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Blainard Elmo Scoggin (1915-2011) was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He graduated from Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Scoggin served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Jerusalem and Florida including, Canal Point Baptist Church, Miami. He and his wife, Hannah Belle Pearlman Scoggin served as missionaries to Israel. Scoggin served as a professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for 34 years. The Scoggin's had one daughter.



The Palm Beach Post
Sat, Jul 03, 1948 ·Page 10

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Reception Set For New Baptist Church Pastor

CANAL POINT — A reception for the Rev. Elmo Scoggins, new pastor of the Canal Point Baptist Church, and Mrs. Scoggins will be held at the church Sunday, following the evening worship service.

Mrs. G. Lawton Sims will have charge of arrangements. She will be assisted by Mrs. Henry Brooker, WMU president, Mrs. C. B. Jones, Mrs. M. F. George and Mrs. C. R. Wetherington, Sr.

The Miami Herald
Sun, May 02, 1948 ·Page 16

The Canal Point Baptist church has called the Rev. Elmo Scoggins of Louisville, Ky., to be pastor. The Rev. Scoggins, who recently received his doctor of divinity degree at the seminary there, will move to Canal Point with his wife in June. The Rev. Wilde of Miami is filling the pulpit until the new minister arrives.

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Louisville Minister Accepts Glades Church

CANAL POINT — The Rev. Elmo Scoggins, who recently received a doctor of divinity degree at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has accepted a call by members of the Baptist Church here to serve as their pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Scoggins are expected to arrive here in June. Until their arrival the Rev. Wilde of Miami will continue to fill the pulpit as guest minister at the local church.

To Honor Glades Couple

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Florida Seed Corn Sent To Palestine

CANAL POINT—Dr. Elmo Scoggins, former pastor of Canal Point Baptist Church, and Mrs. Scoggins, left several weeks ago to assume new duties as missionaries to Palestine.

Last week a letter was received from the Scoggins telling of the urgent need for 30 pounds of seed corn. Church members went into immediate action, located the corn, which was donated by Glades seed stores, packaged it for shipment and took it to Fort Lauderdale where they paid \$47.25 to have it air-expressed to Jerusalem.

The corn was scheduled to arrive in Jerusalem 72 hours later and local friends of the Scoggins hope Florida corn produces a fine crop in Palestine.

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The **Rev. B. Elmo Scoggins**, former pastor of Canal Point Baptist church, and a missionary to Israel on furlough to the states, was given special recognition at a meeting of Canal Point Lions Club Monday evening. The **Rev. Mr. Scoggins**, who is a member of the teaching staff at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville while on furlough, is conducting a week of revival services at the local church.

Members voted to send a letter to the County Commission asking that a survey of the needs for traffic regulations in Canal Point be made.

Robert M. Worley, was speaker.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/186923056/blainard_elmo-scoggin

Blainard Elmo Scoggin

Birth 17 Oct 1915 Rutherford County, North Carolina, USA

Death 1 Oct 2011 (aged 95) USA

B. Elmo Scoggin (1915-2011) was a pastor, author, civic and community leader, archaeologist, and for 34 years, a professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Scoggin graduated from Gardner-Webb Jr. College (A.A.), Furman University (B.A.), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M., Ph.D.). He wrote the Commentary on Micah in the Broadman Bible Commentary (1972), numerous articles/essays, and over fifty book reviews. He was pastor of churches in Kentucky, Florida, and Jerusalem. He served as the Raleigh and North Carolina Liaison with the National Council on the Holocaust. In addition, he hosted a classical music program on WCPE radio called, "Music in the Night."

Word is trickling out — slowly, because he wanted no fanfare — that B. Elmo Scoggin died in his sleep sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Scoggin, who would have turned 96 this month, was Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for many years. His deep love of Hebrew and his joyful but occasionally irascible spirit endeared him to generations of Hebrew students, including me.

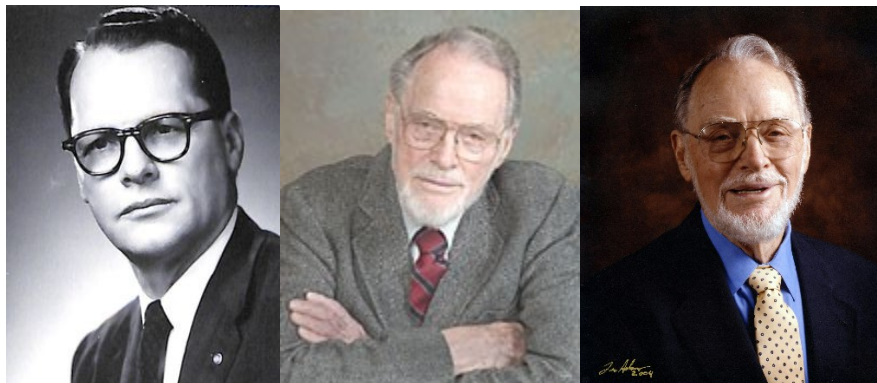
Scoggin also harbored a deep love for Israel: he and his wife Hannah, who is Jewish, spent four years there in the early 1950s and devoted themselves to being goodwill ambassadors to the Jewish community. Scoggin worked on 30 archaeological digs in Israel, and hosted hundreds of students and friends on tours of the Holy Land.

After retiring from Southeastern in the early 1980s, Scoggin gave himself to another passion: classical music. He volunteered for 25 years or more at WCPE, initially doing mundane chores and ultimately hosting a late night program he called “Music in the Night.” In 2000, during a snowstorm that shut down the roads, he and one other announcer stayed put, ate stale bread, and kept the radio station on the air for three days. In 2008, he was recognized with the Wake County Larry B. Zieverink Volunteer of the Year award.

Scoggin was a native of Rutherford County, N.C., where he grew up during the depression. He sold shoes to work his way through Fuman University and went on to earn theological degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He and Hannah celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past January.

Scoggin lived a quiet life, enjoyed fishing and flying, worked out regularly at the YMCA, devoted himself to Hannah, and served the community as best he could — but never sought recognition. In a 2005 interview with the News & Observer, he said “To aggrandize myself or try to be a star has never appealed to me.”

He wanted his death to be quiet, too, with no funeral service. There was no obituary in the local paper. He’d probably be ticked with me for posting this notice, but I have admired Elmo Scoggin for more than 30 years, and I am confident that many others would like to join me in offering a prayer of thanks for a man who truly made the world a better place. Whether he wanted the attention or not, he deserves to be remembered.



Missionaries To Return

Special to The Miami Daily News
Canal Point, Feb. 27 — Mem-
bers of the Canal Point Baptist
Church have received word that
the **Rev.** and Mrs. **Elmo Scoggins**
who have been serving as mis-
sionaries in Jerusalem for sever-
al years, will leave May 4th for
the United States, and arrive
here some time the latter part
of May.

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Scoggins**
were former residents of Canal
Point, as he served the Canal
Point Baptist Church as pastor
for several years prior to resign-
ing to go to Jerusalem. Mem-
bers of the local church sent
sweet corn seed and other items
to the **Rev. Scoggins** for planting
and producing food in that coun-
try.

<https://library.sebts.edu/archives/scoggin>

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Starling Church Sets Mission Week

Starling Avenue Baptist church will observe a week of Missions Emphasis, beginning tomorrow and continuing through Friday, with services at 8 each night.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Elmo Scoggins, a Southern Baptist missionary to Israel.

The Rev. Scoggins is director of the George W. Truett Home for Children in Nazareth. During this, his furlough year, the Rev. Scoggins is teaching in the Department of Missions of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

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The Daily Courier
Thu, Jul 29, 1954 · Page 5

Missionary To Bring Address At Adaville

Rev. Elmo Scoggins, a missionary to Jerusalem, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock worship service at Adaville Baptist church.

Mr. **Scoggins** is a native of this area. **Rev. J. R. Featherston**, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend the Sunday service.

Dr. J. Leo Green will preach a revival meeting at the South Hampton Baptist church beginning Sunday, June 2, and continuing through Sunday, June 9. Dr. Green is head of the department of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. **Rev. Gordon G. Frazee**, of Leaburg, Ore., who is a fellow in New Testament Interpretation at the Louisville Seminary, will be in charge of the music during the meeting. The meeting is open to the public. Sunday morning services will begin at 11 o'clock. Evening services will begin at 8 o'clock. The pastor of the church is the **Rev. Elmo Scoggins**.

MISS NAN WILLIAMS.
WAKE FOREST—Miss Nan Williams, 88, of Wake Forest, Rt. 2 died at her home yesterday following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at the home at 4 p.m. Thursday by the Rev. Elmo Scoggins, pastor of the Rolesville Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the family cemetery. Surviving is her twin sister, Miss Bett Williams of the home. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

The Greenville News
Wed, Jun 30, 1954 · Page 13

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Girl Made Citizen By Act Of Congress Visits Inman

INMAN, June 29 — Little Scarlett Scoggins, whose permanent residence in the United States was made possible by an act of Congress, was a visitor in Inman recently.

With her foster parents, the Rev. and Mrs. B. Elmo Scoggins, missionaries who have just come from Israel, for a furlough in the United States, the small girl visited her aunt here, Mrs. Howard Westbrook and Mr. Scoggins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scoggins of Chesnee, Rt. 1.

Ten-year-old Scarlett, born in Palestine of an Irish father and a British mother, was left an orphan. In 1952, she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Scoggins. They brought her to this country where she was admitted as a visitor but returned to Palestine after the adoption.

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers introduced legislation and on April 14, 1953, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to permit Scarlett to come as a permanent resident.

April 8, 1954, the Senate passed a bill, introduced by Sen. Olin D. Johnston, and sent to President Eisenhower. The president signed the bill April 17.

The Scoggins plan to enter the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. in September for further study.

Today's Recipe

BROILED SHRIMP SANDWICHES

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Congressional Bill Would Admit Child Minister Adopted

WASHINGTON — (Special)—
Nine-year-old Scarlett Scoggin,
a war orphan adopted by a
childless Charleston minister
and his wife in Palestine, can
become a permanent resident
of the United States under
terms of a bill which the House
passed today and sent to the
Senate.

Little Scarlett, who was born
on St. Patrick's Day in 1944,
is the child of an Irish father
and a British mother, both of
whom are unknown. She was
a ward of the George W. Truett
Orphanage in Nazareth
when she was discovered there
by the Reverend Blainard Elmo
Scoggin and his wife, Hannah
Belle Pearlman Scoggin,
both of Charleston.

Since January 1950 the Scog-
gins have been stationed in
Palestine as missionaries of
the Southern Baptist Conven-
tion. They took over direction
of the Nazareth orphanage in
April 1951 and thus came to
know the child closely. Having
no children of their own, they
decided to adopt the girl, then
known as "Scarlett Kelly."

Last March, Scarlett was
admitted to the United States
as a visitor, accompanied by
the Scoggins. Then, last July
23, the couple legally adopted
her by action of the Court of
Common Pleas in Charleston.

Congressman L. Mendel Riv-
ers of Charleston is sponsoring
the bill which would let Scar-
lett stay in America as a per-
manent resident.

https://prabook.com/web/blainard_elmo.scoggin/371695

Spouse: Hannah Belle Pearlman

child: Scarlett Scoggin