

Roberts, Clyde and his wife, Beth Pitts Roberts were natives of Florida. He graduated from Florida State University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Roberts has pastored churches in Louisiana and Florida including Drummond Park (now Westview) Baptist Church, Panama City and Lake Mystic Baptist Church, Bristol, 1999-2004. In addition to pastoral work, Roberts has been heavily involved in missions work with the International Missions Board (IMB) from 1970 - 1998. Over the years he has served on many mission boards, as a field missionary and pastor in Mexico and Canada. He has served on the Florida Baptist Convention staff as a missionary in residence to Hispanic work in Florida. After retiring from Lake Mystic Baptist Church in 2004, Roberts accepted the call as Director of Missions for the Apalachee Baptist Association and has continued to serve in that role until 2014. Roberts and his wife had four children.

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Two Florida Couples Appointed Missionaries for Costa Rica and Mexico



Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Jolly Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Jolly Jr. of Clearwater, Fla., were among 26 persons commissioned July 30 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in a chapel service at board headquarters in Richmond, Va. They will go to Costa Rica for general evangelistic work. This summer Jolly is interim director of activities at Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater.

He previously held staff positions at Baptist churches in Caldwell and San Angelo, Tex., and Clearwater, Dunedin and Palm Harbor, Fla. As associate pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church in Atlanta he lived in a neighborhood of mostly blacks and Cubans. That experience revived his dormant interest in missions, he told the Foreign Mission Board. Since then he has held pastorates in Centerville and Manchester, Ga.

A native of Stone Mountain and

Clarkston, Ga., he received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and the bachelor of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta. He also attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. †

Mrs. Jolly, the former Judith Richbourg of Clearwater, received the associate of arts degree from St. Petersburg (Fla.) Junior College. While in college she met girls who were active in Young Woman's Auxiliary, a Baptist mission organization. This was her "first exposure to in-depth missions," she told the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Jolly also said that knowing some of the missionary appointees who were in training at the board's orientation center at Callaway Gardens, in Georgia, "had a profound effect" on her and her husband while they lived in Manchester.

The Jollys' daughter, Jennifer, is 6½, and their son, Lawson III, is 3.

Mr. Jolly's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Jolly Sr., Clearwater; Mrs. Jolly's parents, also residents of Clearwater, are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson E. Richbourg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were assigned to Mexico, where he expects to do evangelistic work. For the past six years he has been pastor of Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, which was constituted from a mission during his ministry.

Both are natives of Florida. He grew up on a farm near Micosukee; she is the former Beth Pitts of Frink. They were married at the close of his junior year at Florida State University, Tallahassee. Two months later, on his 21st birthday, he "surrendered to preach." Both received bachelor of science degrees from Florida State.

After teaching for two years in a junior high school in Panama City, Fla., he became pastor of Drummond Park (now Westview) Baptist Church there. He told the Foreign Mission Board that during this pastorate he first "felt called" to missions.

He resigned this pastorate after three years to enter New Orleans

doors and went elsewhere," he said. "A few others which stayed went outside their communities to minister" and looked for the same kind of people they had always had, he added.



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde N. Roberts

Baptist Theological Seminary, from which he holds the bachelor of divinity degree. Mrs. Roberts attended the seminary briefly.

Roberts was part-time pastor of Hamilton Baptist Church, near Bay Minette, Ala., for a year before taking his current pastorate.

Mrs. Roberts taught second grade in Luling, La., last year. She previously taught fifth grade two years in Kenner, and she has also taught in the public schools of Quincy, Parker and Panama City, Fla., and Chalmette, La.

The four Roberts children are Jeffrey Clyde, nearly 12, Amy Elizabeth, 8, Vance Howard, 6, and Stacy Marion, 4.

Mr. Roberts' parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Roberts, Tallahassee; Mrs. Roberts' mother is Mrs. Gordon Rollins, Youngstown.

Miami's Changing Face Influencing Southern Baptist Outreach Methods

By BOB WILCOX, Religion Editor, Miami News

MIAMI (BP) — Southern Baptists in Miami, members of South Florida's largest evangelical group with 72 churches and 60,000 members in Dade County, face making basic alterations in their methods of reaching people because of the area's changing population and racial and cultural complexity.

Like Christians in many metropolitan areas in the United States, they must deal with a complex situation.

At last count, the population of Dade County had reached 1.25 million persons and construction of multi-family buildings was booming.

"We're having trouble reaching people in high-rise apartments," said J. Ray Dobbins, former director of the Miami Baptist Association and newly appointed director of field missions for the Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville.

"The tenants are protected from visitation by security officers," he explained.

Dobbins said he thinks the population is not spreading out as much as it is going up.

"The need is not to build more churches but to determine how to get to the people."

He said television may be one answer and that a Southern Baptist church in Miami is going on the air next fall.

"It's one way to get through the apartment walls," he said.

He also cited possible "use of reading rooms, book reviews and high caliber music as ways to attract people."

Dobbins said Southern Baptist

services have been changing because of the population.

"People are coming here from all over, New England as well as Georgia. They're not used to the bombastic, folk-hymning type of service with the preacher pounding the pulpit. They feel left out," he continued.

"We need smaller types of meetings, geared to specific groups, where different people can get together."

He pointed to Southern Baptist success with language ministries in Miami as an example of a more specialized approach.

For more than 10 years now Miami has had a steady influx of Cuban refugees.

"When I came here 13 years ago there were not more than five or six Spanish congregations," the Arkansas native said. "Now we have 28 and some are bigger than the English congregations."

Dobbins said Sunday School attendance declined in Miami's Southern Baptist churches during his years in the area.

"We're just not getting the enrollments we used to. The automobile and the airplane are making it so easy for people to leave on Friday and come back Sunday night."

He said more "personal witnessing" would be the only answer. "We've got to get the gospel outside the church."

Speaking of Southern Baptist churches in the core of Miami, he said many "ran away" when they saw their neighborhoods changing racially and economically.

"Several simply closed their

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CHURCH RENAMED

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 1—The name of Drummond Park Baptist Church has been changed to Westview Baptist Church, Rev. Clyde N. Roberts, pastor, announced. Members of the 10-year-old church voted the name change due to rapid expansion of Panama City's western section.

Missionary To Show Slides

EUSTIS — The Rev. Clyde Roberts, Southern Baptist missionary to Mexico, will be guest speaker in both the 11 a.m. Sunday worship hour and at the 7:30 p.m. evening worship hour, at the Bay Street Baptist Church.

The Rev. Roberts has had extensive experience both in the pastorate and in service "south of the border" according to the Rev. Martin Smith, pastor of the church.



The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Roberts
... commissioned to service in Mexico

C. N. Roberts Family Assigned to Mexico

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Mrs. Roberts has taught in public schools in Louisiana and Quincy, Parker and Panama City, while her husband has been in the ministry. The couple has four children, Jeffrey Clyde, Amy Elizabeth, Vance Howard and Stacy Marion.

**LAKE MYSTIC BAPTIST CHURCH
HISTORY OF PASTORS**



Steve Revell 1889-1909
Cass Peddie 1910-
John Camels
Charles Franklin Wells
Obie Revell 1918-1938
Mac Robinson 1938-1940
G. T. Hunt 1940-
T. O. Reese 1946-
H. B. Lytle 1947-1952
Robert G. Taylor 1952-1953
C. R. McMillan 1953-1955
Bob Walker 1956-1957
Jack Lindsey 1957-1960
J. B. Buffington 1961-1963
Bobby Richardson 1963-1966
Bob Johnson 1966-1968
John Smith (Interim) 1968

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HISTORY OF PASTORS**



Wallace Green 1968-1969
John Cain 1970-1973
Richard Reasoner 1973-1977
Charles Knight 1977-1979
John T. Smith 1980-1986
Francis Knight (Interim) 1986-1987
Danny McSpaddin 1987-1990
Don L. McCutcheon, Sr. 1990-1993
Francis Knight (Interim) 1993-1994
Roscoe Wentworth 1994-1999
Clyde Roberts (Interim) 1999
Clyde Roberts 2000-2003
Jason Owenby 2003-2006
Dr. Richard Elligson (Interim) 2007-2008
Jeff Gardner 2008-2010
Dr. Jerry Moore (Interim) 2011
Jerry R. Chumley 2011-Present

Aplachee Baptist Association

Bro. Clyde Roberts has served as a pastor since 1959. During the last 50 years, he has pastored 7 churches including two terms as pastor of Grace Baptist in Oxford, AL. In addition to pastoral work, Bro Roberts has been heavily involved in missions work with the International Missions Board (IMB) from 1970 - 1998. Over the years he has served on many mission boards, as a field missionary and pastored in Mexico and Canada. He has served on the Florida Baptist Convention staff as a missionary in residence to Hispanic work in Florida. In 1999 Bro Roberts came back to Florida to pastor Lake Mystic Baptist Church until 2004. After retiring from Lake Mystic Baptist Church in 2004, Bro Roberts accepted the call as Director of Missions for the Aplachee Baptist Association and has continued to serve in that role since 2004.

Page 4 THE CALHOUN-LIBERTY JOURNAL OCTOBER 1, 2014 The 594 annual meeting of the Apalachee Baptist Association will be held Sunday, Oct. 19 beginning at 5 p.m. (CT) at the Veterans Memorial Civic Center in Bristol. This association is comprised of sixteen Southern Baptist churches in Liberty, Calhoun and Franklin counties. It is our mission to support each one and come alongside their pastors and leaders to impact their congregations and their communities. The association provides church leaders with valuable resources and information to assist with the everyday work of ministry. From programs and events to training and cooperation, the Apalachee Baptist Association is here to partner with those who are committed to making a difference. It is our joy to work together with other churches in partnering in the effort to accomplish the Great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Our Director of Missions, Clyde Roberts is retiring and finishing 10 years of service in our as- sociation and has been in ministry for more than sixty years. We are sad to see him go but grateful for his many years of dedicated service. We feel that we have accomplished much under his leadership. We will celebrate with a business session at 5 p.m., a fellowship meal at 6 p.m. and a wonderful worship service at 7 p.m. Our worship will be led by Hugh Black of Hosford leading our joint- associational choir and enjoy a message from Dr. Craig Culbreath of the Florida Baptist convention staff. Please plan to join the celebration.