

Florida Features



Danny R. Brown



Warren Thompson

First Church, Bryceville, recently called **Danny R. Brown** as minister of music and youth. He has served in the same capacity at Carol Estates Church, Gainesville, and Pine Grove Church, Lake City.

Warren Thompson, a graduate of Luther Rice Seminary, became chaplain at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch on June 15.

Jerry Hunter joined the staff at First Church, DeLand, as summer youth minister. He goes from Beulah Church, Pierson.



SHERIDAN HILLS CHURCH, HOLLYWOOD, during its recent 20th anniversary celebration, received a \$25,000 check from the Florida Baptist Convention Church Site Fund for the Romanian Mission. **Richard Broome** (second from right), Business Services director at the convention, presents the check to **Bill Billingsley**, pastor, Sheridan Hills. With them are (left) **Teofil Talpesh**, mission pastor, and (right) **Peyton Moore**, director of missions, Gulf Stream Association.



Phoebe Rogers

Ebenezer Church, Monticello, recently elected **Phoebe Rogers** as its first woman deacon. Her selection by the church also marks the first such instance in the Florida Association.

The church also recently installed a floor-level baptistry in the center of the sanctuary podium.

Ebenezer Church, established in 1828, is one of Florida's oldest Baptist churches and was the site for the first organization of a Baptist association in Florida. **Mitch Simpson** is pastor.

Homecomings

Antioch Church, Gainesville: June 25-26, 11th anniversary; Saturday—special music by The Freedom Singers; ice-cream fellowship; Sunday—Otto Spangler, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special music by The Cavaliers; **Raymond Estes**, pastor.

First Church, Satsuma: June 26; **Dean Gatch**, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; singing in the afternoon by Scriptures Quartet; everyone invited; **Barney Andrews**, pastor.

Noma Church, Noma: July 10; dinner on the grounds; gospel sing; former members and friends invited; **L. Gene Cone**, pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, SEFFNER, broke ground for a 7,900-square-foot education building which will provide for 250 in classrooms and an additional 200 in the fellowship hall. Participating (from left) are: **Mark Johnson**, architect, Dykes & Associates Inc.; **Jim Shoemaker**, building committee member; **Terry L. Lowe**, pastor; **Earl Weeks**, building committee member; and **Robert McGinnis**, building committee chairman. Building committee members pictured are **Guy Theis** and **Ben O'Steen**.



St. Petersburg Pastor Dies of Heart Attack at 53

Clint E. Rogers, pastor of Gateway Church, St. Petersburg, for the past 18 months, died after a heart attack May 23 at the age of 53.

William Tribble, pastor of First Church, Social Circle, Ga., and **Roger**, brother-in-law, conducted funeral services at Gateway on May 24. **Durward Davis**, pastor, First Church, Largo, assisted. Interment was in Monroe, Ga.

Rogers had served churches in Kentucky, Georgia and Florida, including Keene Terrace Church, Largo, 1968-72.

Survivors include his widow, **Mrs. Jane Rogers**; a son, **David Rogers**, and **Conyers**, Ga.; two daughters, **Kathy Buchanan** of Monroe, Ga., and **Renee Rogers** of College Park, Ga.; and his mother, **Mrs. Rena S. Rogers**, also of Monroe.

Missionary News

Carol Turlington, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Turlington** (Phillips), married **Jerry Peters** on May 14. The Turlingtons may be addressed at 8816 Foggy Bottom Road, Brandon Station, Raleigh, N.C. 27612.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. McEachern (Taiwan) resigned from missionary service May 31. They may be addressed at 1233 Stevens St., Smyrna, Ga. 30080.

David E. Croxton has been called to serve three months as interim music director at First Church, Riverview, while the full-time music director, **Don Hawke**, is on tour. Croxton has served as interim or part-time music director for many churches for the past 19 years.

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