

# Baylor's Herbert Reynolds dies at age 77

Waco, Texas (BP)—Herbert Reynolds, president of Baylor University from 1981-95 and an outspoken proponent of conservative theology within the Southern Baptist Convention, died May 25 in Angel Fire, N.M., at the age of 77.

Reynolds' wife, Joy, told the *Waco Herald-Tribune* she believed the cause of death was a heart attack, as Reynolds had a history of heart trouble.

In 1990, Reynolds led Baylor, then a Baptist-affiliated university, to cut most of its formal ties with the Baptist General Convention of Texas to keep conservatives at bay if they ever gained control of the state convention. Under a new charter, Baylor's board of trustees was renamed as a "board of regents," only one-fourth of whom were selected by the BGCT.

In 1994, Reynolds and Baylor's regents established the George W. Truett Theological Seminary

at the Waco-based university, enrolling 51 students, as an alternative to the Southern Baptist Convention's seminaries, which had turned toward conservative theology.



REYNOLDS

Reynolds, while on active duty in the Air Force, initially taught at Baylor from 1956-61 as an assistant professor of aerospace studies and later as a teaching fellow in psychology, during which time he completed a master's degree in psychology and a doctorate in experimental psychology (neuroscience) and clinical psychology. In 1961, he was assigned to the Aeromedical Research Laboratories at Alamogordo, N.M., as deputy commander and director of research related to the U.S. space program.

After retiring from the Air Force, Reynolds returned to Baylor in 1969 as executive vice president and in 1981 became the university's 11th

president, succeeding Abner McCall.

Various Baylor milestones were cited in accounts of Reynolds' death, including \$180 million in new and renovated facilities during his presidency, a quadrupling of Baylor's endowment and his push for Baylor's place in the Big Conference and for women's athletics. Baylor today has nearly 14,000 students.

In addition to his wife, Reynolds, a native Frankston, Texas, is survived by three children: Kevin, Kent and Rhonda, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at First Baptist Church in Waco, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

According to a university news release, "Baylor officials are working with the Reynolds family to finalize plans for a campus-wide celebration of life and contributions to Baylor University of Reynolds." No date has been announced.



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## BEULAH

Beulah Baptist Association has called Dr. James Roberts as director of missions. He most recently served as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Lake City, and previously was pas-

tor of Clayland Baptist Church, Live Oak; First Baptist Church, Eaton Park; Berea Baptist Church, Auburndale; and Bethel Baptist Church, Kingston, Ala. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Roberts is a 1988 graduate of Baptist College of Florida, Graceville. He and his wife, Connie, have one adult son.

## JACKSONVILLE

Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 36th anniversary and Pastor Will A. Waldrop Sr.'s 20th anniversary June 10-11 and June 13. The theme for the celebration is "Seek Him with Your Whole Heart," with meetings June 10, 4 p.m., June 11 and 13, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 8778 Lake Placid Dr. Venetia Terrace Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 24 at 11 a.m. Hearts Desire will sing, and Mark Smith, Jesse Andrews and Gil Witcher, former and current church ministers, will speak. For more information, call 904-779-0171.

## LAKE COUNTY

First Baptist Church in Leesburg is hosting a GriefShare support group on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel Prayer Room. The 13-week video series will be facilitated by Donna Zegel. For more information, call 352-787-8734.

## MIAMI

Christ Fellowship will mark its 90th anniversary in three services June 16-17. Pastor Emeritus Tommy Watson will speak Saturday at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Organized as Perrine Baptist Church in 1917, the congregation now includes members born in 76 nations. For more information, call 305-238-5857

## NEW RIVER

Evergreen Baptist Church in Lawley has called Ronald Kimbrell as

pastor. He and his wife, Sue, went to Lawley from Tracy City, Tenn. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Gretna, Va. He previously served as pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Gretna Springs and Ephesus Baptist Church in Hilliard. He holds two degrees, pursuing a doctorate, from Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary. Kimbrells have two adult daughters and six grandchildren. Beulah Baptist Church in Middleburg celebrated its 50th anniversary in the fall. Ordained by First Baptist Church in Alachua in 1956, Holloway has pastored churches in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. He is a graduate of

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Churches can make huge difference in Florida's prisons, chaplain says

By David Moore      Last updated Jan 5, 2022

At the Suwannee Correctional Institution in Live Oak, the chaplain recently partnered with James Roberts, catalyst of the [North Florida Baptist Network](#), to coordinate a five-night crusade that was deemed a success. A different pastor preached each night. "We had the highest attendance," Hammock said. "And 10 guys were baptized on Friday night. It was a great thing for the prison."

Education   Baptist College of Florida   1985 - 1988

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