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Paul Samson (1977-2021) was the son of Jean Christiaan and Jeanne Louise Samson. He served as pastor of Brooker Baptist Church, Palatka. Samson and his wife, Le Ane Kummer Samson (m. 2000) had three children.

Paul Samson

May 26, 1977 — August 9, 2021

Pastor Paul Samson

Pastor Paul Frederik Samson, age 44, of Brooker, FL, met Jesus face to face on August 9, 2021, at North Florida Regional Hospital in Gainesville. Paul was born on May 26, 1977, to Jean Christiaan and Jeanne Louise Samson. He grew up in California and was a huge Lakers and Dodgers fan. After graduating high school, he moved to Jacksonville to attend Trinity Baptist College. While in college, he met the love of his life, LeAnne Rene' Kummer. The couple wed in 2000 and moved to Maryland where Paul took a youth pastor position at Harvest Baptist Church. After their time there, they moved back to Florida and settled in Palatka and were members of Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights. During his time at Trinity Baptist, Paul was involved in ministry once again and served in different areas before taking the Lead Pastor position at Brooker Baptist Church. For the last 8 ½ years, Paul called Brooker home. He loved ministry and had a servant's heart. He was an extremely hard worker who enjoyed reading and music. Paul was a loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He will be missed by many. Paul is preceded in death by his grandparents, Frederik E. and Johanna J. Samson and Willard and Irene Eyler; his brother-in-law, Steve Roberson; his aunt, Susan Newcomb; and since Paul's passing, the Samson family has also lost Paul's father, Jean Christiaan Samson.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 21 years, LeAnne Kummer Samson of Brooker; his children, Paul II, Kaylie, and Megan all of Brooker; his mother, Jeanne Samson of Orange Park; siblings, Irene Roberson of Orange Park, David (Alcira) Samson of Jacksonville, Johanna Samson of Orange Park, and Michael Samson of Jacksonville; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gary and Sarah Kummer of Palatka; brother-in-law, Allen Kummer of Wilmington, NC; and his nieces and nephews, Lucy (Stephen) Rogers, Peter Roberson, Christiaan Samson, and Sophie Kummer.

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Florida Baptist pastors have a tremendous legacy to follow. You serve in fields where many seeds were sown long before you arrived. God has used many mighty men throughout the Sunshine State for His glory and countless lives have been altered for eternity through the ministry of pastors. We pause now to reflect on our Christian heritage and the men that have gone before us. The following is a listing of pastors who were called home over the last year to their eternal reward.

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

CLAYTON BARKER, retired pastor, Brevard Baptist Association
JAMES BARRENTINE, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gaskin
TOM BARY, pastor, Neptune Baptist Church, Neptune Beach
DALE BLACK, minister, Surfside Community Fellowship
R. T. BLACKSTOCK, retired director of missions, Jacksonville Baptist Association
DOYLE BRAKE, pastor, Shoal River Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs
BRUCE BRANCHE, pastor, Midway Baptist Church, Mayo
HAROLD BRANTLEY, retired director of missions, Brevard Baptist Association
HOMER BREWER, JR., pastor, Felda Baptist Church

AL CARLISLE, pastor, Grace of God Baptist Church, New Port Richey
UVONNE CARROLL, pastor, Glendale Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs
CHARLES CHAPMAN, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lucerne Park
FRED COOK, retired, Bascom Baptist Church, Bascom
CARLOS CORRALES, retired pastor, Miami
ROBERTO CRUZ, retired pastor, Iglesia Cruz de Vida, Oviedo

BILL DERRYBERRY, pastor, Crossroads, West Palm Beach

MOISES ABELLA DIAZ, lead pastor, Iglesia Bautista Rescate, Hialeah
GREG DOUGLAS, pastor, Pine Grove Baptist Church, Trenton
ELIFRANCE DUCLOS, pastor, Mount Olive Haitian Church, Jacksonville
KEITH DUNCAN, pastor, Church at the Springs Southwest, Ocala

CLAUDE ENGLISH, pastor, Pasadena Baptist Church, Dade City

DAN FIFE, small group pastor, Fuel Church, Lakeland
RUSS FORTNEY, pastor, Beach Haven, Pensacola

JOHN GARNER, pastor, Oakview Baptist Church, Okeechobee
JAMES GOODSON, retired, Florida Baptist Convention
TERRY GREGORY, pastor, Woodrun Baptist Church, Tallahassee

WILBERT JEAN, retired pastor, Miami
FRANK ED JENKINS, pastor, Caney Creek Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs
JOSIAS JOCELYN, pastor, Sanctification Haitian Baptist Church, St. Petersburg
ANTHONY JOHNSON, pastor, Union Springs Missionary Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs

PETER LORD, retired pastor, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville

MATTHEW MEADOWS, pastor, New Berlin Baptist Church, Jacksonville
RAFAEL MELIAN, retired, Florida Baptist Convention

MARCEL METAYER, pastor, Renaissance Evangelical Baptist Tabernacle
RONNIE MCKENZIE, retired pastor, Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church, Jacksonville
JERRY MOORE, retired pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Panama City
TOM MYERS, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mims

ISRAEL OLIVEIRA, Brazilian pastor, Palm Springs Baptist Church, West Palm Beach

HUGH PATTERSON, worship pastor, Jacksonville Heights Baptist Church, Jacksonville
HENRY PEEPLES, pastor, Bible Baptist Church, Miami
ERNESTO PERRAZA, retired pastor, Homestead
GUY PIERRE, assistant pastor, Eglise Evangelique Baptiste Philadelphie, Miami
JUAN PINEDO, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Pasos de Fe, Homestead
DAVID POLO, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Boca Glades
BUDDY POPE, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Ellenton
CHARLES PRIESTER, pastor, First Baptist Church, Titusville

WAYNE ROBERTS, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Winter Haven

TONY SALMERON, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Central, Ocala

PAUL SAMSON, pastor, Brooker Baptist Church

RICHARD SNODGRASS, associate pastor, Oceanside Community Fellowship

CARLOS SUAREZ, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Melbourne

AUGUSTO VALVERDE, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Un Nuevo Amanecer, Miami

LARRY WADE, retired pastor, Panama City

JEROME WATTS, minister of worship, Unity Baptist Church, Jacksonville

RICHARD WHITWORTH, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Malabar

JAMES WILLIS, pastor, Pine Forest, Pensacola