

Rollins, Eurston was a graduate of the American University in Puerto Rico. He served as pastor of churches in Puerto Rico and Florida including, First Baptist Church, Destin and Village Baptist Church, Bradenton. Rollins and his wife, Claire Rollins had two sons.

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Speaker was the Rev. Eurston Rollins, a graduate of the American University in Puerto Rico where he served as a minister for several years. Rev. Rollins is guidance counselor at Palmetto High School.

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COUNTRY CLUB AREA SALE—Home at 4305 17th Avenue W., off the south fairway of Bradenton Country Club, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wang to Rev. and Mrs. Eurston Rollins, who will both be associated with the Manatee County school system, he as a guidance counselor, and she as a teacher. Rev. Rollins has, until recently, served as pastor of a Baptist church outside Remeo A.F.B., in Puerto Rico. Transaction was handled by Carl A. French, of Arbuckle, French & Jones Realty, Inc.

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Bradenton Scout Honored For Heroism

Eagle scout Stan Rollins, Troop 12, Bradenton, holds Certificate for Heroism awarded recently at a Scout Recognition dinner. With him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eurston W. Rollins and his brother, Gil Rollins. The National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts authorized the award to Stan by Sunny Land Council President Nicholas Poulas for the rescue of his younger brother from possible drowning in high surf and strong undertow at Bradenton Beach last May 27.



VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH
A NEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU



Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

Meets at West Bradenton Girls Club
3809 59th St. W. Bradenton

Eurston Rollins, Pastor 722-2804 or 755-4233

(Staff Photos by Michael Yarrow)

TEACHER SUB — Well-known Palmetto High School teacher and guidance counselor Eurston W. Rollins will assume the post of Manatee Junior College Guidance counselor, Robert E. Eberle, during the latter's one-year leave of absence for doctoral study at the University of Missouri. Rollins and his wife, Claire, make their home in Bradenton with school age sons Gil and Stan. He will assume his new duties in August. Shown explaining college entrance view deck used in counseling to assist students to select universities where they may complete usual or unusual college majors is Dr. Ray Jones, MJC Dean of Students. From left, Dr. Jones, Professor Eberle (seated) and Professor Rollins.



a.m. and youth service is at 7 p.m.

The Florida District Superintendent of the Wesleyan churches, the **Rev. Foster Piatt** will speak during the Sunday service at 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

First Baptist welcomes two guest ministers for the Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship services. Ralph Lekeucher, former pastor of Bayshore Baptist Church, will be preaching at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. His sermon is entitled "Finding Great Possibilities in Unlikely Places."

Eurston Rollins, former pastor of the Boringuen Baptist Church in Puerto Rico, will continue the Sunday evening studies from the Book of Revelation. Evening services begin at 7:30 p.m.

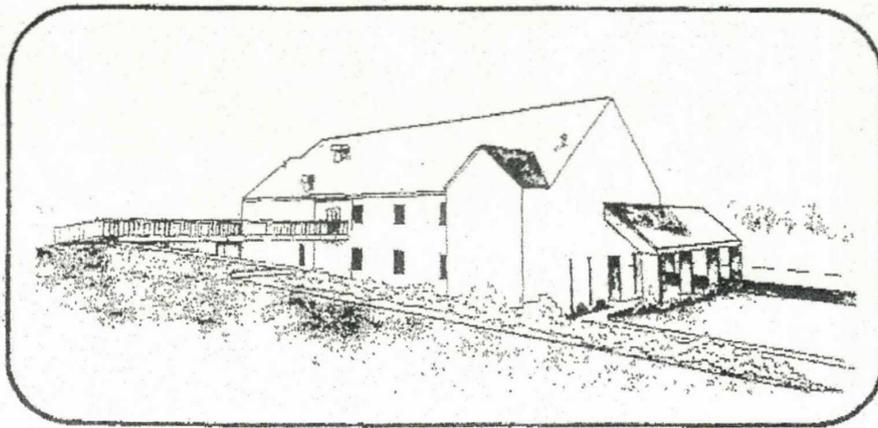
Paul Welch

Paul Robertson Welch, 25, of Miami, died at Gainesville, Wednesday, (March 5, 1969). He was born in Miami and was employed at Eastern Airlines in Miami. He was a graduate of the University of Miami.

Survivors include his father, Thomas Welch; mother, Mrs. W. W. Schroder; and brother Jerry Welch, all of Miami; an aunt, Mrs. John Balha of Bradenton; an uncle, Elton Robertson of Palmetto.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Palmetto Cemetery with **Rev. Eurston Rollins**, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church in Bradenton, officiating. Griffith-Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Destin First Baptist Church

The general philosophy of our church family is that First Baptist Church in Destin was founded in approximately 32 A.D. The first physical structure, however, was actually a mission of the Fort Walton Beach First Baptist, dedicated April 29, 1951. First pastor, Myron Johnson, conducted services in an old school house on Calhoun Street until a permanent construction became complete in the spring of 1952. The new facility stood at the corner of Calhoun and Forest on property donated by Mr. Tyler Calhoun.

In September of 1954, the mission became a church under the watch-care of second pastor Henry Jarvis. During the 1960's, Pastor Eurston Rollins, Jesse Higgenbotham, Craig DeBenedictus and Leroy Sherrill faithfully served with Deacons James Vaughn, Ben Woodall, Clay Boudreaux, Dalton Threadgill, A.D. Syfrett, and Dr. T.A. Deckle.

In 1971, the Reverend O.H. Boggs was called as pastor. He came to us immediately out of seminary and greatly blessed the church during his pastorate. His death of cancer in 1976 ended the brief ministry of a man who had given up a successful business career to study at East Texas Baptist College and New Orleans Seminary. He was succeeded by Rev. David Boyd and in 1978, by Rev. James Allan.

By this time, the church had grown from 46 members in 1954, to 152 by 1970, and to 319 by November 1975. With these numbers heralding the out-growth of facilities, the church purchased five acres of land on Beach Drive in 1974 with an eye to the future.

In March of 1980, the Reverend Charles Padgett became pastor. Under his guidance, the church was richly blessed by God. On December 7, 1986, church members stood in an unbroken circle around the land as the fallow ground was at last turned for construction. On August 30, 1987, dedication ceremonies were held for the beautiful new facility at 201 Beach Drive, thirteen years after it was first envisioned.

On the Saturday morning before that first service, a curious event occurred. The truck bringing the pews and church furniture struck a power line coming into the parking lot, setting the truck on fire and destroying or damaging all of the contents inside. Members worked throughout the day and night cleaning pew cushions, repairing burned wood, re-building furnishings, and scrubbing away the smell of fire. At 1:30 a.m. that Sunday morning, members knelt with Pastor Padgett before the lighted cross in the sanctuary and praised God that the church was ready to receive the people into His house.

On May 6, 1990, Brother Charles preached his last sermon as our pastor. He spoke from Joshua 3: 4-5 with the text, "We Shall Not Pass This Way Again." Our interim