

John Peloke Jr.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP: Harmony Ridge Baptist Church, 5546 Highway 90, Pace; about 330 members

PERSONAL: Peloke has been married to Billie Jo for 23 years. They have two children: Tim, 22, and Ed, 19. Both are students at Pensacola Junior College. Peloke is originally from Jacksonville and was reared in upstate New York. He has been in Northwest Florida since the early 1970s.

DUTIES: "I oversee the music program, lead congregational singing in the choir. I am an associate to the pastor. I do administrative work and other duties."

EDUCATION: He received a bachelor's degree from Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville.

CHURCH CAREER: Peloke has been a member of Harmony Ridge Baptist Church for a year. He has been on staff full-time for six months. Before coming to Pace, he was a bi-vocational pastor at New Vision Baptist Church, Jay, for three years.

CAREER CHOICE: "I felt like God called me into it. He did speak to me in certain ways by affecting circumstances."

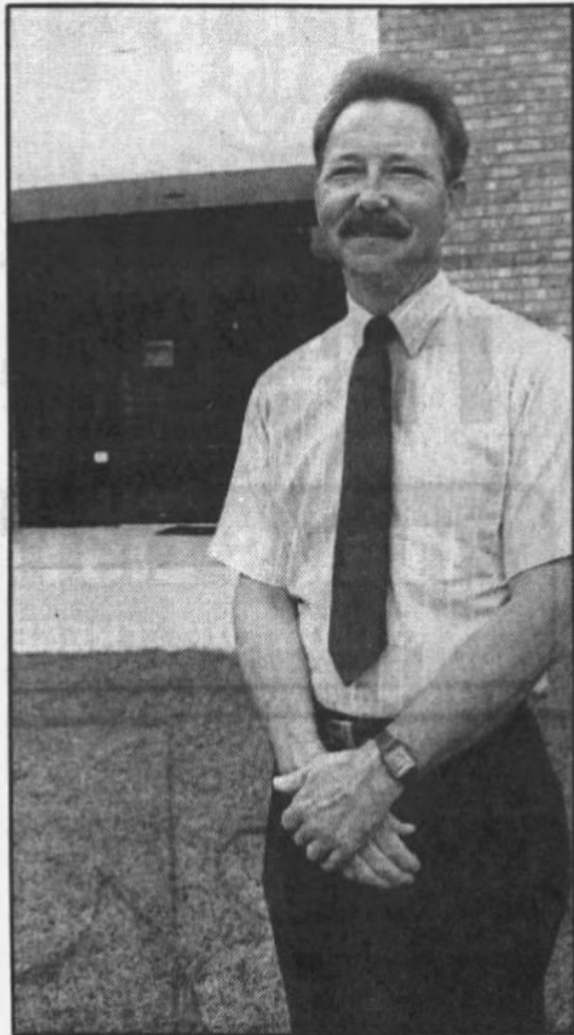
OUTSIDE INTERESTS: Jogging

MOST DIFFICULT: "My greatest weakness is organization, but I work hard at it."

MOST SATISFYING: "Seeing changes in people's lives and thinking that I might have affected those in a minor way."

GOALS: "To reach more people in the community — from homeless to doctors and lawyers."

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Psalms 57:7 "My heart is fixed, oh God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise."



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