First Baptist Mission calls Pastor, celebrates 1st anniversary

The First Baptist Mission, a congregation located at Sidney Crossroads, has called the Reverend Robert J. Paciocco of Washington, NC as its first pastor. The vote was taken by the young congregation in January. Rev. Paciocco has served as Interim Pastor for several months prior to this action by the church. The Mission held its first worship service the second Sunday of March, 1997. Rev. Paciocco, who will actually serve First Baptist Mission as a part-time pastor, also serves as Executive Director of the Mid-East Commission of Washington, NC. He has held that position since 1984. He has served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dillwyn, VA, and the Oakwood Memorial Baptist Church of Richmond, VA. Also, he has served as Associate Director for Development and Training, Baptist General Board of Virginia, Richmond, VA. From April 1962 to November 1969, he served as a Chaplain, U. S. Navy, receiving the rank of Lt. Commander. Rev. Paciocco received his BA from the University of Virginia, a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and a Master of Public Administration from the Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Richmond, VA. He is married to the former Jessie Bruce of Farmville, VA. The Pacioccos will continue to reside in Washington, NC. The First Baptist Mission will celebrate another historic event March 22 when it observes its first anniversary during the morning Worship Service. A covered dish dinner will be served following the morning service. The congregation has recently made a deposit on property where eventually it will build its permanent home. The property is located on Seed Tick Neck Road, just off Hwy. 99. You are invited to share this celebration and other services with this exciting, growing congregation of free and faithful Baptists.