

Staff changes:

John R. Mitcham, formerly of Berea Church in Plant City, has been called to serve as pastor in Orange City. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Holiday Hill Church, Jacksonville, announces the call of **Ronald Hobbs** as minister of music and education. A native of Eustis, Hobbs is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his bachelors at Stetson University.

Ed Lyon, former minister of music at First Church, Tallahassee, has accepted a position as assistant professor of voice at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. He is available for concerts, revivals and choral workshops and can be contacted at his present address, 1704 Thomasville Rd., #153, Tallahassee 32303, or after Aug. 23 at Ouachita Baptist University.

Tom Bowling has resigned from Brandy Branch Church in Bryceville and is available for supply, interim or pastorate. He may be reached at 1731 Linares Way, Jacksonville 32221 (904) 783-6130.

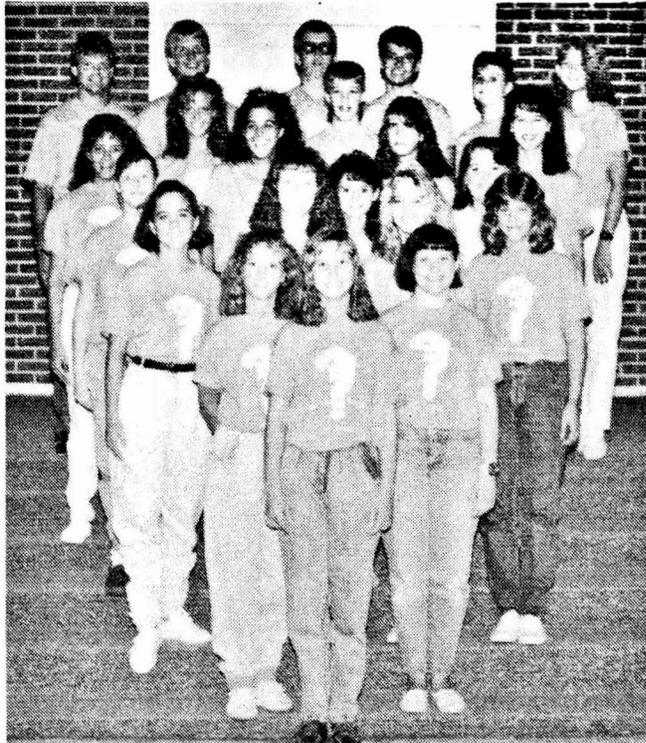
People news:

Two Floridians graduated this summer from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. **John E. Daughtry** of Madison received the master of divinity degree and **Jeffrey W. Hessler** of Orlando received the master of divinity degree.

Missionary news:

Karl and Susan Babb, missionaries to the

Jay youth take 'Who, Me?' to North Carolina



The youth choir of First Church, Jay, took the musical, "Who, Me?" to Cherokee, N.C., July 6-13 on their youth mission trip. Twenty-one youth and seven sponsors worked with Baptist resort missionaries Bill and Hazel Saunders conducting two campground worship services, participating in services at Acquoni Baptist Chapel where Saunders is pastor, and providing backyard Bible clubs each morning. The group went through intensive training from January through June in preparation for this trip. Members of the choir are: Glenn Bingham, Leigh Blackburn, Tracy Boutwell, Amanda Coffey, Kristy Copeland, Amista Golden, Carrie Gommillion, Kim Hemmert, Joey Ivie, Karissa Jordan, Jaime Lowry, Jennifer Middleton, Melinda Nevels, Tina Qualls, Clifford Routley, Tommy Routley, Jackie Scott, Teresa Scott, Kim Thornton, Natasha Thornton and Jamie Watson.

Photo by Curtis Joyner

Philippines, are in the states for furlough. They may be reached at 4267 Cedar Rd., Orange Park, Fla. 32065. She is the former Susan Saunders of Jacksonville.

Don and Linda Johnson, missionaries to Peru, are back on the field and may be contacted at Apartado 544, Chiclayo, Peru. She is the former Linda McNabb of Miami.

Missionaries to the Philippines **Raymond and Nena Johnson** have arrived in the states for furlough. Their address is P. O. Box 311,

San Mateo, Fla. 32187. She is the former Nena Huddins of St. Augustine. Both consider Palatka their hometown.

John and Sarah Perkins, missionaries to France, are on the field and their address is 1, rue Lord Byron, 37000 Tours, France. He considers Cantonment his hometown.

Dennis and Linda Singletary, missionaries to the Philippines, have gone back to the field. They may be reached at Encarnacion Subd. San Jose City, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was born in Holmes County.

Obituary:

Longtime Florida pastor **I. Beryl Roberts** Sr. died June 19 at the age of 77. A native of Malvern, Ark., during his ministry Roberts served as pastor of Brownsville Church in Pensacola, First Church, Leesburg, and Lake Carroll Church in Tampa for 18 years.

He is survived by his wife, Neva Rainer Roberts of Tallahassee; three sons, Ivan B. Roberts Jr. of Tallahassee, Kelly C. Roberts of Dublin, Ga., and Judson R. Roberts of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Glen C. Roberts of Birmingham, Ala., and Marvin E. Roberts of Orange Beach, Ala.; three sisters, Mae Bryars of Bay Minette, Ala., Marcelle Melvin of Kynessville and Juanita Karlin of Phoenix, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Church news:

First Church of Lake Park voted to release a piece of its property to Habitat for Humanity

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Dr. Ivan Beryl Roberts, Sr.

Ivan Beryl Roberts was born July 3, 1912 in Malvern, Arkansas. He was the son of Grover Cleveland Roberts (son of Daniel and Julia Roberts), a sawyer (March 4, 1885 Arkansas-July 20, 1952 Whistler, Mobile County, Alabama) and Dessie D. Roberts, also born in Arkansas. They married about 1906. He was 21; she was 18.

In 1910, Grover C. Roberts and Dessie Roberts lived in Clark, Clay County, Arkansas with their two children, Athel Roberts, age 3, (February 17, 1907-February 23, 1988) and Ruth Roberts, age 1 and 6/12. The family lived in Ouachita County, Arkansas when Grover Cleveland Roberts registered for the World War I draft. In 1920, the family was enumerated at Carroll, Ouachita County, Arkansas. Children at home included Athel Roberts, age 13; Ruth Roberts, age 11; Mae Roberts, age 9; Beryl Roberts, age 7; Glen Roberts, age 3 and 5/12; and David Roberts, age 1 and 4/12.

By the enumeration of the 1930 census, the family had moved to Mobile County, Alabama. Their large family included Athel Roberts, age 23; Ruth Roberts, age 21; Mae Roberts, age 19; Beryl Roberts, age 17; Glen Roberts, age 13; David Roberts, age 12; Marvin Roberts, age 8; Marcelle Roberts, age 8; Juanita Roberts, age 6; and Charles Roberts, no age given.

During World War II, Ivan Beryl Roberts served as an Army chaplain. From 1946 to 1951, he was pastor of Brownsville Baptist Church in Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida. He was a recognized leader in the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association and served as associate moderator from 1946 to 1948. In 1948, he preached the annual sermon, "Reversing the Processes" from Galatians 6:14. He was moderator from 1949 to 1951. Other Florida Baptist churches he served include First Baptist Church of Leesburg and Lake Carroll Baptist Church in Tampa, an 18-year pastorate.

About 1985, Dr. Roberts moved to Tallahassee and lived at 267 Teal Lane. He died June 19, 1990 at his home. Survivors included his wife, Neva Rainer Roberts (September 7, 1911-October 28, 1992); three sons, Dr. Ivan B. Roberts Jr. of Tallahassee, Dr. Kelly C. Roberts of Dublin, Georgia, and Dr. Judson R. Roberts of Sacramento, California; two brothers, Glen C. Roberts of Birmingham, Alabama, and Marvin E. Roberts of Orange Beach, Alabama; three sisters, Mae Bryars of Bay Minette, Alabama, Marcelle Melvin of Kynesville and Juanita Karlin of Phoenix, Arizona; and seven grandchildren. Dr. Roberts was buried at Magnolia Cemetery in DeFuniak Springs.

Judith Richbourg Jolly
Florida Baptist Historical Society
November 8, 2007

Sources:

Brownsville Baptist Church records
Census - 1910 Arkansas; 1920 Arkansas; 1930 Alabama
World War I Draft Registration - Grover Cleveland Roberts
Florida Baptist Historical Society Biographies (online)
Alabama Death Certificate - Grover Cleveland Roberts
Tallahassee Democrat - June 21, 1990 (courtesy Mr. Kevin Kelly as a RAOGK)

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
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1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County <i>Mobile 49026</i> b. Beat No.		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution; residence before admission). a. State <i>Ala 49026</i> b. County <i>Mobile</i>	
c. City (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL) Or Town <i>Mobile</i> d. Length of Stay (in this place) <i>1 day</i>		c. City (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL) Or Town <i>1417 Engine St</i> d. Beat No. <i>—</i>	
e. Full Name of (If not in hospital or institution, give street address) Hospital Or Institution <i>City Hospital</i> or location)		d. Street Address (If rural, give location) <i>Whistler Ala</i>	
3. Name Of DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) <i>Groves</i> b. (Middle) <i>Cleveland</i> c. (Last) <i>Roberts</i> d. Date (Month) (Day) (Year) Of Death <i>7-20-52</i>			
5. Sex <i>M</i>	6. Color or Race <i>W</i>	7. Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced (Specify) <i>Married</i>	8. Date of Birth <i>3/4/1885</i>
10a. Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <i>Lawyer</i>		10b. Kind of Business or Industry <i>Gov -</i>	9. Age (In years last birthday) <i>67</i>
11. Birthplace (State and county or foreign country) <i>Arkansas</i>		12. Citizen of What Country? <i>U.S.</i>	
13. Father's Name <i>Walter Roberts</i>		14. Mother's Maiden Name <i>Julia</i>	
15. Was Deceased Ever in U. S. Armed Forces? (If yes, give war or dates of service) <i>No</i>		16. Social Security No. <i>419-02-7195</i>	
17. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS <i>Mrs G C Roberts - Whistler Ala</i>			
18. Cause of Death Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION	
I. Disease or Condition Directly Leading to Death* (a) <i>Cerebral Thrombosis</i>		Interval Between Onset and Death <i>2 days</i>	
*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		Due To (b) <i>Hyperlipidemia</i>	
Antecedent Causes Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.		Due To (c) <i>334X</i>	
II. Other Significant Conditions Conditions contributing to death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.			
19a. Date of Operation		19b. Major Findings of Operation <i>None</i>	
20. Autopsy? Yes [] No [X]			
21a. Accident (Specify) Suicide, Homicide		21b. Place of Injury (home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	
21c. (City, Town, or Rural) (County) (State)			
21d. Time (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) of Injury		21e. Injury Occurred While at Work [] Not While at Work [X]	
21f. How Did Injury Occur?			
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <i>July 18, 1952</i> to <i>July 20, 1952</i> that I last saw the deceased alive on <i>July 20, 1952</i> and that death occurred at <i>12:20 P.M.</i> from the causes and on the date stated above.			
23a. SIGNATURE <i>W. H. Heid</i> (Design or title)		23b. Address <i>Mobile, Ala.</i>	
23c. Date Signed <i>7-22-52</i>			
24a. Burial, Cremation, Removal (Specify) <i>Burial</i>		24b. Date <i>7-22-52</i>	
24c. Name of Cemetery or Crematory <i>Whistler Cem</i>		24d. Location (City, town, or county) (State) <i>Whistler Ala</i>	
Date Rec'd by Local Registrar's Signature <i>W. H. Heid</i>		25. Funeral Director <i>Higgins Mortuary</i> Address	

Just as a reminder by Kevin Kelly, TCH, FL (Met @ PRC 1/2/92)

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many other civic organizations. He had belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church since 1927, where he served several terms as a member of the vestry. He was an Air Corps veteran of World War II, and an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include two sons, William G. Eaton Jr. and Robert J. Eaton, both of Tallahassee; a brother, Judge Joe O. Eaton of Miami; a sister, Mrs. Thomas L. Clarke of Monticello; two granddaughters; and a host of other relatives.

(Beggs Apalachee Parkway Chapel)

Freddie Hayes

WOODVILLE — Freddie Hayes, 87, of Woodville died June 15 at his home.

The service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Macedonia Church of Christ Written in Heaven, in Sopchoppy, with burial at English Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Strong & Jones Funeral Home, and from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. The funeral cortege will assemble at 1 p.m. Saturday at Howard Jones Road in Woodville.

A native of Marion, S.C., and longtime resident of Tallahassee, he was a service technician for Hartfield Appliances. He was a member of Church of Christ Written in Heaven.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Hayes of Woodville; six sons, John T. Hayes Sr., John Lee Hayes and Freddie Lee Hayes, all of Tallahassee, Gabriel Hayes and Walter Lee Hayes, both of West Germany, and Jimmy T. Hayes of Jacksonville; seven daughters, Louise Hayes of Tallahassee, Bernice Hayes Black and Catherine Hayes Jolavette, both of San Diego, Debra Hayes, Carolyn Hayes and Maxine Hayes, all of Miami, and Naomi Hayes of Jacksonville; a brother, Ben Hayes of Rochester, N.Y.; a sister, Corine Watts of Gainesville; 65 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Dyous and Alesia Snipes Sanders, both of Americus, and Jacqueline Snipes Johnson of Albany; an adopted daughter, Beverly Oliver Snipes of Americus; two sons, Sgt. Aaron Snipes Jr. of Fort Gordon, Ga., and Anthony Snipes of Macon, Ga.; two sisters, Sylvia Hamilton of Albany and Mandy Keaton of Philadelphia; nine grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

(Barnum Funeral Home in Americus)

Dr. I. Beryl Roberts Sr.

Dr. I. Beryl Roberts Sr., 77, of 267 Teal Lane died Tuesday at his home.

The service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Parkway Baptist Church, with burial at 12:30 p.m. CDT at Magnolia Cemetery in DeFuniak Springs. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 tonight at Culley's Meadow Wood Riggins Road Chapel.

A native of Malvern, Ark., and former resident of Tampa, he had lived in Tallahassee for five years. He was a retired minister and had been pastor at Lake Carroll Baptist Church in Tampa for more than 18 years. He was also an Army chaplain in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Neva Rainer Roberts of Tallahassee; three sons, Dr. Ivan B. Roberts Jr. of Tallahassee, Dr. Kelly C. Roberts of Dublin, Ga., and Dr. Judson R. Roberts of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Glen C. Roberts of Birmingham, Ala., and Marvin E. Roberts of Orange Beach, Ala.; three sisters, Mae Bryars of Bay Minette, Ala., Marcelle Melvin of Kynesville and Juanita Karlin of Phoenix, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren.

Mattie D. Starks

Mattie D. Starks, 79, of 848 Brewer St. died Tuesday at Tallahassee Community Hospital.

The service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church, with burial at Tallahassee Memory Garden. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Strong & Jones Funeral Home, and from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. The funeral cortege will assemble at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Starks residence.

Southside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at Strong & Jones Funeral Home, and from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The funeral cortege will assemble at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bivins residence.

A Havana native and longtime Tallahassee resident, he was a truck driver for Crowder Trucking. He was a member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, Ga., and of Mightgood Will Masonic Lodge, No. 88, in Quincy.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Smith Bivins of Tallahassee; four stepsons, Zack Peterson, Edward Peterson and Jerome Martin, all of Tallahassee, and Nathaniel Peterson of Detroit; four stepdaughters, Althea Peterson, Alethea Peterson, Loretta Johnson and Rosevena Henderson, all of Tallahassee; and 15 stepgrandchildren.

Cecil Costin Jr.

PORT ST. JOE — Cecil Costin Jr., 66, of Port St. Joe died Wednesday at his home.

The service will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church in Port St. Joe, with burial at the family plot in Holly Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, or to a favorite charity.

A lifelong resident of Port St. Joe, he had been an attorney in private practice since 1948. He served in the Florida House of Representatives in the 1950s and early 1960s. He was a member of First Baptist Church, the Port St. Joe Kiwanis Club, and various other civic and professional organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret M. Costin of Port St. Joe; a son, Charles A. Costin of Port St. Joe; a daughter, Renee Shoaf of Port St. Joe; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Costin Sr. of Port St. Joe; two brothers, Ashley Costin and James E. Costin, both of Port St. Joe; three sisters, Margie Carr of Port St. Joe, and Dorothy Magidson and Jo Williams, both of Atlanta; and two grandsons.

(Comforter Funeral Home in Port St. Joe)

Dr. Beryl Roberts To Retire

Dr. I. Beryl Roberts, pastor of the Lake Carroll Baptist Church for 18 years, is retiring effective June 1.

Dr. Roberts will conduct his final services at the church, 1902 Pine Lake Drive, May 30, then he and Mrs. Roberts will vacation through June.

The church will honor the Roberts and present to them the deed to the parsonage, 10913 N. Blvd., at the evening service, May 30.

Dr. Roberts, a native of Malvern, Ark., was ordained into the ministry March 6, 1933 in Mobile.

He received his master of theology degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and just a year ago, May 9, 1975, obtained his doctor of ministry degree from the Luther Rice Theological Seminary.

He served as a field artillery chaplain in the Army in the Philippines and in Korea during World War II.

He came to Lake Carroll from the First Baptist Church of Leesburg which he had pastored for seven years.

UNDER Roberts' leadership, Lake Carroll grew from a residence membership of some 400 to 1,150 and carried out a building enlargement program totaling approximately \$200,000.

Dr. Roberts has been active in Southern Baptist activities on the convention, state and association levels.

He has been moderator of the Tampa Bay Baptist Association, president of the Florida Baptist Pastors' Conference, president of the Tampa Minister's Association and was chairman of the institution survey committee for the State Mission Board.

He was chairman of the board of trustees for the Baptist Bible Institute at the time it became an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention.

HE WAS ON the first board of trustees of University Community Hospital and for many years served on the board of directors for adult education in Hillsborough County.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts have three sons, Dr. Ivan Roberts, a Tallahassee dentist; Dr. Kelly Roberts, a doctor of medicine in Shreveport, La., and Dr. Judson Roberts, a Fresno, Calif., dentist.

Dr. Roberts plans to remain busy in supply and interim pastoral work.