day!! Hope to have them again!

**CONSECRATION OF NEW SANCTUARY
GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
County Road 3037 or Wisteria Lane, Laguna Beach
SUNDAY APRIL 30, 9:00 A.M.
Si Matheson - Pastor

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THE NEWS HERALD, Wednesday, March 11, 1992

Mathisons honored

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Si and Mary Mathison of Panama City and their two sons, John Ed and George, were honored at Huntingdon College recently at the Hall of Honor luncheon during Founder's Day activities celebrating the 138th year of Huntingdon College.

The Mathisons were recognized for establishing the John Ed Mathison and George Mathison Annuity Fund and the Si and Mary Mathison Annuity Fund supporting the college's endowment fund and scholarship programs.

The Mathison family has had a long relationship with Huntingdon College. Si, John Ed and George Mathison are graduates of Huntingdon College, and all three devoted their lives to United Methodist ministry. Si Mathison has served in Alabama pastorates in Loxley, Notasulga, Wetumpka and Opelika. In Florida he was Pensacola District Superintendent and pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Panama City, for 14 years.

For the past 12 years he has been pastor of the Gulfview United Methodist Church, Laguna Beach. He currently is a trustee of Homes for Aging, Alabama-West Florida Methodist Conference and a former member of the Huntingdon College board of trustees. In 1977 he was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Huntingdon College.

In Panama City, his involvement includes the Advisory Board of the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, the Gulf Coast Convalescent Center, the Downtown Kiwanis Club and chaplain of Bay Medical Center. He has had a "thought for the day" on daily radio and weekly television for the past 25 years.

Established in 1854, Huntingdon College is an 800-student, Methodist-related liberal arts college located in Montgomery's historic Old Cloverdale District.

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*Mrs. Chapman's Easter
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**The SERRV SHOP will be held this Saturday in Fellowship Hall. Items made by 3rd World Countries will be on sale starting at 8:30 a.m. The U.M.W. will have breakfast for sale at 7 a.m. and hot dogs for lunch at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**BRO. SI" may be heard Monday through Friday on "Thought for the Day" on WPCF Radio 1290 AM/100.1 FM at 6:35 a.m. daily and on WJST 94.5 FM on Sundays at 6:55 a.m. Also, he can be seen on WJHG-TV Channel 7 (Beach Cable 12) every Wednesday at 6:55 a.m.

3-10-91

**The FLOWERS on the altar today were given by Mrs. Elfedea Williams in memory of Gladys Potter.

**Last Sunday we gave SPECIAL RECOGNITION to the oldest and youngest mothers present. The two mothers honored were Mrs. Effie Morris and Mrs. Theresa Moran.

**The Gulfview UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet tomorrow, October 14, at 2 p.m. at the church. Please bring the "Thank Boxes" with the change you have been saving all year. All visitors are welcome.

**This coming Saturday, November 16, the U. M. W. will once again hold their "famous" SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON in Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, slaw, bread selection, dessert, and tea or coffee. The price this year will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Everyone is welcome.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 1991

**There will be an Executive Committee meeting of the U.M.W. tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**DON'T FORGET to gather up your contributions for our annual Yard Sale, which will be held next Saturday, November 4. Items should be placed in Fellowship Hall as soon as possible. All proceeds will go to local missions.

**Our famous SPAGHETTI LUNCH is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, slaw, garlic bread, dessert, and tea or coffee. The price will be \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children aged 4 to 12. Tickets are available now and may be purchased from any U.M.W. member.

**Next Sunday will be WHITE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, when we make a special offering to our United Methodist Children's Home. Most of the support of the home is derived from the Christmas offerings.

**At 5 p.m. next Sunday "SNACKS" will be served, and at 6 p.m. a special CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be presented by the Sunday School.

**Tomorrow, December 11, at 12 noon the GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will have a covered dish luncheon here at the church. All women of the church and the community are welcome to bring their covered dishes and join in the fellowship.

**It's that time of year again! If you would like to buy a POINSETTIA to place at the front of the sanctuary during the Christmas services, please see or call Margaret Boyd (235-5155). These may be bought in memory or honor of a special person if you desired.

**The U. M. W. would like to express special thanks to all those who helped in any way--members, spouses, and friends--to make their Spaghetti Luncheon such a tremendous success.

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**SPECIAL INVITATION FROM
GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST
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EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND A TEA ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1991 FROM 2pm-4pm
AT THE GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAGUNA BEACH, FLORIDA
HONORING MARTHA COFIELD WHO SERVED AS A
MISSIONAIRY IN LIBERIA FOR 37 YEARS.
MARTHA IS MOVING TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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**This Saturday, January 25, the U. M. W. is sponsoring a sale of "TRASH AND TREASURES." If anyone has anything they would like to donate, please bring it to the church no later than 3 p.m. Friday, January 24. Hot dogs will be sold from 11-2 on the day of the sale.

**The Gulfview U.M.W. COOKBOOKS are now available for sale at \$5 each. You can purchase your copy from Agnes Jones, Blanche Barton, Allison Simmons or any U.M.W. member following church this morning in Fellowship Hall. The cookbooks make great gifts for any occasion.

March 1992

**The FINAL STUDY of the Gulfview United Methodist Women's study program will be held this coming Wednesday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The topic for this session will be "JAPAN" and will be taught by Mrs. Ruth Heyne of Forest Park United Methodist Church. Mrs. Heyne has had special training for this study. All members and visitors are invited to attend. Please bring a brown bag lunch; beverages will be furnished.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold their MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY celebration this coming Friday, May 1, at the United Methodist Church, 2001 West 11 Street, Panama City. (Enter by the side door.) Registration will be at 9 a.m. and will be followed by Bible Study, The Service of Worship, and lunch. For lunch, bring sandwich(es) for yourself. The hostesses will prepare dessert, tea and coffee.
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**The GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow, February 10, here at the church at 2 p.m.
Feb. 9-1992

**Don't forget the COVERED DISH DINNER this Wednesday night, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Elmer Rogers, popular host of Southern Gospel on Radio Station WJST, 94.5 FM, will be our speaker. "Bro." Si gives a "thought for the day" on the station at 7 a.m. every Sunday just before leaving for church.

**Plans are being made to have the APRIL COVERED DISH DINNER Maunday Thursday Night (Holy Week), April 16, at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by Holy Communion. It was on the Thursday night before Easter that Christ and His disciples experienced the Last Supper together. We will commemorate that eventful and sacred occasion.

1992
Plan now to attend our swimming party on Monday, May 11 at Jeanette Watford's. More detail will be in next week's bulletin.

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**Tomorrow, June 8, the GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet for a picnic and pool party at the home of Emma Reddy, 317 Tanaga Street, Panama City Beach.

1992
The Gulfview UNITED METHODIST WOMEN is compiling a cookbook, and recipes must be mailed to the printing company by July 20, 1992. If you have recipes you would like to have in the book, please turn them in by Wednesday, July 15, 1992. These recipes may be given to Blanche Barton, Mary Ruth Tucker, Alison Simmons, or any U.M.W. woman.

1992
**Our "famous" SPAGHETTI LUNCH is coming again on Saturday, November 14. This yearly event is sponsored by the U. M. W., and all proceeds go to local mission work. Tickets for adults are \$4.00 and for children \$2.50 and may be purchased from any U. M. W. member.

1992
**The beautiful poinsettia on the communion table was given by CROOK AND GWEN STEWART in honor of "PRO SI" AND MISS MARY MATHISON.

1992
**We look forward to WHITE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY next week. We will enjoy food at 5 p.m. and the special Christmas program at 6 p.m.

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**The GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet tomorrow, Monday, December 14, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. All ladies are invited.

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Life
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To all our friends
from Guefview Methodist
Church.

I never see a pansy
With its lovely little face.

I never see a garden
With its beauty and its grace.
But what I think of friendship
With its powers to give a lift
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That a friend
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Thanks a lot for
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Farewell Brunch at Home of Nell Blanchard for
Inez Ragan who has moved to Annapolis, Md.





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 **Next Sunday, January 10, will be SUPER SUNDAY, when special training will be available to church leaders. It is scheduled to be at First United Methodist Church, Panama City, 2:00 to 4:40. Our Bishop Morris will be the speaker.

**The Gulfview United Methodist Women will host its first MISSION STUDY on Monday, January 18, at the church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. GRACE AND HANK RUSSELL will present the study of the BOOK OF AMOS, and the rewards for attending will be great.

**This is not for "women only." In recent studies we have had more and more men attending. This is a total church activity. Brown bag lunches are the order of the day. So grab a sandwich and join us.

 **REMEMBER! Our monthly WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER is this week, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. An interesting program is being planned.

 **DON'T FORGET: Start collecting items you would like to donate to be sold at the TRASH AND TREASURES SALE, scheduled for Saturday, February 20, here at the church. This event is sponsored by the Gulfview United Methodist Women. Watch for more information in future bulletins.

 **The Gulfview U.M.W. COOKBOOKS are still available for \$5 each. You can purchase your copy from Agnes Jones, Blanche Barton, Allison Simmons or any U.M.W. member following church this morning in Fellowship Hall. The cookbooks make great gifts for any occasion.

 **Beginning Tuesday, March 9, Helen McCullough will teach a mission study session on CHURCH AND SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN. Two further study sessions will be held on Monday, March 15 and Monday, March 22. The time of each session will be from 9 a. to 11 a.m. The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN invite everyone to attend. Last year Helen presented an outstanding study, and we look forward to her teaching the study this year.

 The United Methodist Women will have their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 8th at the church beginning at 2:00 P. M.

 **The second session of the U.M.W. MISSION STUDY will be held tomorrow, March 15, at the church from 9-11 a.m. Helen McCullough is teaching these studies on CHURCH AND SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

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EVANGELISM RALLY

Pensacola Civic Center
March 17, 1990
10:30 a.m.

Bishop Robert H. Spain - Preaching
Coach Bobby Bowden - Guest Celebrity

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" The Miracles "

" Mass Adult Choir " - Directed by David McKee


" Mass Youth Choir " - Directed by Alan Pote

The United Methodist Church
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BOBBY BOWDEN
Head Football Coach, F.S.U.



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BISHOP ROBERT SPAIN
Kentucky Conference

Sat., MARCH 17, 1990 — 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

PENSACOLA CIVIC CENTER

Bishop C. W. Hancock, (Host)

Resident Bishop, Alabama-West Florida Conference

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

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The purpose of this Rally is to assemble as many Christians as possible to inspire them for the work of evangelism in their local churches, for them to witness their faith in a large gathering in which they see others who are believers and to bring the unconverted to Christ.

Many devoted Christians have spent many days in planning, rehearsing, and praying to bring us this moment. Among them are: Charles Holston, *Chairman of Board of Evangelism*; Bill Bugna, *Facilities*; Clifford Abbott, *Finance*; Joe Bullington, Jr., *Music*; Doug Pennington, *Platform*; Jim Claunch, *Publicity*; Mac Fulcher, *Spiritual Preparation*; and Doug Newton, *Steering Committee*.



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The United Methodist Church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Marianna, Florida

OCTOBER 2, 1988

The Order of Worship

3:30 P.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Anneke Large
Organist, Marianna First

ANTHEM....."All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"
Choir, Enterprise First

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 124... "Ask Ye What
Great Thing I Know"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION.....Edwin R. Sells
Pastor, Marianna First

STATEMENTS FROM THE DOTHAN DISTRICT

- C. Jonathan Couey, Superintendent of Dothan District
- Ron Storey, Dothan District Lay Leader
- Robert Powell, Conference President of United Methodist Men

ANTHEM..... "Holy Ground"
Choir, Enterprise First

STATEMENTS FROM THE MARIANNA-PANAMA CITY DISTRICT

- Richard O. Sigler, Superintendent of Marianna-Panama City District
- Sarah McNeal, President of United Methodist Women, Marianna-Panama City District

BISHOP CARL J. SANDERS..... Member, Council
of Bishops

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 150... "A Charge to
Keep I Have"

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP C. W. HANCOCK.....
Richard Sigler, Superintendent of
Marianna-Panama City District

SPECIAL MUSIC..... "I Walked Today
Where Jesus Walked"
Soloist: Lois Lawrence, Panama City First

SERMON..... Bishop C.W. Hancock

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 299. "O Zion, Haste"

*BENEDICTION.....Asa Boozer
Pastor, Ozark First

*POSTLUDE.....Anneke Large
Organist, Marianna First

* Congregation Standing

THE STAFF AND CONGREGATION OF THE MARIANNA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH are honored to be hosts for this very special service and reception today. We welcome each of you from the Dothan and Marianna-Panama City Districts. Please let an Usher or Greeter know if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

A RECEPTION TO HONOR BISHOP AND MRS. C. W. HANCOCK will be held in the Youth Center immediately following the worship service. Please use the front (Clinton Street) entrance of the Youth Center. After you greet Bishop and Mrs. Hancock, please proceed into the fellowship room for refreshments.

A SINCERE THANK YOU IS EXPRESSED TO THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF BOTH DISTRICTS for the flowers, refreshments and the planning of the reception. Appreciation is expressed to all who planned and prepared in any way for this special occasion.

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**The flowers on the altar this morning were given by former members Jim and Mona Hill of Georgia. They are a belated birthday greeting in honor of "Bro. Si".

**Mr. Walter Ragan was hospitalized in Bay Medical Center, April 17-19⁸⁷ but seems to be much improved. Please remember in your prayers any of our members and friends who are ill or have lost loved ones recently. Please notify "Bro. Si" if you know of any who especially need our prayers.

4-30-87

**The flowers on the altar this morning have been placed there in memory of Mrs. Vivian Edwards, whose birthday is today, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Prestigiaco, and in memory of Dr. B. B. Cofield, whose birthday was April 16, by Martha Cofield and their daughter's family--Bonnie, Peter, and Colin Kell.

**April 30⁸⁷ will be our big day when we have a service of consecration for our new sanctuary and other improvements.

5-8-87
**The new credenza located in the Fellowship Hall has been placed there in memory of Darrell Hammett by family and friends.

5-8-87
**The flowers on the altar today have been given by The Gulf Garden Club in memory of Margaret Boyd.

5-15-87
**We are very grateful and extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Claude Shell for our beautiful new choir robes.

5-29-87
**The Administrative Board recently voted to go ahead with the construction of a new parsonage. Mrs. Nell Blanchard, Chairperson, states that such construction should begin within a few months.

**The Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference convenes tonight at Huntingdon College and concludes Wednesday. Representing Gulfview will be "Bro. Si", Pete Brannon, and Mrs. Mary Mathison as alternate delegate.

**Again we welcome Mrs. Neysa Wilkins Trout to our Fifth Sunday of Singing. She is a part of the team on the Six o'clock Evening News on TV-7.

**Dr. John Ed Mathison uses this means of inviting our Gulfview people to the marriage of his daughter, Victoria Joan Mathison, to Mr. Edward Scott Parma, on Saturday, June 18th, 2 p.m., Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Reception following the ceremony.

Two grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Thomas were baptized last Sunday. They are Elizabeth Lee Thomas and Haley Glen Landon.
9-12-93

**Contributions in memory of Vivian Edwards are included in the above total. Also, a donation for the purchase of chairs has been given in memory of Thomas and Melba M. Green.
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**"Bro. Si" and Mrs. Si are delighted to be appointed another year to Gulfview, our 15th. Let's make this the best of the 15.
6-5-94

7-10-94
**Although we had to cancel church worship and Sunday School last Sunday because of "Alberto", we are fortunate and glad that the damage was minimal in our area.

9-4-94
**The new candleholders on the Communion Table are in memory of Helen Rucks, given by the Rucks family, Mary and Mel Eck, Martha Cofield, Ferrell and Jene Pinson, and Margaret Boyd.

9-4-94
**Last week brought to a conclusion "Thought For The Day" on "Daybusters", WJHG-TV. "Bro. Si" began this program 27 years and three months ago. Tom Hipps and "Daybusters" were retired last Friday, September 2nd.

9-10-94
**The Mathisons leave this Tuesday for Leeds, England where they will join George Mathison and family. George is enjoying a pulpit exchange with the Leeds pastor for six weeks. "Bro. Si" will preach there next Sunday and the Mathisons will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 15th. Plans are to return to Panama City July 22nd.

**Again the Mathisons express their deepest appreciation to the Gulfview family for making possible this England trip.

**Claude Shell is considering our "outing" in Leeds next weekend. He and "Bro. Si" just might surprise the congregation with a duet.

**Rachel Clark would like to express her heartfelt appreciation for all that has been done by the members of Gulfview during the recent loss of her husband, Fen. The food and support during this time was a great help during a difficult time.

9-25-94
**The flowers on the altar today were given by the "Beachwalkers" in memory of Johnny Barton, son of Blanche Barton.

**This is Laity Day when Lay Persons have charge of the worship service. Our Administrative Board chair, Glenn Bowron, will be the speaker and witness.

**REMINDER: Don't forget that the collection of needed items for distribution to the Salvation Army and the Rescue Mission is an ongoing project here at Gulfview. There are boxes for your contributions in the front narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Let's keep them full.
11-6-94

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**The flowers on the altar today were provided by the flower fund. Anyone who is interested in donating to this fund should contact Mary Harris.

**Today we honor all our Sunday School workers and they will be commissioned to their tasks as they face a new Sunday School year. Mr. John Thomas is the Superintendent of Sunday School and Ms. Reva Brewer the chair of education work area. The Sunday School is growing and we encourage all of our people to be a part of it. The workers are asked to come to communion as a group following the choir and a special prayer will be offered them by Dr. Russell.

**It has come to our attention that 19 folding chairs were given by Mrs. Mary Hammett in memory of her husband, Darrell, who died last January. Thank you Mary for this generous gift!

**The Parsonage Committee is now accepting bids on the building of the new parsonage. Anyone interested in placing a bid or who may know someone interested, please contact Nell Blanchard or a member of the committee.

11-13-94

**Reservations will begin next Sunday, November 20, for the 1995 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR GULFVIEW. Sittings will be December 14-17. Each participating family will receive one free 8x10 picture as well as a free directory. For more information, call Gwen Alford at 234-9722.

12-4-94

**MARTHA AND JAMES HOLMES of Birmingham have sent us a donation to pay for hearing impaired equipment to be used with our new sound system. This equipment will provide assistance for up to six persons and will be operational soon. The contribution has been given in memory of MARGARET BOYD.

12-11-94

**For the next three Sundays we will be remembering THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME with our offerings. We appreciate Mr. Claude Shell's generous offer to match our offering up to \$2000. Last year we gave the most ever -- \$4933. This is our chance to say "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to our other children.

1-8-95

**The GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will hold their January meeting tomorrow, January 9, at 2 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be a District U. M. W. Officer. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Plan on attending the SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON being put on by the Gulfview U. M. W. on Saturday, February 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Also, start saving your donations for the annual TRASH AND TREASURE SALE sponsored by our U. M. W. to be held in March this year.

1-5-95

**An important event takes place today immediately following Sunday School in the GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY at the site of our new parsonage at Gulf Vista, one mile west of the church.

**The following leaders of the church are asked to turn a spade of dirt: Nell Blanchard, "Pete" Brannon, Glenn Bowron, Faye Kabaci, Howard Greer, John Thomas, "Si" Mathison, and a person representing the contractor.

**Blanchard Construction are the builders and construction began this past week on the new parsonage, which should take about three months to complete.

2-5-95

2-17-95

**At the meeting of the ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD January 29, the following committees were elected to pursue efforts toward the expansion program for our Sunday School: STUDY - John Thomas, Chairman, Reva Brewer, Glenn Bowron; BUILDING - Gordon Simmons, Ferrell Pinson, Co-Chairmen, Jack Villagomez, Howard Greer.

**The U.M.W. will sponsor the second MISSION STUDY of the year on Monday, February 27, and Tuesday, February 28, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Helen McCullough will teach the study on AFRICA. Everyone, both men and women, is encouraged to attend.

**We realize that many of our "Snowbird" friends will be heading toward home this week. We shall miss you and have appreciated, so much, your time with us this winter.

3-26-95

4-2-95

**Once again this year we will be decorated the front of our sanctuary with LILIES FOR OUR EASTER SERVICE, April 16. If you would care to purchase one of these lilies in memory or honor of someone special to you, please see or call Mary Harris (234-1287). A list of those contributing will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and donors may pick up their lilies after church that day.

5-1-95

**The Mathisons leave right after church to go to Adamsville, Alabama near Birmingham, where "Bro. Si" will be in revival services at Midway United Methodist Church tonight through Tuesday. They will return Wednesday.

**Last Sunday the ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD elected Glenn Bowron as new chairperson of the board to succeed Harry Hubbard, who has moved to Dothan. Also, Bobby Henson was elected chairperson of the Finance Committee. We know these men will serve well as new officers.

**GLENN BOWRON invites all men to gather at his home, 301 Moonlight Bay Drive, Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 10:00, for prayer, a brief devotional and Christian fellowship.

2-12-95

**The February meeting of the GULFVIEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will be tomorrow, the 13th, at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Members and guests are encouraged to attend.

5-9-95

**Everyone is invited to attend a reception honoring Bro. Si and Miss Mary which will be held at Gulfview on Sunday, May 21, 1995 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

5-28-95

**The MATHISONS are very grateful for the beautiful reception held in their honor last Sunday afternoon. A great big place in the memories and in the hearts of "Miss Mary" and "Bro. Si" will be the wonderful people of Gulfview. We love you!

6-4-95

**Words cannot express the deep down feeling of love and appreciation the Mathisons feel for Gulfview. No church we have served have we appreciated more.

**We know you will receive your new minister and family with open arms and a loving spirit. You are getting great leadership and a Christ loving preacher. Great things are ahead for Gulfview and we shall always be interested in you and you shall all be in our daily prayers.

6-4-95

**The flowers on the altar today have been given in honor of the Fillingim family from your congregation.

6-18-95

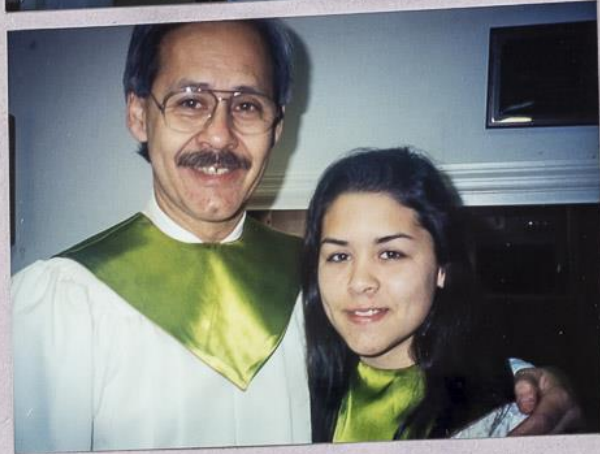
**We would like to extend a warm welcome to our Campus Outreach members joining us today. You are invited to attend all our church activities. These young people are to be commended on their witness and ministering on the beach throughout the summer.

6-18-95

**The Fillingim family would like to extend their appreciation and thanks for the beautiful flowers they received and also for the pounding held in their honor last Sunday.

6-25-95

**The church van will be used to transport those who would like to attend the Bethlehem Camp Meeting being held this week. We will be leaving at 5:30 P. M. each day, Monday through Wednesday. Anyone interested in attending this old-timey outdoor camp is invited to sign up on the sheet located in the vestibule.

















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60TH ANNIVERSARY — Brother Si Mathison and wife Mary renewed wedding vows on their 60th anniversary July 15. (Contributed photo.)

Son renews wedding vows for Mathisons

By Paul Cox
Beach•Bay News

Brother Si Mathison, pastor of Gulfview United Methodist Church on Laguna Beach, and wife Mary recently renewed their wedding vows.

While that might not be startling news, it certainly happened under unusual circumstances.

Brother Si and Mary were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary and traveled to Leeds, England, so son George could "marry them again."

George Mathison is senior pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama and was participating in an exchange program in Leeds, England. He was in the pulpit of the Round Hay Church there for six weeks, while Peter Crew of England pastored at the Auburn church.

"I got an opportunity to preach for them while I was there," pointed out Brother Si, who will be 85 years old in January and is

believed to be the oldest active pastor in the United States.

Brother Si said he and Mary got George to renew the vows on July 15. The couple was married on July 15, 1934, while he was working for the Highway Department in Tallahassee.

Since that time, Brother Si has pastored several churches in Alabama and Florida and was at the First United Church of Panama City for many years before being forced to retire because of his age. He is working on his 15th year at Gulfview.

"He finished up downtown one Sunday and was preaching at Gulfview the next," Mary recalled.

Brother Si and Mary have two sons who are prominent Methodist ministers. John Ed Mathison, who will preach a revival at Gulfview in February, is senior pastor at Frazer Memorial Methodist Church in Montgomery, often classified as the fastest-growing Methodist Church in the United States.

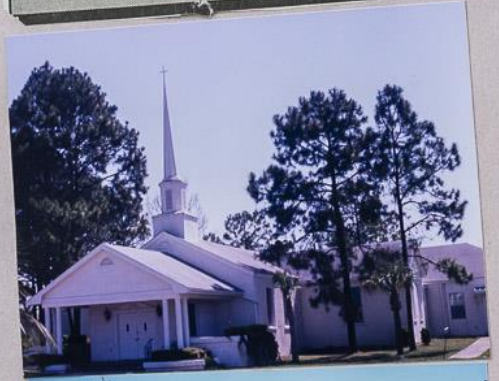




BREAKING GROUND — Brother Si Mathison, pastor of Gulfview United Methodist Church on Panama City Beach, turns the first load of dirt for a new church parsonage. Brother Si, 85, has been pastor of Gulfview for many years after retiring from the First United Methodist Church of Panama City. — Photo by Gwen Allford. (See related photo on Page 2.)



BAY BRIEFS



Brother Si is one of those extraordinary people

It seems they have always called him Brother Si and no other name would seem to fit. Si Mathison? Naw. The Rev. Si Mathison? Doesn't sound right. Just say Brother Si and everybody in this part of the country will know who you're talking about.

He is an extraordinary man who has spent a lifetime serving other people. If you know him, you also will have a difficult time recalling anybody saying anything bad about him.

He once went away on vacation and was greeted with new carpet in his house when he returned. One of his closest friends is Tommy Thomas, who just might be the most-influential politician in northwest Florida. He also is one of the most-successful automobile dealers in the entire country.

A few months ago, Tommy, who has known and loved Brother Si for more than 40 years, donated a van to Brother Si's church. He has made many more less-conspicuous contributions to the cause championed by his close friend.

Last Tuesday at the Harbour House in Panama City, Tommy honored Brother Si one more time, sponsoring a birthday party that certainly has to rank as one of the largest such events ever in the Panhandle.

Brother Si is 85 years old and probably should be sitting in his rocking chair watching re-runs on television. Instead, he is generally believed to be the oldest active church minister in the United States. Show me one who has been around longer, or accomplished more.

For almost 15 years now, brother Si has been serving the good folks at Gulfview United Methodist Church and he is held in reverence by his congregation. He also is held in awe by many.

Brother Si has been in church work almost from the time he was old enough to read the Bible. He has served as pastor of many churches in Florida and Alabama. He was pastor of First United Methodist Church in downtown Panama City for 14 years before he was forced to retire because of his age. He was 70 years old at the time and doesn't seem to have aged a day since.

"He finished up downtown one Sunday and was preaching at Gulfview the next," pointed out Mary, his wife of more than 60 years.

When Brother Si and Mary decided to renew their wedding vows back in July of last year, they went to Leeds, England, for the ceremony. Their son, George, senior pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama, was participating in an exchange program in Leeds and was in the pulpit of the Round Hay Church there for six weeks.

Brother Si went there not only to have his wedding vows renewed, but to do a little preaching of his own. If there's anything brother Si likes better than preaching, it might be singing. He often serves as song leader for his two sons when they are conducting revivals.

John Ed Mathison, who will be at Gulfview to conduct a revival in February, is one of the best-known Methodist ministers in the country. And his church, Frazer United Methodist of Montgom-

BEACH BEAT



BY
Paul Cox



COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Brother Si Mathison is shown with three of the committee members for his 85th birthday celebration at the Harbour House in Panama City. From left is Tommy Thomas, Hy Wakstein, Brother Si and Karen Hanes. (Photo by Paul Cox.)

ery, is one of the largest Methodist churches in the country. It often has been described as the fastest-growing Methodist church in the United States.

Actually, John Ed and George were pretty much committed to being preachers from the beginning, although both were outstanding athletes when they were growing up in Opelika, Ala., where Brother Si served as pastor of the First United Methodist Church there from 1950 until 1962.

Both John Ed and George were All-State tennis players at old Clift High School in Opelika, and then Opelika High School, respectively. They also were outstanding basketball players. John Ed still is one of the top senior tennis players in Alabama.

Brother Si did not seriously take up tennis until after his 80th birthday, but they say he has a mean backhand. "I still play when I can," he explained.

One might assume Brother Si has a difficult time finding a spare moment to play anything. In addition to being pastor of Gulfview United Methodist Church, he has served as chaplain of Bay Medical Center for many years. He also is chaplain for three different businesses in Panama City and of the First Friday Club.

"I go into the businesses and do devotionals," Brother Si said rather proudly.

He also spends a lot of time ministering to television and radio audiences and his voice is almost as well known as that of his famous son, John Ed, who has a widely distributed TV show. I know a lot of people who get their spiritual needs from watching John Ed on Sunday morning.

Brother Si is rather proud of the fact that he has been a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club.

He is a past president of that organization and still is very active. He also points with pride to the fact that he and good buddy Tommy Thomas are the only two lifetime members of the local Salvation Army.

Tommy first came to know Brother Si when he was running his first car dealership in Opelika in



FAMILY AND FRIENDS - Brother Si Mathison looks on with pride as his family and a close friend help celebrate his 85th birthday at the Harbour House last Tuesday. From left are: Son George Mathison, pastor of the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama, wife Mary, Tommy Thomas and Brother Si. (Photo by Paul Cox.)

1952-53. Like his pastor from those days, Tommy has come a long way. He now owns eight dealerships in Florida, Alabama and Georgia and his Chevrolet dealership in Panama City traditionally ranks in the top 100 in the country.

"Brother Si has always been one of my favorite

people," Tommy says with a big smile.

"That pretty well summarizes how everybody feels about the man who has defied the aging process while becoming a legend in his own time. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Brother Si.

And may the next 85 years be the best yet!"

& Lifestyles

Gulfview revival features nationally known minister

By Paul Cox
Beach Bay News

John Ed Mathison, nationally known Methodist minister, is expected to fill up his father's house when he preaches a revival at Gulfview United Methodist Church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 12-13-14.

When Mathison went to Frazer United Methodist, the membership was 400. Today, more than 7,000 people are on the church's membership roll. Average attendance for the Sunday worship service is 5,000 and the Sunday School attendance is 2,600.

Frazer's morning worship service is televised nationwide each week on the ACTS Satellite Network and Mathison's sermons are watched by thousands of people who can't make it to church.

Mathison led the clerical delegation of the Alabama-West Florida Conference to the 1988 and 1992 General Conferences and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church. He has served as a member of the Board of Discipleship and chairperson of the Section on Evangelism. He also is chairperson of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry in his Annual Conference.

At Opelika High School in Alabama, Mathison made the all-state basketball team three years and was later captain and leading scorer for Huntingdon College. He has several times been ranked number one in his age division in tennis in Alabama and has been ranked number three in the South. In addition, he has won seven racquetball championships.



DR. JOHN ED MATHISON

A graduate of Opelika High, Mathison attended Young Harris Junior College in Georgia and received his B. A. Degree from Huntingdon in Alabama. He also received a B. D. Degree from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, the Th.M. Degree from Princeton University and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Candler School of Theology.

Mathison has been platform speaker for many organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Brother Si Mathison, who at age 85 is believed to be the oldest practicing pastor in the United States, is in his 15th year at Gulfview and often has his two sons preach at the church.

John Ed is senior minister of the Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery. Another son, George Mathison, is senior minister at the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama.

Frazer Memorial boasts the largest worship and Sunday School attendance of any Methodist Church in the country. In 1986, the Leadership Institute selected Frazer as the fastest growing church—of any denomination—in the state of Alabama.

He was chosen "Man of the Year" in Montgomery for 1978 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycees in 1979. He also has accumulated numerous other honors in the Montgomery area and serves on the Board of Directors for Colonial Bank.

"We would like to invite everyone to attend our revival services," Brother Si Mathison said. "I think they will be in for a real treat."

Services will start at 6:30 each night of the revival.

Sunday, October 9, 1994

Si Mathison's 'cup runneth over'

Ludelle Brannon

Lifestyle Columnist

"Bro. Si" and "Miss Mary" Mathison are on of Bay County's best loved couples. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 15. This is something special in itself. More special, however, is the fact that they celebrated it in Leeds, England, with their son, the Rev. George Mathison, officiating at the renewing of their vows.

The Rev. George Mathison, pastor of Auburn United Methodist Church, Auburn, Ala., was part of the pulpit exchange with the Rev. Peter Crew, pastor of Round Hay Methodist Church of Leeds.

The Rev. Crew, his wife and four children were at Auburn for the six-week exchange. They were in Panama City for three or four days hosted by Claude Schell at the Ramada Inn. They also made trips to Disney World, New Orleans and the Smokie Mountains.

Bro. Si and Miss Mary landed in Manchester, England, and just enjoyed visiting with George, his wife, Montaigne, granddaughter, Mallory and her friend, Katie Temple. They had toured England and Scotland on another trip.

After the Panama City Mathisons left, the George Mathisons were joined by Dr. Hagen and his wife for a tour of Europe, including Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and Paris.

The Si Mathisons recently returned from Montgomery, Ala., where he led a revival for his other son, Dr. John Ed Mathison, pastor of Frazer Memorial Methodist Church.

They were in Atlanta on Oct. 8 where John Ed was honored by Religious Heritage of America as "Clergyman of the Year". Others receiving this award were the Revs. Billy Graham, Norman Vincent Peale, Robert Schuller and Ralph Sockman.

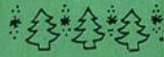
Surely the Mathison's "cup runneth over".

Bro. Si pastored the First United Methodist Church of Panama City for 14 years and was forced to retire because of his age. He was preaching at Gulfview United Methodist at Panama City Beach the next Sunday. He is in his 14th year there. He will be 85 in Janu-

ary and may be the oldest active preacher in the area. Congratulations to Brother Si and Miss Mary.



Sandra Walker
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Assisted living facility

Proposed center for the elderly given land, seed money by local businessman

Jean Gruss
Business Editor

Panama City businessman Tommy Thomas plans to donate 20 acres of land and provide seed money for the construction of a retirement home in Panama City.

The proposed \$5 million non-profit home would be run by the Methodist Homes for the Aging Corporation, based in Birmingham, Ala. The retirement home will be named after local Methodist minister, Dr. Si Mathison.

"I've been thinking about doing this for a long, long time," Thomas said recently. "There's not a non-profit retirement home between here and Tallahassee."

Thomas said he sees a definite need for this type of facility.

Still, Thomas and the Methodist Homes are conducting a survey to determine the level of need.

"The first thing we have to know is how big the market is," Thomas explained.

He said approximately 70 apartments will be built initially, with room for another 230. The proposed site is located on State

390 near the Florida Department of Transportation's Panama City office.

"It's not a nursing home," Thomas pointed out. "It's assisted living."

Residents will live in apartments that are equipped with small kitchens and meals will be served three times a day in a dining room.

Residents will rent the apartments and Thomas hopes to keep the rent low enough to make it affordable. He said a similar home in Birmingham charges \$714 a month for a one-person apartment.

A waiting list will be formed and the Methodist Homes will select residents, Thomas said. He added that the home will not be restricted to members of the Methodist Church.

Contributors to the project include Thomas and other private donors, as well as the Methodist Homes for the Aging Corp.

Thomas said the seed money for the project came from the sale of property he owned in Tallahassee, which he said netted about \$500,000. A piece of that property also was donated to the Methodists for another retirement facility.





KEYS TO A NEW VAN-Dr. Si Mathison, pastor of Gulfview United Methodist Church, gleefully accepts the keys to a new van presented by Tommy Thomas (right) of Tommy Thomas Chevrolet. Harry Hubbard, chairman of the Administrative Board at Gulfview, and Peggy Sanford, United Methodist Women president members of the church in showing their appreciation for this generous gift. (Photo by Gwen Allford.)



KIDS LOVE IT-Mrs. Shannon Parker is hidden by the sea of children who will be served by the new Chevrolet van. Parker is children's pastor for Gulfview United Methodist Church and was instrumental in acquiring this much-needed transportation. (Photo by Gwen Allford.)

Santa pays visit to Gulfview

"Yes, Ms. Shannon, there really is a Santa Claus and you must have been very good this year!"

Santa was disguised as Mr. Tommy Thomas when he appeared at the Gulfview United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 19, bearing a very special gift for the "Little Church With a Big Welcome."

The owner of Tommy Thomas Chevrolet in Panama City brought a 1994 Beauville 12-

passenger Chevrolet van for the church! It came complete with lettering on the driver's side door which read: "Pilot: Dr. Si Mathison."

The children of Gulfview sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas" to Mr. Thomas and his family in attendance. They also presented him with a card imprinted with the hand of each child who will benefit from this kind Christmas deed!

After church services, the keys

to the van were presented to Dr. Si Mathison, pastor and pilot for Gulfview United Methodist Church. The van will be available to assist anyone who needs a ride to the church.

Mrs. Shannon Parker, children's pastor, said: "This Christmas wish came true and Santa sure looked alot like Tommy Thomas to me."

In unison, the children yelled, "Thank you, Mr. Thomas!"

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The legend of Brother Si changing directions

By Paul Cox
Beach • Bay News

Brother Si Mathison, a legend in his own time, will preach his final sermon as pastor at Gulfview United Methodist Church on Laguna Beach the first Sunday in June.

He has been at Gulfview 15 years, ever since he was forced to retire from that same position at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Panama City at the age of 70.

"I'm retiring again at the end of May," said Brother Si, who celebrated his 85th birthday in January and is believed to be the oldest practicing pastor in any Methodist Church.

Actually, Brother Si will not be retiring from church work. He will join his old buddy, Tommy Thomas, to promote the proposed luxurious retirement home in Panama City. "I'll start on that job the first of June," the venerable preacher revealed.

While Brother Si is retiring at Gulfview, he won't exactly be going to the sidelines. He will still be doing his daily radio show and will continue to serve as chaplain for several local businesses. He was on television for 27 years before leaving last August but said local TV station WTVY (Channel 4) has been talking to him about a program.

Brother Si has been in church work almost from the time he was old enough to read the Bible. He has served as pastor of several churches in Florida and Alabama. In addition to his 14 years as pastor of the big church in downtown Panama City, he was pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Opelika, Ala., from 1950 until 1962. His two sons, John Ed and George, were outstanding high school athletes in Opelika, excelling both in tennis and basketball. John Ed still is the top-ranked tennis player in his age division in the state of Alabama.

John Ed Mathison serves as senior minister at Fraser Memorial Methodist Church in Montgomery, the largest Methodist church in the country. George is senior minister at the Auburn United Methodist Church in Alabama.

The father and sons have conducted numerous revivals throughout the Southeast. They were in a revival at Selma, Ala., this past weekend and will team up for a revival at George's church in Auburn on April 6. Brother Si will conduct all three services Sunday morning, while John Ed will preach Sunday night and Monday and Tuesday. Brother Si also will lead singing for all three days of the revival, starting Sunday night.

On Sunday night, Tommy Bowden, offensive coordinator for the Auburn University football team, will address the congregation. On Monday, his brother, Terry, head football coach at Auburn, will speak. Pat Nix, the Tigers' starting quarterback, is on the agenda for Tuesday.

"We are expecting an overflow crowd each night," Brother Si said. "The auditorium in Auburn will hold a thousand people."

In his new job with Thomas, Brother Si said he will be speaking at a lot of churches. "I told Tommy I didn't think I would be very good asking those people for money," Brother Si revealed. "He told me he would take care of getting the money, all I had to do was talk."

Brother Si, who has been a pastor for 55 years, said his son, George, had offered him a position at Auburn United Methodist Church, but that he didn't plan on leaving Panama City. "Our roots are here and I think we'd better stay here," he pointed out.

Wife Mary has been with Brother Si since he took the first pastoral job and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Leeds, England, where George was participating in an exchange program last July.



RETIRING AFTER 54 YEARS - Brother Si Mathison is retiring as a Methodist minister after 55 years. He will preach his final sermon at Gulfview United Methodist Church on June 1. - Photo by Paul Cox.











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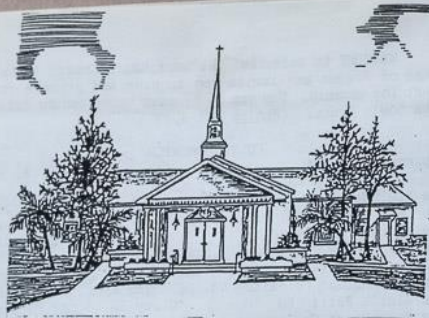




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The Prelude Piano-Organ
The Call to Worship The Choir
The Welcome Rev. Fillingim
The Responsive Reading Psalms 25:1-5 No. 75*
The Hymn No. 140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 "The Apostle's Creed"*
The Gloria Patri No. 70 "Glory Be to the Father"*
The Moments of Fellowship Congregation
The Notices and Offering Congregation*
The Doxology No. 95 Mrs. Chris Depew
The Church of the Children Rev. Fillingim
The Prayer "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*
The Hymn No. 334 Terry Seaborn
The Scripture Joshua 9: 3-15, 24-27 Rev. Fillingim
The Message "Tricked by Moldy Bread" Congregation
The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 12 Congregation
The Closing Hymn No. 328 "Surely The Presence"*
Benediction and Choral Amen Rev. Fillingim
Postlude Organist

* Congregation please stand

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Reverend Jim Fillingim Pastor
Reverend Dr. Si Mathison Pastor Emeritus
Mr. Chris Beason Choir Director

Mrs. Pamela Hale Accompanist
Mrs. Chris Depew/Ms. Gwen Alford Youth Directors
Mr. John Thomas Sunday School Superintendent
Mr. Ferrell Pinson Head Usher

**A big, warm GULFVIEW WELCOME is extended to everyone! We would especially like to meet you and invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service for fine fellowship and refreshments. Please share with us your name and address by signing our registration pad.

We are grateful to the Ramada Inn, Harbour House Restaurant and Ches-Dry of Bay County for sponsoring the morning worship service live on WPCF 1290 AM and 100.1 FM.

Our communion love offering today goes to the Washti Girl's School located in Thomasville, Georgia. This is a national mission special. Thank you for prayerfully considering this need.

FALL DISTRICT REVIVAL

Dr. Arnold Prater, 82, well-known evangelist and author of twenty-three books, will preach God's word for us during a series of revival meetings, September 17-19. Places and times are:

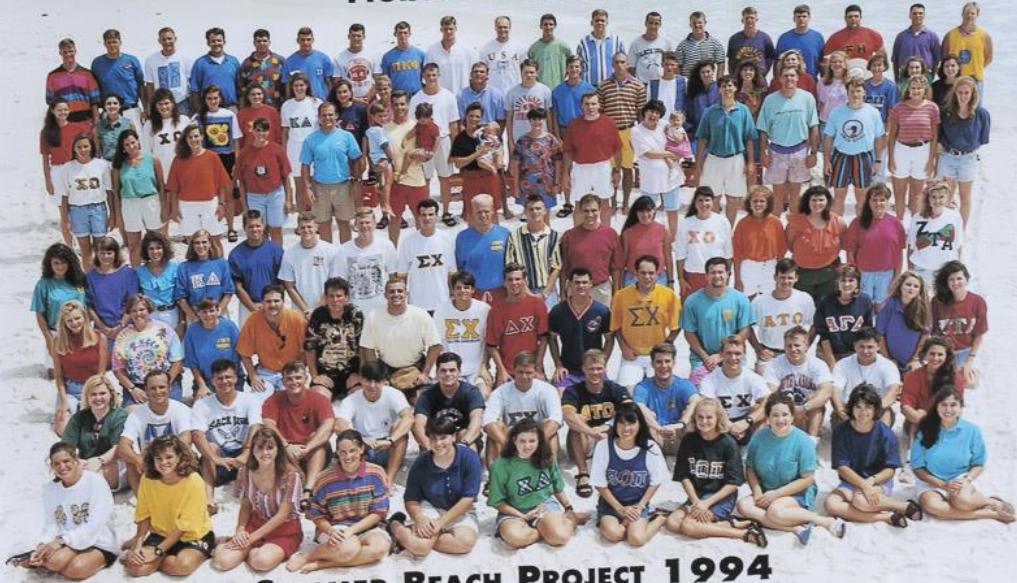
First UMC	11:00 A. M.	Sept. 17
Forest Park UMC	7:00 P. M.	Sept. 17
Lynn Haven UMC	7:00 P. M.	Sept. 18
Springfield UMC	7:00 P. M.	Sept. 19

What a wonderful opportunity for God's Spirit to blow across our lives and community. Please pray for Dr. Prater and pray that hearts will be opened and lives changed. We will take the church van each evening at 6:00 P. M. Sign up if you would like to ride.



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SUMMER BEACH PROJECT 1994

Because of who God is and what great things He has done for me, I am giving everyday of the rest of my life to know Him more intimately and to help others come to know Him.

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Dear Friends,

I hope this summer has been a good one for you. I have really enjoyed my fourth summer as staff on our summer beach project. Every year it gets better and better. I'm enclosing our project newsletter and picture so you can see more about the summer training opportunity we provide the students we're ministering to.

This has been a special summer of reflection for me because it was 10 years ago that I was on my first summer beach project as a student at the same exact motel. It's hard to believe it's been that long ago - it seems like just yesterday in some ways, but when I think of all that God has done in and through my life since that time, I am incredibly humbled and grateful for the full and abundant life I've already experienced. With it being a 10 year anniversary, it was fun to dream of what all could happen in the next 10 years. For right now I'm sure I'm right in the middle of God's will being at Troy State University, ministering to the women there.

We've got a lot of great plans for the upcoming year which I'll tell you more about next month. Until then, you take care and may God richly bless you!

Because of Him,

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ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLES

Bay Countians respond to Salvation Army's call for help

In 1992, when Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida, Bay County Salvation Army Advisory Board members sent help.

Through their cooperative efforts with Tommy Thomas Chevrolet and the people of Bay County, a van was sent with much needed money to aid the victims of that natural disaster.

Now, a call for help has come from the people of the great flood of 1993 in the Mississippi Valley.

Again, Bay County Salvation Army Advisory Board members asked the people of Bay County to assist those in need. The answer came quickly and generously.

Almost immediately a 45-foot tractor-trailer truck was loaded with much-needed nonperishables and driven to the St. Louis area for distribution.

Next, a 27-foot van has been sent to Alton, Ill., for victims in that area of the flood zone. But, a few weeks ago, as flood waters continued to rise, an idea was presented to do the same for flood victims as had been accomplished for the hurricane victims of last year's disaster.

A 1993 Chevrolet van worth more than \$17,000 was donated by Tommy Thomas Chevrolet to

be delivered to the Salvation Army in the flood-stricken area of Missouri. This van symbolizes more than a token gesture from Florida friends because with it goes a check to be donated to the Salvation Army for the immediate needs of flood victims.

The keys were presented to Capt. Robert Hartsock by Tommy Thomas at Gulfview United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 15.

The new van was driven by volunteer Lyle Hartsock to St. Louis, Mo., and will be used by the Salvation Army to transport displaced flood victims and deliver much-needed supplies in the area.

The cargo van will not be going to Missouri empty, as Bay County residents and businesses are also sending \$50,000 to assist the Salvation Army throughout the St. Louis region.

Many have contributed to this effort but some local residents used their business savvy to raise the much-needed funds.

A personal challenge was presented to Gulfview United Methodist Church members when Claude Shell, area business leader, offered to match any funds raised by the church a

couple of weeks ago. Brother Si Mathison, pastor of Gulfview United Methodist, encouraged the members to accept the challenge.

On Sunday, Aug. 15, the van was parked in front of the church and ceremonies took place around it as the check and keys were presented to the Salvation Army.

Thomas reminded those at the presentation that our area of Florida has been very fortunate to be able to "be on the giving end, rather than on the receiving end" and noted we too may one day need assistance.

Bay County has been spared from any large-scale natural disasters in recent years and has been able to help those in need through the coordination of area residents, churches and business leaders.

The new van, the money and the assistance are not all that may go to the flooded areas, as Thomas is recruiting other Chevrolet dealers in this region to send vans from their dealerships to the area as well.

Donations are still being accepted and should be marked "Disaster Service" and sent to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 540, Panama City, Fla., 32401.



This 1993 cargo van worth more than \$17,000 was donated to the Salvation Army recently by Tommy Thomas, owner of Tommy Thomas Chevrolet. Along with the van, a check for \$50,000 will be sent to aid flood victims in the Mississippi Valley area. From left are Ramada Inn owner Claude Shell, Salvation Army Capt. Robert Hartsock, Thomas and Gulfview United Methodist Church Pastor Si Mathison. (Photo submitted)

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