

Barney A. Roth (1898-1973) was born in London, England the son of Israel and Leah Levine Roth. He graduated from National Bible Institute, New York City and Mercer University, GA. He served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, St. Petersburg; First Baptist Church, Wauchula; First Baptist Church, Monticello and First Baptist Church, Hastings. Roth and his wife, Mattie Lou Sanders Roth had two sons. Visit our website [floridabaptisthistory.org](http://floridabaptisthistory.org)

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## Converted Jew To Preach Here

**Rev. Barney A. Roth**, of Philadelphia, a converted Jew, will preach Sunday, at Cherokee Heights Baptist church at both morning and evening services. His subject at the morning hour will be "Leprosy of Naaman," and at the evening hour, "Disobedience and Its Results." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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### **ROTH ACCEPTS CALL**

DOUGLAS, Ga., Feb. 16. — The First Baptist church of Douglas has called **Rev. B. A. Roth**, a Baptist minister residing in Hazlehurst, Ga., as a supply pastor for six months to fill the place made vacant by Dr. Carl W. Minor who recently resigned. **Rev. Mr. Roth** has accepted the call and will take up the work Sunday. Dr. Minor has not yet definitely determined when he is going to move or where his next work will be.

## Baxley Baptists Plan Encampment

BAXLEY, Ga., June 20.—The third annual encampment of the Consolation Baptist association will be held at Baxley June 25-29 in the Baxley Baptist church. The Rev. James P. Wesberry, field worker is general chairman of the encampment committees and associated with him in the various phases of the work are: Rev. Z. E. Barron, pastor of the Baxley Baptist church, Rev. B. A. Roth, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hazlehurst, Mrs. Henry Dearing, Henry Dearing, Misses Irma and Evelyn Smith, Martin Jarman of Hazlehurst, Mrs. J. J. Heard of Vienna, Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, Dr. T. J. Barnes, Ed arman, E. E. Miles, Mrs. J. B. McCall of Baxley, Mrs. Brantley O'Quinn of Odum.

The teachers of the study courses are Rev. Carlton S. Prickett, M. A. Mercer university, Macon, Ga., Rev. Gainer Bryan, field worker of Rehoboth association, Macon, Ga., Rev. H. S. Sauls, A. B. Mercer; Rev. B. A. Roth, of Hazlehurst; Rev. C. M. Goforth, of Moultrie; R. L. Clark, W. W. Evans, Mrs. J. J. Heard, Mrs. Mary Lee Parker, Miss Blossom Thompson, Miss Mae Pace, Mrs. J. J. Heard and Miss Gladys Sikes will furnish special music.

All phases of church work will be included in the schedule and free meals will be provided by the various churches of the association. The homes of Baxley will be open to the visitors. A large delegation is expected and preparations are being made to take care of the affair.



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**Rev. Mr. Roth Is Called by Church**

HAZLEHURST, Ga., Feb. 15.—  
Rev. B. A. Roth, the pastor of the First Baptist church for several years, who resigned last fall, was called last Sunday by the First Baptist church at Douglas. Dr. Miner, the pastor there, resigned last fall also, to take effect January 1.

Rev. Roth is a Russian Jew, born in England and reared in Pennsylvania; converted to Christianity he joined the Missionary Baptist church and entered the ministry. He did a great work here and his many friends are congratulating him on the promotion he is to have. He will move to Douglas at an early date.

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## Rev. B. A. Roth

Rev. Roth came to Wauchula two months ago from Georgia to become pastor of the First Baptist Church. A native of London, England, Rev. Roth came to Philadelphia at the age of five years. He served as a private in the twenty-eighth division, U.S. Army. He attended Mercer University, Atlanta, and National Bible Institute, Philadelphia. Prior to entering the ministry, he was engaged in newspaper work in Philadelphia. He is a Lion and active in civic affairs.

Hardee County, Florida Leaders Of 1932, Part 2

Edited by Spessard Stone

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## CURRENT TOPIC HAVE NO PLACE IN CHURCH--ROTH

New Fifth Avenue Baptist  
Pastor Asks Co-Operation,  
Tells His Aims

The Rev. B. A. Roth, former pastor of the First Baptist church at Wauchula, began his new duties as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church yesterday morning when he spoke to a large congregation on the theme, "I am determined not to know anything but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

Discussing his plans as pastor of the Fifth Avenue church, he said: "The cross and the blood of Christ will not be laid aside for a minute in my preaching. No foolishness and current topics have no place in the pulpit."

A plea for co-operation between church members and their pastor was also made by the Rev. Roth, who asked that "there be no division among us."

A great work can be accomplished if each member works in the words of Paul in his epistle: "I 'not knew anything as of myself, but only that which I have learned of Christ, and Him crucified."

The Rev. Roth, Mrs. I. Roth, son, Barney Jr., were taken to the membership of the church at the close of the service.

## **Pastor Will Accept St. Petersburg Call**

*Special to The Times*

Wauchula, Aug. 7.—Rev. B. A.

Roth for the past three years pastor of the Wauchula First Baptist Church, announces he will accept a call to the Fifth Avenue First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg.

Rev. Roth plans to leave with his family for his new pastorate about the last of the present month. He recently was called to the local church for another year.

**DEMANDS APOLOGY**—The Rev. B. A. Roth, pastor of the Fifth avenue Baptist church, yesterday took issue with statements by Councilman George Hopkins in which he was quoted as saying that local clergy teamed with beer men to defeat the proposed midnight liquor closing hour ordinance.

## THE REV. B. A. ROTH

The Rev Barney A. Roth of Monticello, Fla., has been appointed chief clerk of the Bay County War Price and Rationing Board Office, it was revealed last night by L. E. Vickery, chairman of the Board.

The appointment was effective as of Nov 15, Mr. Vickery said, but had not been announced heretofore because of the necessity of making a complete reorganization of the Bay County Board before it was made known that a chief clerk had been selected.

The Rev. Mr. Roth, a Baptist minister, has served in the rationing program for two years at Monticello. Mr. Vickery said.

"He is familiar with every part of the work, and Bay county is fortunate in securing his services to take over the important duties here, affecting as they do every citizen of this area in the handling of applications and va-

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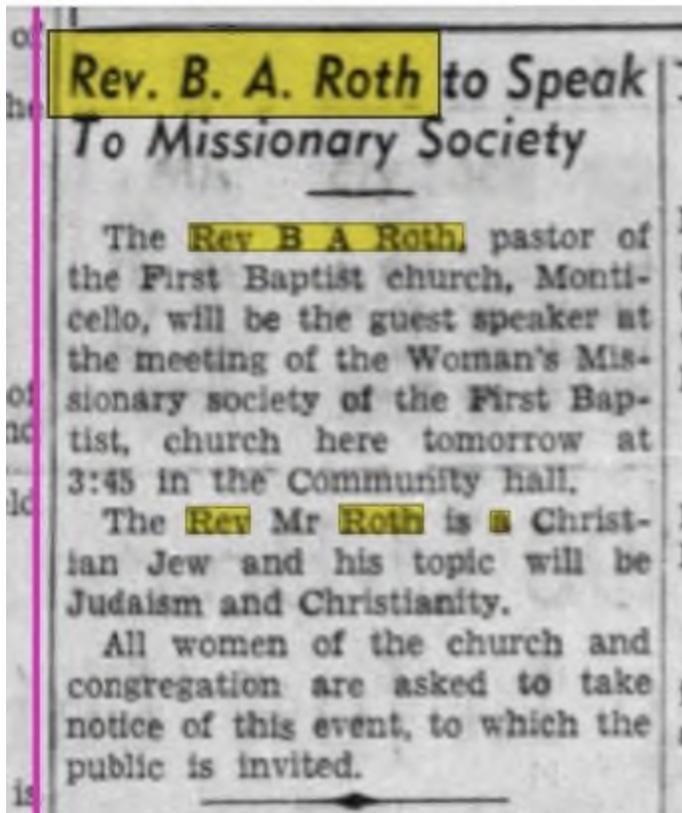
## Accepts Call



—Photo by Moore, Wauchula.

### REV. B. A. ROTH

WAUCHULA, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The **Rev. B. A. Roth**, of Wauchula, has accepted the pastorate of Fifth Avenue Baptist church at St. Petersburg. He and his family plan to leave the last of this month. Mr. **Roth** has been the pastor of the Wauchula First Baptist church for three years and was recently called for another year.



<https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GQ59-6YJ/barney-austin-roth-1898-1973>

Barney Austin Roth was born on 8 January 1898, in London, England, United Kingdom, his father, Israel Roth, was 34 and his mother, Leah Levine, was 30. He married Mattie Lou Sanders about 1921. They were the parents of at least 2 sons. He lived in Wauchula, Hardee, Florida, United States in 1935 and Hastings, St. Johns, Florida, United States in 1940. He died in June 1973, in Murfreesboro, Rutherford, Tennessee, United States, at the age of 75, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, Rutherford, Tennessee, United States.

#### Spouse and Children

Barney Austin Roth 1898–1973

Mattie Lou Sanders 1898–1978

Marriage  
about 1921

#### Children (2)

Barney Austin Roth Jr 1922–2000

Lonnie Austin Roth 1923–Deceased

## HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HASTINGS, FLORIDA

Seeing the need for a Baptist Church in the town of Hastings, a few members from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and others organized the First Baptist Church of Hastings on February 13, 1910 with the following charter members: S.A. Minton, M.A. Minton, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Martin, Miss Annie Ballard, Mrs. J.C. Higginbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson McCullough, Eva and Kenneth McCullough, Mrs. W.M. Thigpen, Newton Thigpen, Collins Bangstron, Mrs. Susie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Campbell, Brother and Mrs. J.W. McNamara. Brother McNamara became their first pastor.

The church was organized in a tent which served as the first place of worship. A storm blew down the tent and destroyed the piano. The Masonic Hall was offered and used as a place of worship until the group erected a frame church building at a cost of \$5,000 in 1912. For the sum of \$3,000 a pastor's home was purchased in 1917.

By the year 1926 the membership had outgrown the original building and a committee was appointed to solicit funds and build a new meeting house. Members of the committee were: S.A. Minton, G.V. Leonard, Dr. Padget, H.A. Kuter, and M.A. Minton. They raised \$25,000 cash and borrowed \$20,000 to erect the present main church building. The new edifice had beautiful stained glass windows throughout and included a two story educational section and an auditorium that would accommodate over 375 persons. In spite of the depression the loan was paid off two years ahead of schedule.

Other construction by the church includes a Fellowship Building built in 1953 at a cost of \$13,000 which provided additional educational space and kitchen and dining capabilities. A new pastor's home was completed in 1956 at a cost of \$18,000. Both of these were debt free by the time of their completion.

Improvements to the church facilities over the years have included the addition of an electric organ, air conditioning, public address system, and cushioned pews. The church has also been able to secure properties adjacent to the original property to provide for growth and recreational space for the young people.

Through the years the First Baptist Church of Hastings has been noted as a mission minded church. From the 1930's to the 1950's the church gave 50% of all undesignated funds for world-wide missions through the cooperative program. This past year 10% of all undesignated funds received went to the Cooperative program.

In 1959 the church assumed the sponsorship of the Welaka Mission from the First Baptist Church in East Palatka. An adequate building was erected and a home was purchased for the pastor.

Several from our church family have gone into full time Christian service. Two young men were ordained by the First Baptist Church they are Lester Hall in 1956 and David McCubbin in 1959.

During the church's 80 year history there have been 25 pastors. Following is a listing of the pastors and the date they began their pastorate: J.W. McNamara 1910, Perry F. Davis, W.P. Campbell, W.A. Ferrell, A.L. Blizzard, J.A. Davis, W.H. Hubbard, H.A. Hunt, W.H. Wilson, J.F. Gable 1924, Edgar G. Steven 1931, G.M. White 1933, B.A. Roth 1938, R.A. Kelly 1941, Henry Mangrum 1945, J. Fred Breed 1949, T.O. Baldwin 1950, Lester L. Hall 1957, Ray Crawford 1962, O.D. Moore 1964, Jiles B. Lunsford 1966, W.O. Wilham 1972, George Kirkland 1976, Tim Phillips 1982, Ted Rodda, Jr. 1984.

## FORMER PASTORS



Rev. M. J. Schultz



Rev. Otis Garland



Rev. M. Felts Dent



Rev. Charles F. Granger

1876-1884.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1884-1893.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1893-1897.....	Rev. E. J. Hull
1897-1898.....	Rev. W. D. Payne
1898-1899.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1899-1900.....	Rev. M. S. Stevens
1900-1901.....	Rev. J. W. Hendry
1901-1903.....	Rev. E. L. Todd
1903-1906.....	Rev. R. Y. Walden
1906-1907.....	Rev. L. B. Boney
1907-1909.....	Rev. T. J. Sparkman
1909-1911.....	Rev. R. L. Brandenburg
1911-1914.....	Rev. J. R. Wells
1914-1919.....	Rev. R. P. McPherson
1919-1922.....	Rev. W. T. Dart
1922-1928.....	Rev. R. J. Mincey
1928-1932.....	Dr. J. F. Savell
<u>1932-1935.....</u>	<u>Rev. B. A. Roth</u>
1935-1938.....	Rev. E. A. Rice
1938-1943.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1943-1947.....	Rev. M. J. Schultz
1947-1962.....	Rev. Otis Garland
1962-1969.....	Rev. M. Felts Dent
1969-1975.....	Rev. Rev. Charles F. Granger
1976-1984.....	Rev. Herschel Creasman
1984-1994.....	Rev. Cornelius Davis
1994-1999.....	Rev. Mark Douglas



Rev. Herschel Creasman



Rev. Cornelius Davis



Rev. Mark Douglas