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William A. Robinson (1918-1983) served as director of missions of Ridge Association from 1971 to 1982. Prior to that he served as pastor of Havana Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church in Ruskin, Bethel Baptist Church in Lakeland, Central Avenue Baptist Church (aka Walnut Street) and as associate at First Baptist Church in Key West. Robinson served as pastor in North Carolina before coming to Florida. He and his wife, Martha Robinson had two daughters.

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Baptist Revival Begins In Havana

Special to The Democrat
HAVANA—Revival services will begin at the Havana Baptist church today and last through Sept 18, the Rev W A Robinson, pastor, announces.

Morning services will be held daily Tuesday through Friday, at 8. Evening services will be held at 8 p m each evening.

The pastor will conduct the meeting and H N Alewine will be in charge of the music.

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Robinson Heads Health Unit Council

Special to The Democrat

HAVANA. The Rev. W. A. Robinson, Havana Baptist minister, was elected recently to serve as the new president of the Havana Health Council. He succeeds Rev. J. A. McMurray. Serving with Rev. Robinson will be Rev. Lee Davidson, vice president; Mrs. E. D. Weatherly, secretary and Mrs. C. O. Pearce, publicity chairman.

Various projects of the unit include blood-typing, and visual, dental and lunchroom aid to needy children.

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Havana Church School Sets Mark

HAVANA — Havana Baptist church reported 246 persons attending Sunday school yesterday, 18 more than the previous record of 228.

Five persons affiliated with the church.

Rev W A Robinson is pastor but was ill yesterday and could not fill his pulpit.

A program culminating Youth Week was given at the morning service and Truett Farmer, minister of activities of the First Baptist church, Tallahassee, spoke at the evening service.

A revival will be in progress at 8 p m daily this week. Rev Bishop of Bainbridge has been secured to do the preaching during the illness of the pastor. Hobson Alewine is in charge of the music for the revival.

Saturday Sermon

Central Avenue Baptist Church

Address: 800 Central Ave.,
Lakeland

Denomination: Southern Baptist

Minister: The Rev. William A. Robinson

Number of members: 211

Date church established: 1948

Brief history: The church was first organized as Walnut Street Baptist, then later moved to its present site. The church was rebuilt after a fire in 1956.

Services: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; church training, 6 p.m. Wednesday, service, 7 p.m.



Robinson

Rev. Robinson to speak at Ruskin church

RUSKIN — The Rev. W. A. Robinson, a former pastor at the Northside Baptist Church of Ruskin, will be the guest speaker at that church for the morning service tomorrow as part of the annual homecoming program at that church.

Activities of the day will begin with a men's fellowship breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

The Rev. George Wehrman, present pastor of the church, said dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service.

Florida Features



Lonnie H. Shull Jr.



Bruce McCoy

First Church, Plant City, called **Lonnie H. Shull Jr.** as pastor, effective Sept. 11. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and New Orleans Seminary, he goes from a 15-year pastorate at Northside Church, West Columbia, S.C.

First Church of Indian Rocks, Largo, has called **Bruce McCoy** as minister of music. He is the male soloist for the new religious telecast called "Praise Song" on the ACTS network, sponsored by the Radio and Television Commission, which begins in 1984. He is a graduate of Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory of Music.

Timothy E. Pickern accepted the call as pastor of Antioch Church, Quincy, after being ordained by the church. A graduate of Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, he has served other Florida churches as minister of music/youth.

On July 17, **Gene Goolsby** became pastor of Citra Church, Citra. A graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, his bivocational pastorate is in addition to being a deputy sheriff with Marion County Sheriff's office, chaplain and head of the Christian Law Enforcement Officers. He was ordained to the gospel ministry June 12 by Sparr Church, Sparr.

Terry Wynn became minister of music and youth at Clay Hill Church, Maxville, on Sept. 4. He goes from Grace Church, Valdosta.

Missionary News

Pamela Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frederick Beck (Indonesia), married Mark Aaron Hotmann in Amarillo, Texas, on Aug. 13. Her parents may be addressed at Jl. Ball 12, Klaten, Jateng, Indonesia.

Homecomings

Terry Parker Church, Jacksonville: Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 25th anniversary; former pastors Joe H. Courson, W. H. Carter and W. R. Smith, guests; concert Friday with Al Washburn, Eddie Lockamy, Gwen Hernandez; dinner on the grounds Sunday; Gene Force, pastor.

New Life Church, Milton: Sept. 18, third anniversary; John E. Watts, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; singing in the afternoon; former members and friends invited; Joe Floyd, pastor.

North Main Street Church, Jacksonville: Sept. 25, 75th anniversary; dinner on the grounds; special music by Winston Miller Trip and Renee Lawless; former members and friends invited; Neil T. Hickem, pastor.

Crestview Church, Lakeland: Oct. 2, 12th anniversary; Bud Winstead, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; music in the afternoon; former pastors, members and friends invited; Clyde Geren, interim pastor.

First Church of Shamrock, Haines City: Oct. 2; Glenn Collins, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special music in the afternoon; former pastors and members invited; Austin McElroy, pastor.

Clay Hill Church, Maxville: Sept. 25; dinner on the grounds; special music by the Gospel Servants; former pastors, members and friends invited; Bill Hendricks, pastor.

College Road Chapel, Ocala: Oct. 2; Bill Carmichael, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special music; constituting service; everyone invited; John Downing, pastor.

Riverview Church, Jacksonville: Oct. 9; Carlton Owens, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special music; former members and friends invited; David Knight, pastor.

Oak Hill Church, Gainesville: Oct. 2; special music by the Gospel Express; dinner on the grounds; Billy Wolfe, pastor.

H. Floyd Folsom, pastor emeritus of Miami Shores Church, Miami, died Sept. 8 of cancer. He was 69.

Edgar R. Cooper, editor, *Florida Baptist Witness*, conducted funeral services at First Church of Temple Terrace, Tampa, on Sept. 10. He was assisted by Earl Tharp, retired pastor, and Herb Dickinson, pastor at Temple Terrace. Andrew M. Hall, pastor, First Church, Delray Beach, conducted memorial services at Miami Shores Church on Sept. 11. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Tampa.

A native of Marianna, Folsom was pastor at Miami Shores from 1952-1979. During his 27 years there, 29 entered full-time Christian service. Prior to that, Folsom served as pastor of Audubon Church, Louisville, Ky., and as superintendent of missions and evangelism for the Long Run Association in Kentucky.

Folsom's denominational service included: first vice president, Florida Baptist State Convention, 1959; member, State Board of Missions, 1962-63; member, Witness Commission, 1968-1972, and chairman, 1972-74. He also served on various state convention committees.

He was a graduate of Bowling Green (Ky.) Business College; Western Kentucky State Teachers College; and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Survivors include his widow, Josephine; a son, David, of Louisville; a daughter, Grace Lynn, of Baltimore, Md.; a foster son, Mario Camacho of Quito, Ecuador; and four grandchildren.

W. A. Robinson, Retired DOM, Dies

William A. Robinson, 65, who retired last October as director of missions, Ridge Association, died on Sept. 8 after contracting pneumonia.

Marcus Jowers, pastor, First Church, Haines City, and Austin McElroy, pastor, First Church of Shamrock, Haines City, conducted funeral services Sept. 11 at First Church, Auburndale. Interment was at Auburndale Memorial Park.

Robinson had been director of missions at Ridge since 1971. Prior to that he served as pastor of Northside Church, Ruskin; Bethel Church, Lakeland; and Cleveland Church, Cleveland, N.C. He also served as associate pastor of First Church, Key West.

Survivors include his widow, Martha; two daughters, Elaine Cooley of Fort Pierce and Nancy Morgan of Green Cove Springs; and five grandchildren.