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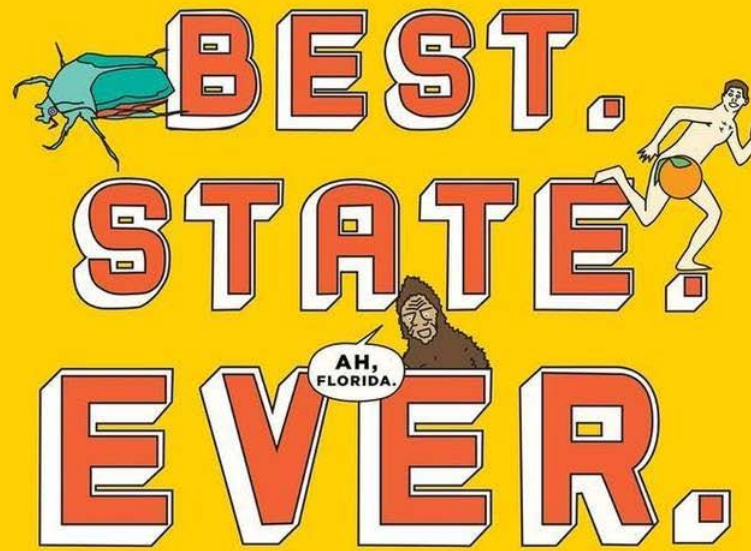


# FLORIDA MAN

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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A FLORIDA MAN DEFENDS  
HIS HOMELAND

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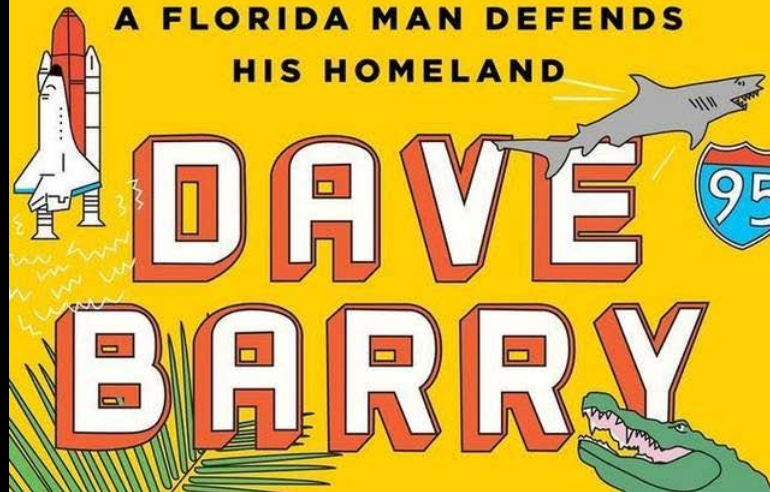


Photo: Miami Herald



Popular History

Journalists have built entire careers on chronicling Florida people doing stupid things. Somebody started a popular Twitter account called Florida Man, which consists entirely of links to news items about Florida men doing stupid things: *Florida Man Seen Firing Musket at Cars While Dressed as Pirate; Florida Man Poses as Superman on Side of Road While Pantless, Urinating; Florida Man Sets Home on Fire with Bomb Made from Bowling Ball; Florida Man Seen Trying to Sell Live Shark in Grocery Store Parking Lot; Florida Man Slashes 88-Year-Old Woman's Tires with Ice Pick for Sitting in His Favorite Bingo Seat; Knife-wielding Florida Man Tries to Rescue Imaginary Girlfriend from Garbage Truck;*



**Florida Man**

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I only got two of these right



#Florida Man Phenomenon



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# The Reptile State



# Who will win Florida?



## Chance of winning Florida's 29 electoral votes

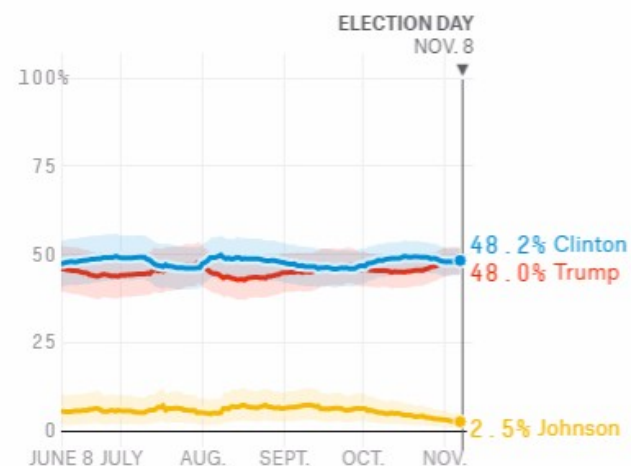


Hillary Clinton  
**51.7%**

Donald Trump  
**48.3%**



## Projected vote share over time



KEY AVERAGE 80% CHANCE OF FALLING IN RANGE

## Chances over time



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# Swampy Elections



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SANFORD FLORIDA



# A Closer Look: Item-Based History

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of  
The First Presbyterian  
Church

SANFORD, FLORIDA

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.. Lucy Whitner	
.. Alice Whitner	
.. Annie Whitner	
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FOR YOUR FAMILY WORSHIP DURING

CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

MAY 4-11, 1958



FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE READING                      MATTHEW 5:16

"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT  
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY  
YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

YOUR HOME - A HOUSEHOLD FOR GOD. DO OTHERS  
KNOW? AS IT TAKES EVERY TUBE LIGHTED IN  
A NEON SIGN TO GIVE THE INTENDED PICTURE,  
SO IS THE COMBINED EFFORT OF EVERY MEMBER  
OF A FAMILY WORKING TOGETHER NEEDED TO  
ENLIST OTHERS FOR CHRIST.

GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS PROTECTING AND GUID-  
ING US, BUT IS THIS EVIDENT TO OTHERS?  
WE MUST SET AN EXAMPLE AS A GOOD FAMILY OF  
CHRISTIAN CITIZENS. THIS EXAMPLE MUST BE SO

SINCERE THAT OTHERS WILL BE INFLUENCED TO  
JOIN GOD'S FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS.

PRAYER:

DEAR FATHER, WE ASK THY SPECIAL BLESSING ON  
EVERY MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY, ON \_\_\_ AND \_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_. BE WITH US ALL THROUGH THIS DAY -  
IN OUR WORK AND IN OUR PLAY.

HELP US AS CHRISTIAN FAMILIES TO LET OUR  
LIGHTS SO SHINE THAT OTHER FAMILIES IN THE  
WORLD WILL WANT TO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO  
CHRIST. IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.

MR. AND MRS. FRED H. WILLIAMS  
MISS SALLY WILLIAMS  
MISS BETSY WILLIAMS  
MISS LINDA WILLIAMS



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LETTER

VOL. 22 NO.24

JULY 1, 1964

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning worship hour. "A Common Table" will be Rev. Edgar Smith's sermon subject. Scripture will be read from the book of Mark 14: 12-16,22-25.

The Chancel Choir will sing the anthems "Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor", and, "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless".

"Reluctant Missionary", with Scripture from Jonah 3: 1-5,10; 4:1-4, will be Mr. Smith's Sunday evening sermon subject.

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Following the morning worship service members and visitors are encouraged to participate in the fellowship hour which follows the morning service. Coffee and other refreshments are served.  
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WORLD MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK

As you already know Dr. and Mrs. E.H. Hamilton, missionaries of our denomination now on furlough in Decatur, Georgia, will be with us from July 8 through July 12.

On WEDNESDAY NIGHT, July 8, at 6:30 there will be a FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER. The meat, beverage, and bread will be furnished. You are asked to bring a covered dish, enough for your family, of a vegetable, salad, or dessert. After the supper Dr. Hamilton will speak and it is hoped that many families of our church will attend this evening of fellowship and inspiration. A NURSERY will be available.

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\* AS ESTIMATED EARLIER IN THE MONTH WE WERE ABOUT \*  
\* \$1,000.00 SHORT OF RECEIVING ENOUGH TO PAY \*  
\* EVERYTHING DUE IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. I CANNOT \*  
\* BE MORE URGENT IN THIS PLEA FOR THE HELP OF \*  
\* EVERYONE TO OVERCOME THIS FINANCIAL CRISIS. \*  
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Bert B. Hollingsworth, Jr.  
Church Treasurer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER IN SOUTH FLORIDA.  
Rev. T. F. Montgomery



We had a painting made of this church by a local artist of note. It hangs in back of present sanctuary before painting with this picture  
Jan, 1965

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SILVER LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BUILT IN 1870  
First Presbyterian Church  
South of Palatka.



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Sanford Sampler *Orlando Sentinel* September 27, 1957

### Church Bell Will Ring Again

By ANNE AIKEN  
SANFORD — The announcement that the First Presbyterian Church bell will be rung again, has inspired Sanford pioneer, Jay H. Beck to probe his vast amount of local history dealing with the old Ft. Reed Presbyterian Church, of which he was a former member.

Thanks to him and Mrs. Beck we are able to tell more of the facts concerning the church bell that now hangs in the tower of the church at Third St. and Oak Ave.  
JAY BECK'S mother, Mrs.



Anne Aiken

Nannie J. Galloway Woodruff Beck, first saw our town when she came here with her father from North Carolina in 1859. At that time the Seminole Indians were being removed to the Everglades, and General Sanford had not yet arrived to settle the town of Sanford.  
The elder Mrs. Beck was a member of the Ft. Reed church from the time of its organization and was one of the self sacrificing ladies who wore calico dresses for one year in order to contribute more to the church program.  
The Ft. Reed church bell was donated by Maj. George W. Wyly, who purchased it in Sheffield, England in 1868 at a cost of \$50. In addition to the bell the early church boasted handmade pews with footrests attached.  
band now reside in Orlando, Miss Hattie Brown, Miss Ruth Brown, Miss Lizzie Lucky, Miss Josie Telford, Mrs. Lindsley, Bob Telford and Mr. Wendricks.  
Miss Mary Telford was the Sunday School teacher and a regular member of her class was young Jay Beck.

Sanford Sampler

1958

### Mrs. Herndon's Sons Keeping Busy In Atlanta As Teacher, Pastor

By ANNE AIKEN  
SANFORD — As of August 1, Mrs. R. E. Herndon will boast having both sons in Atlanta, Ga. Son Robert S. Herndon and his family are already there where Robert is on the faculty of Georgia Tech and now the news is that son Emmett, Rev. J. Emmett Herndon, that is, will move to Georgia to become Presbyterian pastor at Emory University.

a light machine gunner and saw one year of action in Italy. He served until 1946 and was graduated from the UoF in 1949 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in '52, with a BD degree. While at Stetson he completed work toward an MA degree.

Bell

Robert + Emmett Herndon are 4th generation descendants of Dr. B. G. Herndon, Pastor of Sanford Presbyterian Church, 1832.

BECAUSE OF THE proximity of his home, Mr. Wendricks was the official bell ringer. He also acted as Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party, and in 1888 was the center of great excitement when his beard caught on fire from one of the candles on the tree.  
He carried on in true Presbyterian style and the children received their gifts from a beardless Santa.  
Yes, the old bell is full of history, and sentiment, and the sound of its peal this Sunday morning will bring back memories. Memories of scurrying and rushing, but this will be one time that Jay Beck won't have to run when he hears the bell for he'll be the one ringing it!



First Presbyterian Church of Sanford Closing




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**E**VERY Judicatory shall choose a Clerk, to record their transactions, whose continuance shall be during pleasure. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, besides recording the transactions, to preserve them carefully; and to grant extracts from them, whenever properly required; and  
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*Form of Government.*

such extracts, under the hand of the Clerk, shall be considered as authentic vouchers, of the fact which they declare, in any ecclesiastical Judicatory, and to every part of the church.



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ELDERS  
PRESENT

The Session of St. Giles' Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, met in Westhampton Theatre, Sunday, October 6th, 1940, at 10:45 A. M. Elders present were Wade Hill Adams, J. L. Blair Buck, Charles F. Gillette, Richard H. Hardesty, Jr., Hollister V. Schenck, and J. Scott Parrish. Dr. J. Blanton Belk, who moderated the meeting, led in prayer.

## NEW MEMBERS

John Tolar was introduced and received into the membership of St. Giles' on profession of his faith in Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Parke Lecky were presented and admitted into the membership of St. Giles' with their letters from the First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia.

## BAPTISM

Mrs. Josephine Parker, Miss Hilda Harris, and Charles B. Harris, Jr., were presented and received the sacrament of baptism, then were admitted into the membership of St. Giles' on profession of their faith in Christ. Virginia Anne Ford, after receiving the sacrament of baptism, was admitted into the communion and fellowship of St. Giles, upon profession of faith.

CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
TO BE CALLED

J. Scott Parrish introduced the following resolution to be read by the Moderator to the Congregation, this resolution being seconded by Hollister V. Schenck:

The Session today passed the following resolution:

The Congregation is called to meet during the morning worship service of October 13, 1940, to consider certain resolutions, authorizing the placing of a \$35,000.00 loan, secured by a first mortgage on our property in Glenburnie, together with the Church House and Church School to be erected on said site.

The vote was in favor of the resolution.

The meeting concluded with the morning service at which the new members were publicly received and welcomed, and the sacrament of the holy communion administered.

The meeting adjourned with the benediction.

*Charles F. Gillette*  
CLERK OF THE SESSION

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January 19, 1956. Special meeting held in the Manse.  
Elders present: Hamata, Pulver, Abraham, Novotny, Gaeth and Cuda. Absent: Hamata, Guidinger, Prokes, Wolfe and House.  
Meeting opened with scripture from Matthew 16:13-21 followed by Prayer by Rev. John H. Patterson.  
Mr. & Mrs. Anton Vrba (Julia Kroca) were presented for Church Membership by Reaffirmation of Faith, and Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Faltys (Libbie Hrstik) on Confession of Faith.  
Moved by Gaeth, seconded by Abraham that these folks be accepted in our Church Fellowship and placed on our active roll. Motion carried.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.  
Moved by Gaeth, seconded by Abraham that Mr. Novotny be elected secretary of the Session for the coming year. Motion carried.

Moved by Novotny, seconded by Pulver that we adjourn.  
Motion carried. Meeting closed by Prayer by Rev. John H. Patterson.

Clerk Joe Cuda

September 7, 1814, the Rev. Ezra Giles Ely, D.D.  
was installed pastor of the Third Presbyte-  
rian Church. He continued pastor  
until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1835 when he  
was on his own request dismissed to unite  
with a Presbytery in Meppan as  
Professor of Theology in Marion College, N.C.

- 21 years -

Thomas Beaman was installed pastor  
of the Third Presbyterian Church on the  
5<sup>th</sup> of March 1837

Names of the members of Session

Archibald Alexander Pastor.

Ferguson McElwaine  
Robert M. Mullin  
John M. Mullin  
Benjamin Wickes  
William Hastett  
William Smiley  
James Stuart

Messrs. chosen by the  
People.

Session in 1814, consisted of  
The Reverend Ezra Giles Ely, Pastor,  
with Messrs. Ferguson McElwaine,  
— William Smiley,  
— James Stuart,  
— William Nassau,  
— William C. Duffield, M.D.  
— John W. Scott, &  
— Jacob Mitchell, Elders.





# Tampa Bay Presbytery Church Records



CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)), INC.  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
held at the Ecumenical Center, Orlando, Florida  
January 9, 1996


A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Florida Presbytery (Presbyterian Church (USA)), Inc. was called to order by President, Lynn York, at 2:55 p.m. on January 9, 1996 at the Ecumenical Center in Orlando, Florida. A quorum was present: President, Lynn York; Vice President, Edwin W. Peterson; and Secretary, Roger P. Richardson; Frank Belle, Joe DelVecchio, Kermit Gay, Richard Hills, Hank Stenner, and John Tracy. Others present were: Allen Brindisi, Jan Kiser, and Rosalie Potter.

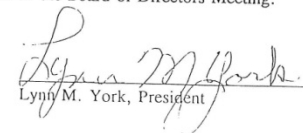
The opening prayer of the Presbytery Council Meeting served as the opening prayer of the Board of Directors Meeting.

The following actions were taken:

1. Approved the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of November 14, 1995.
2. Approved the request of Westminster-by-the-Sea that they be allowed to borrow up to \$200,000 for their building and expansion project of \$450,000.
3. Authorized the Pastoral Housing Committee and any Officer of Presbytery to sign a contract for up to \$300,000 to purchase a home in Celebration for the organizing pastor.
4. Approved a General Assembly Site Loan of \$150,000 and approved the finance plan to pay for the land for the Celebration Community Presbyterian Church.
5. Authorized the Celebration Negotiating Team and Presbytery Officers to sign a contract with the Celebration Company to purchase a 2 acre site in Town Center for the new Celebration Community Presbyterian Church for \$200,000.
6. Approved that any of the Officers of the Corporation be authorized to sign papers regarding any of the above actions.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with the closing prayer of the Council Meeting serving as the closing prayer of the Board of Directors Meeting.

  
Roger P. Richardson, Secretary

  
Lynn M. York, President



Central Florida Presbytery

# Reporter

"... Building Communities of Faith in Central Florida and Around the World"

Volume 2, No. 1

October 1989

## DEVELOPING A WORLD VISION



When we read Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19 to "Go into all the world," we are faced with the prospect of ministering to people of all nations. Jesus' command, however, is not easy, for it focuses upon one of our basic flaws: ethnocentricity!

Ethnocentricity is the belief that our particular group is better or more desirable than other groups. In other words, we tend to think people like us are the best people. In contrast, our Lord commands that we are to go beyond our own group to identify with other people. Our Christian lifestyle necessitates a developed "world vision" that gives us a positive understanding of other cultures so that we can grow beyond our stereotypes.

film in the China pavilion, the daughter noted, "living on the water in a boat, as many of the Chinese people do, means they don't have to deal with mowing lawns!"

Visiting people or places that are culturally different and seeing with "new eyes" can dispel stereotypes leading us to a more open and appreciative understanding of others who are "different."

## CHURCH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS

Leadership for congregational Bicentennial Fund campaigns in the Presbytery are receiving training at six meetings scheduled around the Presbytery during September and October. The gatherings are designed to orient local church campaign leadership to the process of developing the mission funding campaign emphasis in their churches. Essential persons attending these training sessions are pastors, local campaign chairs, and the recruited (or potential) campaign committee members.

Those who have attended the early meetings in September said they greatly appreciated the insights that they gained, for they apply not only to the Bicentennial Fund Campaign but to all capital campaign programs that are conducted in a local church. Area Counselor, Peter C. Hauser, and members of the Presbytery Bicentennial Fund Campaign Committee are leading these sessions.

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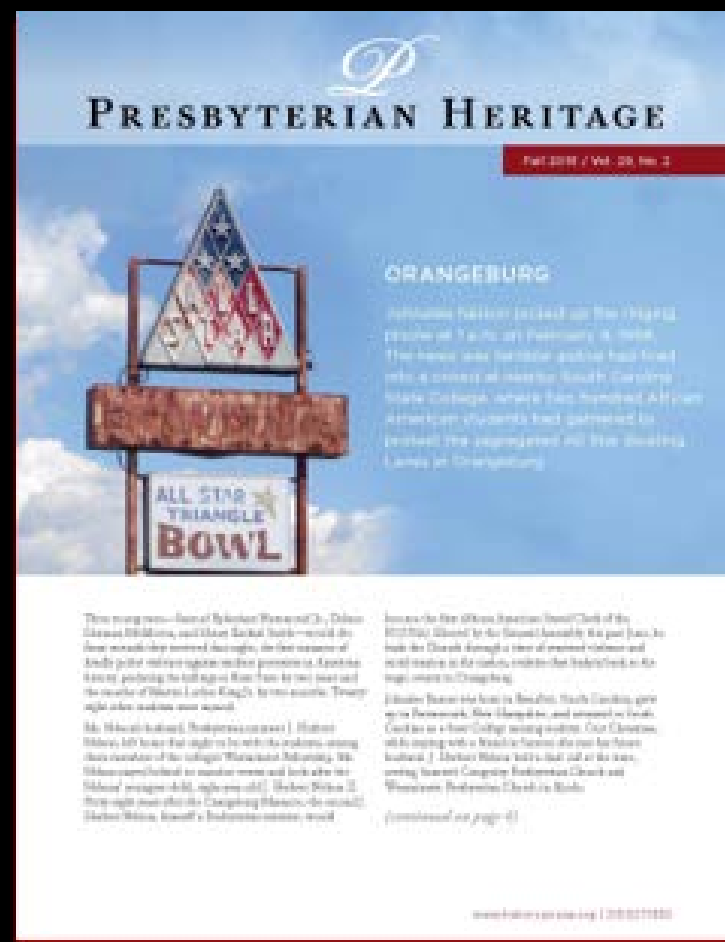
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Atlantic City, First Church Chapel, Wednesday, October 17th 1900.

Contains the very reasons on which I based its opinion, and it knows, and can give, no others.

Therefore I have deemed best to not to revise the Report, but to attach to it a supplemental, and explanatory statement.

The reasons which the Report assigns are, namely, that while the Baptist and Methodist (Colored) Churches are making progress - as shown by their Church and Sunday School Membership - our Church - by the same evidence - seems to be on the decline.

2<sup>nd</sup> a marked indifference towards, and a dislike for, the services of our Church as at present conducted.

3<sup>rd</sup> a general unrest and dislike for the part of others - meaning Residents of Princeton - who have been the Church's friends and helpers.

4<sup>th</sup> that the existing lack of sympathy with, and of appreciation of Mr. Robeson's methods and services is so manifest, that it is convincingly evident he will never be able to overcome it.

These reasons are all given in the Report and are the only ones we have to offer.

Our Commission are of opinion that they constitute a sufficient warrant for our consideration, that they form a ground on which to base a judgment that the welfare and prosperity of the Church might be greatly enhanced - by a change of Pastor. In Prabharty's case of this Church it must remain.





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