

Jim L. Richards (1938-2016) served as a Southern Baptist missionary to the Dominican Republic. He served as pastor of churches in Arizona and Florida including Palm Valley Baptist Church. Richards served as director of missions for the Jacksonville Baptist Association, 1982-1990.

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**The Rev. Jim Richards, Jacksonville Baptist Association.**

Preparation for Easter should be both public and private. Our public preparation could include such things as Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter sunrise and Easter Sunday worship services.



Our private preparation could include a devotional each day remembering what Jesus did each day of Holy Week:

Jim Richards, 78, a longtime Southern Baptist minister, died recently in Memphis. He was a Southern Baptist missionary in the Dominican Republic and interim director of missions, Big Hatchie Baptist Association, based in Covington, in 2016 and 2007. Richards was former interim pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington. He also worked for Southern Baptist organizations in Arizona and Florida.

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fare. \$5 for a full meal, \$3 for sandwich. Public invited. Fleet Reserve Association, 390 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. 246-6855.

■ Breakfast — 8-11 a.m. Eat in or carry out, public invited. Veterans of Foreign Wars Greater Beaches Post 3270, 915 Eighth Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach. Breakfast. 249-7366.

■ New Friendship Church — 9 a.m. study hour; 10:15 a.m. morning worship. 1996 Mayport Road, Atlantic Beach. 246-1426.

■ Palm Valley Baptist Church Homecoming — 9:15 a.m. Activities include singing by the Ethiopian Evangelical Choir of Jacksonville and the Mini-men of Meninak choir, a group from the Florida Baptist Children's Home. The former pastor, the Rev. Jim Richards, will present the message. All former and present members invited. Palm Valley Baptist Church, 4890 Palm Valley Road.