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Georgia Pastor Coming Here

Rev. Bryan Robinson, pastor of the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia since 1963, has accepted a call to fill the senior pastoral position at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers.

The local Baptist position has been vacant since last August when Rev. Joe H. Courson resigned to fill the pulpit of the Central Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Rev. Robinson will begin his ministerial duties here May 2.

A native of Texas, Rev. Robinson was awarded a musical scholarship to Baylor University, where he graduated in 1941. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army in the Aleutian Islands and in Europe, and was awarded a Bronze Star for valor in the Rhineland Campaign.

Rev. Robinson did graduate study at the University of Nancy, France and after returning to the United States attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, graduating in 1949.

During his time at the seminary, he was pastor of Pleasant Point Baptist Church in Parker County, Texas. He had two years graduate study at New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, during which time he was Youth Director and pastor's assistant at St. Mary's Church in Edinburgh.

He gained additional graduate study in psychology and counseling at Texas Technological College in Lubbock and clinical pastoral study at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Robinson served pastorates in Oil City, Louisiana,



REV. BRYAN ROBINSON

Plainview, Texas and Alberston, Georgia before taking the Decatur position.

The Baptist pastor has written for the Christian Index, and the Southern Baptist Adult Training Union lessons.

His wife, Florence, is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth. The Robinsons have three daughters.

Pardon for Lee Not Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House rejected Friday a request from the Virginia congressional delegation to grant Gen. Robert E. Lee a posthumous presidential pardon.

John W. Dean, counsel to the President, told Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind.-Va., that when the Southern military leader died in 1870 "his civil rights had been restored



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YOUR HEART"

Rev. Bryan Robinson Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Fort Myers, Florida, will preach

Call to Ministry Came on Bullet-Riddled Pacific Beach

It took one bleak winter's night on a desolate, bullet-riddled beach off the Pacific coast during World War II for **Bryan Robinson** to realize God wanted him to become a minister.

Today, with a wealth of theological training and on-the-job experience behind him, **Rev. Robinson** is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers.

A rugged featured man with piercing gray-brown eyes and a soft yet decisive sounding voice, he talked easily about himself and church and world affairs Thursday from a comfortable chair in his airy, book-filled Jackson Street office.

Until the time **Robinson** realized God had called him into the Christian ministry, his ambition in life had been to teach music in the public school system.

Before becoming a private in the U.S. Army, he had gone through Baylor University in Waco, Texas on a music scholarship. Following his graduation from Baylor, he enrolled in the University of Nancy in France for further studies in music.

Besides playing the shoe he studied clarinet and saxophone. Some of his fondest recollections of his college days are of playing in concerts with the Baylor Golden Wave Band, the Waco Symphony Orchestra and the Symphony Summer Orchestra in Nancy, France, he says.

All Baptists

"There was no doubt in my mind that after my decision to study for the ministry I'd become a Baptist preacher," he said. "I really didn't think there was anything but Baptists in those days." He said he had attended Baptist churches pretty regularly during his childhood and youth simply because his parents did.

Robinson said he continued to think of religion as pri-

marily of the Baptist variety during his studies at the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He said it really wasn't until he attended New College at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, that he came to a full understanding of the Christian Church as a whole with its many branches and denominations.

Speaking on the social issues **Robinson** said he feels the biggest moral issue of the second half of the 20th Century is the modification of personalities by chemical means.

Get to the Core

"And I don't just mean the hard drug scene. I'm talking about the legitimate drug scene. This is really where it all began. I don't think we can cut off the source of hard drugs until we get to the core of the legitimate drug business. This is a delicate problem. I really don't see how we can lick it."

Robinson is quick to say that he feels excessive indulgence in any of the sensory pleasures is damaging to the personality of the individual.

"The Bible tells us that anything that will damage the temple of the Holy Spirit is wrong, so it is up to us individuals to keep our bodies and minds healthy."

On the Vietnam issue **Robinson** said he had been against war ever since he was involved in World War II. "However," he said, "I'm extremely patriotic and I believe our nation has the right to dip into its manpower to fill military obligations."

"We read in the scriptures that we shall be our brother's keepers. The scriptures also tell us that we shall not kill. So, on the one hand, we have to protect the down-trodden and weak, on the other hand, we should not kill the innocent. There's a fine line here that's easy to break."

"I believe we went into Vietnam for the right reasons but we just haven't accomplished what we intended to do."

Robinson feels very strong-



REV. BRYAN ROBINSON

ly that religion is at the back of all moral issues and that the Church has to make itself heard.

Speaking of his fellow Baptists, he said he felt that churchmen today are becoming more aware of people as persons who have needs and of their responsibilities as churchmen to meet these needs than they have been for the last 120 years.

"For so long we Baptists have translated the messages in the Bible to suit our own needs. We were concerned with saving men's souls, which is all well and good, but before you can save men's souls you have to satisfy their physical needs."

"Baptists today are beginning to realize that they have to minister to the needs of the total person. I believe this is good. When a man is down and out he wants to know someone cares about him. He doesn't need any sermons until his emotional needs are taken care of."

Robinson feels that young people today turning from the institutionalized church and joining the Jesus movement or putting their talents to work in the social field, is good.

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