

Rev. Day

# Toco Hills Pastor "Plank-owner"

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Sailors have a name for members of the crew who have been aboard since the ship was launched and christened. They call them "plank-owners."

The pastor of a Toco Hills congregation, The North Druid Hills Christian Church, is a plank-owner. Reverend Marlin H. Day was a moving force in organizing and establishing the North Druid Hills Christian Church in the Spring of 1960.

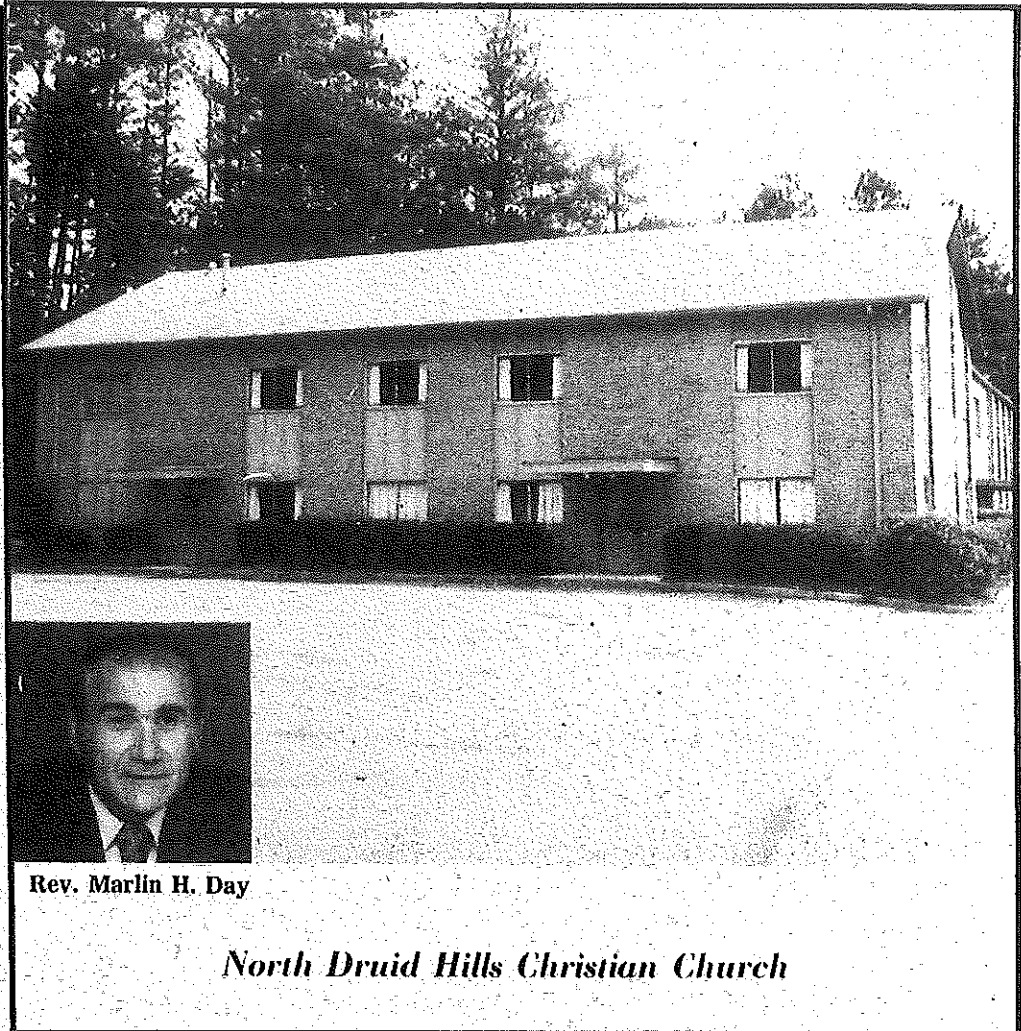
The North Druid Hills Christian Church began on April 3, 1960. Sixty-two people met for Bible School and seventy-five met for the first morning worship in Kittredge Elementary School. Thirty-two people responded to the first invitation and became the initial members of the congregation.

The congregation of the church has been entirely self-supporting with a full-time minister since its inception. A mission program of 10 per cent of the total income was begun the first Sunday and has continued to grow through the years.

Two building programs have been completed and another is in the early planning stages.

"We have plenty of room to build the new sanctuary," Reverend Day said. "In the program stage? No, I'd say it is still in the planning stage."

Reverend Day was born and brought up in Ponotoc, Miss. When he finished high school in 1945, he served a tour of duty with the armed



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forces. Assigned to the Air Transport Command, he spent most of his time at Harmon Field, Newfoundland.

He was discharged from the service in the summer of 1947 and entered Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, in September of that year.

Reverend Day received the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology degrees from Atlanta

Christian College. Additionally, he has received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University and a Master of Biblical Education from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Reverend Day and the former Doris DePorter were married in January, 1951. They have four sons; Henry, David, Mark and Michael.

In addition to his student ministry, Reverend Day served five years as minister of First Christian Church, Aberdeen, Miss. He then served as minister of Northwest Christian Church, Atlanta, for another five years. He led in the organization of North Druid Hills Christian Church and has served as its minister since that time.