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**CHIPOLA**

First Baptist Church in Graceville will host contemporary composer/singer Louis Kathman in concert April 30 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 850-263-3323.

**JACKSONVILLE**

Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church has called Kyle Truman Reese as senior pastor. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas; George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor

University, Waco, Texas; and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. The 35-year-old Amarillo, Texas, native formerly served as pastor of First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas, where he was active in Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis, and Little League. He and his wife, Amy, have three children.



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**LAKE COUNTY**

First Baptist Church, Eustis, will host the Women's Power Lunch May 4 at noon. Speaker for the luncheon and also Girls Night Out at 7 p.m. is Sandy Mattox, whose topic is "Trinkets to Treasures." For reservations or more information, call 352-357-5640.

**PEACE RIVER**

Eastside Baptist Church in Punta Gorda has called Jeremy Champion as minister of music and youth. He is a graduate of Missouri Baptist College, St. Louis, and most recently served in a similar position with First Baptist Church, Waterford, Conn. Champion and his wife, Mechelle, have one daughter.

**NEW RIVER**

Hope Baptist Church in Starke will meet in revival April 27-30. Guest evangelist is Jack Yarbrough from Hinesville, Ga., and Don Parker of Keystone Heights will lead the music. Service times are Thurs.-Sat., 7 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call 352-473-4188.

First Baptist Church in Raiford will celebrate its 102nd anniversary in homecoming April 30. Singing, featuring The Reflectons, will begin at 11 a.m. The noon service will include speaker Jack Stolte, and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. For more information, call 386-431-1488.

**SANTA FE RIVER**

Westside Baptist Church in Gainesville will host former University of Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel April 30 in the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. For more information, call 352-333-7700.

**SUNCOAST**

Indian Rocks Baptist Church in Largo will host recording artist Babbie Mason in concert in its monthly Dinner Theatre May 25. She will perform "Timeless" songs in a 1940's style. For ticket information, call 727-595-3421 or go to www.indianrocks.org.

**TAMPA BAY**

East Chelsea Baptist Church will celebrate homecoming May 7. Bill Strandberg, pastor of County Line Church in Warm Springs, Ga., will preach and The Revelations and Southern Star Bluegrass will sing in the 10:30 a.m. service. A covered dish lunch will be served. For more information, call 813-621-9771.

**OBITUARIES**

**Retired State G.A., Mission Friends director dies**

JACKSONVILLE (FBC)—Elizabeth Painter, 79, retired associate director in the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Department (now Women's Missions & Ministries department), died April 17 in her Jacksonville home.

Painter retired Dec. 31, 1988, having served the Florida Baptist Convention for 34 years. When she first arrived at the Convention in 1954, she served as an associate in the Training Union Department (now Discipleship and Family Department). She was given responsibilities in the WMU Department directing the age level organizations for Girls in Action and Missions Friends (formerly Sunbeams) in 1970.

"Elizabeth Painter served with me faithfully and was fully committed to missions education through Florida WMU," said Vanita Baldwin, Florida WMU director from 1977 to 1991. "She served with distinction in each role and was totally supportive of the programs of the Florida Baptist Convention under the leadership of four state executive directors."

Painter was born July 28, 1926, in Bryant, Ark. She graduated from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., with an associate degree in 1947, and continued to take additional hours in elementary education in 1948.

"She will be missed in her church and in Florida Woman's Missionary Union," added Baldwin. "I give thanks for the life of this faithful servant."

**R.L. Polk, Avon Park pastor, dies**

AVON PARK (FBW)—R.L. Polk, pastor of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church since 1998, died April 2. He also was funeral director of Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home. Polk previously served as pastor of Ona Baptist Church; Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Avon Park; First Baptist Church, South Bay; and Northside Baptist Church, Plant City. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; three sons, Howard, Bobby and Glenn; a daughter, Rebecca Acosta; and seven grandchildren.



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