

YEARS 1953 - 1954

REV. J. ROBERT SUTTIE served as pastor of Greenland Avenue Baptist Church conducting his first service on September 6, 1953. He came from Wil-Mar Park Baptist Church in Concord, N. C. Pastor Suttie graduated from the University of Louisville; the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Moody Bible Institute. As church pastor he also served as Chaplain of the Air National Guard and the U. S. Naval Rescue Unit. Rev. Suttie now resides in Maryland.

Rev. Suttie's wife, Betty, was brought up in Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. They had one daughter Rebecca. Each year during his pastorate an 8 day revival was held and many "Surrendered their sins and themselves to the crucified and risen Savior". Rev. Suttie further wrote "The Bible is like a lion - you don't try to defend a lion - you simply turn it loose."

As pastor Rev. Suttie was on WBT Radio each Sunday evening for an hour. He would interview various community leaders and always close with a brief gospel message.