

that God's Son loved him enough to die on the cross for his sins, and would supply all his needs. He asked them into his home to share a nourishing meal with him that his faithful wife had prepared. This was just one of the good deeds Uncle Jim practiced throughout his life. Uncle Jim was not one to participate in idle gossip and his tongue was bridled with the harness of the Gospel.

March 16, 1952, Brother Jim departed this life to enter into that heavenly home for which for many years he had been sending the material for his Father's use to prepare it for him. May many find this was that he inspired.

#### REVEREND ALTON ROBERTS

Reverend Alton Roberts was the son of Reverend John Alton Roberts and Edna Albritton Roberts.

The Roberts were descendants of Henry Carson Roberts, a Civil War soldier and forefather of the Roberts of Central and South Florida. Reverend Alton's father came with his brothers and sisters with a wagon train to Florida in May of 1882 when Reverend John was about 12 years of age.

Reverend John Roberts married Miss Edna Albritton and settled near the New Zion community on the west prong of Horse Creek, where he farmed and raised vegetables and citrus fruit for the market and home use. Here Alton was raised up with his brothers Owen, Sidney and Leland, who

followed the trade of farming and made homes for themselves in the surrounding communities. Reverend Alton was born April 5, 1896 and passed away April 8, 1970. He was married to Ruby Boyd who was a school teacher. Ruby Boyd was born September 13, 1892 and passed away in 1942. To this family were born Calvin, a son who died when he was about eight years old, Juel, Nancy, John and Shirley. After the death of Ruby, Alton married Miss Addie Hampton who was born May 2, 1902, and passed away July 5, 1977. They were all interred in the New Zion Cemetery. Alton and Miss Addie had one son, Elliot Roberts.

Reverend Alton was licensed about 1933 and came to Bethany as a pastor in October, 1933, and was called again as pastor in 1938 and again in 1951. We do not have the records of the churches that he pastored but he did serve often at churches in the area, filling in and holding revival meetings. He was a faithful follower of our Savior.

Reverend Alton was loved by all his flock, and he was very attentive to the needs of all the elderly and ill, sacrificing to the limit anything that was necessary to keep his church in the will of God.

Devoted to his church and family, he taught his children to serve the Lord and trust in His guidance. A testimony from one of his young daughters is that while Brother Roberts

was pastoring at Bethany, was that one Sunday morning as she was promised she could come to Bethany that day with her father, rushing around that morning to get ready, she could not find her shoes. She began to pray the Lord would help her find them before her father had to leave, as she would not be allowed to go without them. She had diligently searched her bedroom, still no shoes. At the last moment before her father had to go, she lifted the comforter by her bedside that had fallen on the floor and which she had moved several times, and there were her shoes. This answer to her prayer fortified her faith and trust and she is still praying and God hears and answers.

#### REVEREND DON LESTER PULLEN

Reverend Pullen was called to pastor Bethany Church August 23, 1936. His father was James Harmon Pullen, and his mother Annie Nora Rowlan Pullen.

The Pullen family forefathers migrated from Yorkshire, England, at the age of 21 sailing on the ship "Dolphin" to Philadelphia, April 19, 1774.

Reverend Don Pullen was born August 7, 1885, and married Lula Sutton on April 19, 1908. Don Lester departed this life to be with Jesus March 29, 1959.

Seven children were born to this family: Annie Hazel

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