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The Atlanta Journal
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**FREEMAN-ROBINSON**

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Freeman, of Prichard, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gladys, of Cuthbert, to the Rev. Rufus L. Robinson, of Live Oak, Fla., and Fort Worth, Texas, the marriage to take place during the summer.

The Valdosta Daily Times
Thu, Sep 07, 1950 -Page 5

## HAS SERVED HAHIRA CHURCH

# Rufus L. Robinson Accepts Moultrie Church Pastorate

Rufus L. Robinson, pastor of the Hahira Baptist Church, Hahira, Georgia will begin his new work with the Memorial Baptist Church, Moultrie, on October 1.

During the three years Mr. Robinson has served the Hahira Church 112 were added to the church membership. Seventy-one of this number were baptisms and 41 came into the fellowship of the church by transfer of membership. During this same period a number of improvements have been made in the physical equipment of the church, including interior remodeling of the church, new lighting fixtures for the auditorium, a Hammond Organ, new hymn books, new bapistry, gas heating system for the entire church plant, and a cooling system.

In Mr. Robinson's resignation to the Hahira Church he stated that he definitely felt led to Hahira three years ago and that this term of service with the church was one he would never forget. He also stated that his decision to go to the Moultrie Church was just as real as the decision to come to his present pastorate.

For more than two years Mr. Robinson has also been preaching two Sunday afternoons each month for the Cecil Baptist Church, Cecil, Georgia. This church has made substantial gains both in membership and improvement of church property. Twenty-five new members have been added to the church, and the church has been repaired and painted.

REV. RUFUS L. ROBINSON

The Ledger
Sun, Jul 21, 1991 · Page 14

## Robinson, Rev. Rufus L.

Funeral Services for Rev. Rufus L. Robinson, 78, a resident of 1030 Lake Shore Drive, Lakeland, who passed away at his residence Saturday morning, will be held Monday at 10am from the Whidden-McLean Funeral Home in Bartow with Rev. Daniel T. Robinson officiating. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cementary, Lakeland. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, 5pm-8pm.

The Tampa Tribune
Thu, Oct 16, 1969 · Page 24

## WILLIAM ROBINSON

LAKE WALES — William Oscar Robinson, 81, Route 3, Box 133, died yesterday. A native of Live Oak, he had lived here 12 years, was a retired farmer and a Baptist. Survivors include two sons, Rev. Rufus L. Robinson, Bartow, and Frank Robinson, Lake Wales; two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Crosby, Lakeland, and Mrs. Larry Lafferty, Zolfo

The Valdosta Daily Times
Thu, Aug 31, 1950 · Page 5

# Rev. Robinson Of Hahira To Move To Moultrie Church

The Rev. Rufus L. Robinson, pastor of the Hahira Baptist Church for the past three years, resigned the pastorate at the regular Sunday evening service. His resignation will take effect on October 1.

Mr. Robinson announced also that he had accepted a call to Memorial Baptist Church in Moultrie and would move his family there soon.

V. A. Gaskin, church treasurer and a deacon, said that no pulpit committee had been appointed from the church, therefore nothing has been done to arrange for the call of a new pastor to succeed Mr. Robinson, whose resignation came as a surprise to the congregation.

Mr. Gaskin said that the church had made substantial gains and enjoyed a period of genuine church prosperity during the three years that Mr. Robinson had served the church.

Mr. Gaskin pointed out that during the pastorate of Mr. Robinson, plans had been successfully carried out, which included an interior remodeling of the sanctuary, the payment of a church organ, the installation and payment of an expert heating and cooling system, and the addition, yearly of several new members, as well as congenial fellowship throughout the period of service.

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**MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH**
Bartow, Fla.
Rev. Rufus L. Robinson, Pastor
April 13-24 7:30 P.M.
Rev. J. W. Grooms, Evangelist
L. D. McNab, Song Leader

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Thu, Sep 11, 1997 · Page 11

## GLADYS ROBINSON, 83
### Schoolteacher

LAKELAND — Mrs. Gladys F. Robinson of Lakeland died Wednesday (Sept. 10, 1997) at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. She was 83.

Born in Alabama City, Ala., on Dec. 24, 1913, she moved to Lakeland from Douglas, Ga., in 1956. She was a schoolteacher at Floral Avenue Elementary School in Bartow having taught in Polk County for more than 23 years. She was a former member of the Main Street Baptist Church and the Eloise Baptist Church. She was a member of the Parkview Baptist Church in Lakeland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Rufus L. Robinson. She is survived by her sons, Frank L. Robinson, Lakeland, Dr. Charles R. Robinson, Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. Daniel T. Robinson, Greenville, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 this evening at Whidden-McLean Funeral Home, 650 E. Main St., Bartow. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Parkview Baptist Church in Lakeland.

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## Staff changes:

**Bobby Pletcher** has been called to serve as associate pastor of Inwood Church in Winter Haven. A graduate of Florida Baptist Theological College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he was ordained to the ministry by Inwood Church in July of this year.

**Roger P. Felipe** has accepted the position of associate pastor and youth minister at Coral Park Spanish Church of Miami. Prior to coming to Coral Park, Felipe was associate pastor and youth minister at Iglesia Bautista Horeb in Hialeah for the past six years.

Wesconnett Church, Jacksonville, has called **Thomas Higginbotham** to serve as its new pastor. A graduate of Luther Rice Seminary and Southern Baptist Study Center, he has served as pastor of churches in Florida, North and South Dakota, as well as Montana.

**James A. Jackson** has been called to Immanuel Church, Tallahassee, as associate pastor. He is a 1991 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Joseph R. Otwell** is the new minister of music at Woodstock Park Church in Jacksonville. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of North Florida.

Green Pond Church in Polk City has called **Jerry Stokes** as its new pastor. Stokes is a graduate of Florida Baptist Theological College and has been pastor of Whitehurst Road Church in Plant City since May 1989.

**Marshall Mines** has completed his 28th interim pastorate, having served Green Pond Church in Polk City since January. His Lakeland phone is (813) 858-7728 and he said he is asking the Lord to keep him busy.

**James Smith,** pastor of First Church of Lithia, has been called to Gapway Church in Lakeland. Smith has served churches in Florida and Alabama, and was in full-time evangelism for nine years.

**Brent Beaird,** associate pastor and minister of youth at Highlands Church in Jacksonville, submitted his resignation Aug. 4 to pursue a new ministry as a counselor. Beaird will be continuing his education at the University of North Florida.

CORRECTION: In the Sept. 5 issue of the *Witness* it was reported that **Stephen L. Loy** had been called as minister of youth at First Church, Marianna. The Orlando native, and student at Florida Baptist Theological College, serves as minister of youth at Gulf Beach Church in Panama City Beach.

**Baker**

After more than 40 years in the ministry, including the last six years as pastor of First Church, Quincy, **Don M. Everson** retired Sept. 30. He is available for supply, interim pastorate, Bible studies, revivals, ministry preparation and application, retreats, etc., and may be contacted at 185 Ridgewood Dr., Bowling Green, Ky. 42103 after Nov. 9.

**Purvis Lawson** recently completed a 23-month interim at Pleasant Grove Church in Mayo and is available for interim or supply. He may be reached at 2817 N.W. 68th Ave., Gainesville, or call (904) 378-1616.

**Elwood Baker** has just returned to the state after a 13-month interim in Gettysburg, S.D. He is available for supply, interim, revivals or to share experiences and slides of our state partnership work in the Northern Plains area. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 363, Archer, Fla. 32618, or call (904) 495-2259.


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## Staff changes from Black Creek Association:

**John Anglin** has been called as associate pastor at Clay Hill Church, Jacksonville.

**Tim Glisson** is the new pastor at Decoy Church, Green Cove Springs.

**Bill Phillips** is associate pastor at Eagle's View Church, Jacksonville.

**Donald Lajoie** has been called as pastor of Oak Grove Church, Middleburg.

## News from South Florida Association:

South Florida Baptist Association held its annual Fish-A-Thon Sept. 14 at Square Lake in Bartow. Twenty-seven RAs and GAs participated, and 74 fish were caught.

Winners in the Lads category were: Ryan Frack of Parkview Church, Lakeland, for the biggest fish and largest catch; and Joey Johnson of Lake Garfield for the second-largest catch.

Winners in the Crusaders category were: Eric O'Cain of Main Street Church, Bartow, for the biggest fish and largest catch; Eddie Moore of Main Street for the second-largest catch; and Josh Palmer of Main Street for the third-largest catch.

Winners in the Pioneers category were: Charlie Galloway of Main Street for the biggest fish and largest catch; and Paul Harell of Lake Garfield for the second-largest catch.

Winners for the GAs were: Carla McCorkel of First Church of Highland City for the biggest fish and second-largest catch; and Francie Galloway of Main Street for the largest catch.

## Obituary:

Well-known Florida pastor **Rufus L. Robinson** of Lakeland died July 20. Just prior to his death, he served as interim pastor at Wildwood Church in Bartow.

He was licensed to preach while a high school student in Lake Wales, and attended Norman Junior College in Georgia, the University of Florida and Southwestern Seminary.

He was active in local, state and Southern Baptist Convention work and was a member of Parkview Church in Lakeland.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; three sons; and two sisters.

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## Church news:

Eight members of **First Church of Maitland** participated in an evangelism partnership exchange with Redditch Baptist Church in Redditch, England, Sept. 12-24. They were: Ronnie and Linda Aspinwall, Pastor John Brackin, Merle Chisholm, Norman Dabney, Jack and Marian Parker and Robbie Robinson. Six members of Redditch Church led the 1991

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Rufus L Robinson

Birth
27 Nov 1912
Death
20 Jul 1991 (aged 78)
Burial
Oak Hill Burial Park
Lakeland, Polk County, Florida, USA
Parents

William Oscar Robinson

1888–1969
Annie Ruth Rutherford Robinson

1894–1968

Spouse

Gladys Freeman Robinson

1913–1997