
\$270,000 Given To Wieuca Church

An anonymous donor has given the Wieuca Road Baptist Church of Atlanta \$230,000 to build an activities building and has given an additional \$40,000 to establish scholarships to educate young men considering Christian recreation as a career.

The Wieuca Church Wednesday night voted to accept the gift which came from a wealthy Christian layman of Atlanta who refuses to be identified.

Stipulating that the building be named for Robert Ward, director of Christian Recreation at the Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, the donor said his two sons have been engaged in the recreational program at the Second-Ponce de Leon Church which already has an activities building.

HE SAID it was his appreciation for Mr. Ward which led him to make the gift to the Wieuca Road Church.

Rev. William L. Self, pastor of the Wieuca Road Church, said the donor said he hoped to perpetuate this kind of ministry. He had suggested that as soon as it is financially able, the Wieuca Road Church should build a similar recreation center for some other church in the Atlanta area.

Mr. Ward, 33-year-old native Atlantan who came to the Second-Ponce de Leon Church from Capitol View Baptist Church in

1961, has a full schedule of recreational activities at the church which attracts hundreds of people each week.

A graduate of Sylvan High School, Mr. Ward attended Southern Tech and the University of Georgia and was graduated from Georgia State College.

The Rev. Mr. Self said Thursday that his people will begin immediately to draft building plans for the center. He added that the erection of the building will not in any way deter or interfere with the church's plans already under way to erect a sanctuary, which will seat almost 2,000 people, and a new educational building.

The church, started in 1954 as a mission of the Second Ponce de Leon Church, expects the entire building program to cost about \$2 million.
