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**Seay, Alan** was a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina the son of Dudley and Thelma Seay. He served as pastor of Orsino Baptist Church in Merritt Island before being appointed as a foreign missionary to Belize. He and his wife, Lee Seay were killed April 29, 1988, in a tragic automobile accident when their car was struck head on by a British Army armored vehicle in a convoy near Orangetown, Belize. They were survived by their parents and three children.

## Staff changes:

**James Roberts** has been called as pastor to Berea Church in Auburndale. He is a student at Baptist Bible Institute.

Also a student at Baptist Bible Institute, **Tony Parker** has been called to Poplar Head Church, Altha, as minister of youth.

West Side Church, Lake Wales; welcomes **Thomas A. Collins** as its interim minister of music and education. Collins is a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**J. Leland Hall** former pastor of First Church, Melbourne, is the new interim pastor at Harbor City Church in Melbourne.

Hillcrest Church, Mascotte, welcomes its new pastor **George E. Teets**. He formerly served as pastor of Forest Heights Church in Fort Walton Beach.

**Lee M. Sheppard** is the new pastor at First Church, Bonifay. A graduate of Baptist Bible Institute and Southwestern Seminary, he comes from First Church, Mexico Beach.

First Church, Key Largo, has called **Robert W. Norman Jr.** to be its pastor. He comes from Sierra Norwood Church in Miami.

## Revivals:

**Northside Church, Okeechobee**, May 15-22, Mercer Shaw will lead, 7 p.m. nightly, nursery provided.

**Springhead Church, Plant City**, May 22-27, Gary Frazier, evangelist, Don Bordonel, music, 7 p.m. nightly, nursery provided.

**Lake Maggiore Church, St. Petersburg**, recently held revival services with Clyde Chiles. Thirty-four professions of faith were recorded, along with 38 rededications and one transfer of membership.

## Homecomings:

**Mt. Pisgah Church, Fort Meade**, May 15 . . . **First Church, Lecanto**, May 15, C. S. Abernathy, guest speaker, dinner on the grounds, singing in the afternoon . . . **Live Oak Church, Callahan**, May 15, John Touchton, guest speaker, dinner on the grounds . . . **New Orleans Church, Tampa**, May 15, J. Earl Tharp, guest speaker, dinner on the grounds . . . **Griffin Church, Lakeland**, May 15, John A. Hagan, guest speaker, dinner on the grounds, singing in the

afternoon, vespers in the evening . . . **Oakwood Church, Plant City**, May 22 . . . **Lake Hill Church, Orlando**, 48th anniversary, May 22, Vernon McAllister, guest speaker, covered dish luncheon, singing in the afternoon . . . **Jens First Church, Steinhatchee**, May 29, Jimmy Corbin, guest speaker, dinner on the grounds, special music in the afternoon . . . **First Church, Waldo**, May 29, dinner on the grounds.

## Belize missionaries killed in car wreck

### Former Florida pastor, wife

Southern Baptist missionaries Alan and Lee Seay were killed April 29 when their car was struck head-on by an armored vehicle



Alan Seay



Lee Seay

traveling in a British Army convoy near Orangewalk Town, Belize.

Alan Seay previously was pastor of Orsino Baptist Church in Merritt Island. His sister, Barbara Terry, is a resident of Melbourne Shores.

Initial reports indicate the steering on the army vehicle may have failed. The Seays apparently were killed instantly. Two passengers, Raul and Maggy Escalante were hospitalized, he with severe bruises and she with head injuries.

The Seays, both from Spartanburg, S.C., were appointed by the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1985.

The Seays are survived by their parents, three children and a grandson. His parents are Dudley and Thelma Seay of Greenville, S.C. Her parents are Edwin and Willette Rousey of Spartanburg. Their children are Alan Seay Jr. of Petrolia, Texas; Richard Seay of Byers, Texas; and Angela Land of Canyon, Texas. Their grandson is Brandon Seay of Byers.

Otis Brady, chairman of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Belize, said the Seays "were people of vision. They had the commitment, education, training and experience that uniquely qualified them for missionary service. Their death is a tragedy beyond anything we can imagine" (BP)

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