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Leslie Eugene “Gene” Seibert, Jr. (1931-) was born in Lakeland, Florida the son of Leslie Eugene, Sr. and Nancy Kay Seibert. He graduated from the University of Florida and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Seibert served as pastor of churches in Texas and Florida including Edgewood Baptist Church, Lakeland. He and his wife, Nancy Sloan Seibert had two children.



NAME L.E. (Gene) Seibert, Jr ADDRESS 1825 New Jersey Rd  
CITY Lakeland STATE FLORIDA ZIP 33803  
DATE OF BIRTH 19 May 1931 PLACE OF BIRTH Ocala, Fla.  
MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE  MARRIED  DIVORCED  
NAME OF CHILDREN L.E. (Les) Seibert, III AGE 9  
Nancy Kay AGE 7 , AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_ , AGE \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION  
GRAMMER SCHOOL: GRADUATE  YES  NO DATE OF GRADUATION May 1943  
HIGH SCHOOL: GRADUATE  YES  NO DATE OF GRADUATION May 1949  
SCHOOL ATTENDED Lakeland High PLACE Lakeland, STATE Fla.

COLLEGE: WHETHER GRADUATED OR NOT, LIST COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED.  
NAME Univ. of Fla. PLACE Gainesville STATE Fla DEGREE BSBA  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_

SEMINARIES  
NAME Southwestern Baptist PLACE Ft. Worth STATE TEXAS DEGREE M Div.  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, OR HONORARY DEGREES: (Give dates)  
American Bible Society Award May 9, 1969

VOCATIONAL HISTORY: (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years.)  
Manager Publix Market, Sebring, Fla. 1959-65  
LT USNR 1955-58

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:  
CONVERSION: DATE Nov. 3, 1940 AGE 9

BAPTISM: DATE 1940 CHURCH Southside Baptist PLACE Lakeland STATE Fla.

ORDAINED AS A MINISTER: DATE October 11, 1967

CHURCH Travis Ave. Bpt. PLACE Ft. Worth, STATE TEXAS

DENOMINATIONAL WORK (Unsalariated)  
POSITION ORGANIZATION (Board, agency, etc.) STATE DATE  
President Brotherhood-Orangeblossom Assn Fla. 1965

PASTORATE OR DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE (Salaried)  
Church or Agency Location of Service

Dates (Inclusive)

Pastor

Peoria Baptist Church Hillsboro, Texas 10/1/67-6/29/69

PUBLIC SERVICE (Military, educational, political, etc., not listed above.)

PERSONS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR MINISTRY AND SERVICE AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION.

Name Dr. T. Rupert Coleman

Address Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla

Name Dr. T. M. Johns

Address P.O. Box 1291 Holmes Beach, Fla. 33509

Name Dr. C. H. Bolton

Address First Baptist Church Wauvhula, Fla.

Name Rev. Rudy Fagan

Address Delany Street Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla

Name Dr. Arthur Rich

Address P.O. Box 1035 Lakeland, Fla.

PERSONAL COMMENTS

Graduated from Southwestern May 9, 1969, Resigned  
pastorate 6/29/69, seeking his place of service in Fla.

RECORD OF PRESENT CHURCH:

Name Peoria Baptist Church Address Rt #2 Hillsboro TEXAS

Association Hill Address Coriscana, TEXAS

Date began PRESENT MINISTRY 10/1/67-6/29/69 Church Membership 80

Additions by: Letter 1 Baptism 23

Sunday School Enrollment 72 Training Union Enrollment 25

W.M.U. Enrollment 14 Brotherhood Enrollment 0

Amount of Budget none Percentage to Cooperative Program 10%

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Saturday, May 3, 1975

# L'dale Church's Growth Amazes

**Rev. Gene Seibert**, pastor of Lakeland's Edgewood Baptist Church, attended a seminar on "Evangelism Explosion" in Ft. Lauderdale last week.

Evangelism Explosion Inc. is a foundation of the fastest growing Presbyterian church in the world, the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale.

**Rev. D. James Kennedy**, pastor of Coral Ridge Church and author of the "Evangelism Explosion" book, attributes the success of his church to the working of God through laymen who are committed to personal evangelism and trained through Evangelism Explosion.

**Rev. Seibert** became interested through Evangelism Explosion during a 1973 Billy Graham School of Evangelism in Atlanta, where **Rev. Kennedy** was a guest speaker.

**Rev. Seibert** said, "God has given me a burning passion to win lost men to Jesus Christ. I believe that God has chosen

to spread the Gospel through personal evangelism of committed laymen. It is the way Jesus conducted His teaching in the first century, and God has never lifted His command to His Church."

Due to its innovative and resourceful approach to Sunday morning visitors, Coral Ridge Church has earned the distinction of being the fastest growing church in its denomination (Presbyterian Church in the United States) for more than six consecutive years. During its short 15 years of existence, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church has grown from 17 to more than 3,200 active members. The ministers of Coral Ridge have been sharing the secrets of their astounding success by means of quarterly clinics throughout the church year.

Some 92 ministers, wives, and laymen from fourteen denominations were on hand to investigate the community outreach program. They came from 22 states, three provinces of Canada, and Mexico.



**REV. GENE SEIBERT**  
... Edgewood pastor.

## COVENANT

With the theme "Ter of God's Grace, 19 Covenant Presbyterian ch, East Lake Elbert : dee Road, Winter Hav set Sunday as anniv day.

The 11 a.m. worship will include two anthe are traditional i Associate Refo Presbyterian Chur which Covenant is a Other music will i some of the hymns u the first service in th ch. Topic of Pastor Lewis Smith's sermon "Remembering, For and Looking Forw based on the Scri Philippians 3:13, used



**Gene Seibert**  
pastor

### "HEAVEN'S PRICE"

11:00 A.M. - "Is It Worth It"

7:00 P.M. - "Extraordinary Living"

### EDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

403 Edgewood Drive

Phone 683-1



## Legion Hosts **Rev. Seibert**

**Rev. Gene Seibert**, pastor of Lakeland's Edgewood Baptist Church, is to be guest speaker for the Tuesday breakfast of the American Legion Post No. 4 and auxiliary.

Starting at 7 a.m. in Sambo's on South Florida Avenue, Daisy McDaniel said "we especially ask the congregation to join with us as well as all the public."

## 'The Gift' cantata slated at Edgewood Baptist Church

LAKELAND — On Sunday evening at 7 p.m., Edgewood Baptist Church, 403 E. Edgewood Drive, will present its Christmas cantata, "The Gift," by Paul Mickelson. The special cantata choir, comprised of the combined choirs of Edgewood, is directed by Phil Young, minister of music. Soloists will be Bob Ingraham, Ron Diamond, Renee Haigler, Woody Jackson, and Jack Turner and Rebecca Presley as Mary and Joseph. Barbara Pigg, Pam Wojteczko, and **Karen Hardin** will also perform as a trio.

The **Rev. Gene Seibert**, the pastor, and his family, will be honored at a farewell reception Wednesday evening at 7:30.

**Leslie Seibert, 91**  
Citrus industry agent

LAKELAND — Mr. Leslie Eugene Seibert Sr., of 603 Glendale died Sunday (Dec. 15, 1991) at his home. He was 91.

Born in Saginaw, Mich., on Jan. 18, 1900, he moved to Lakeland from Ocala in 1930. He was an agent for the citrus industry. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie Seibert, Lakeland; sons, James N. Seibert and the Rev. Gene Seibert, both of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home, Southside, Lakeland.

Leslie Eugene Seibert Sr  
Male  
18 January 1901–15 December 1991

Brief Life History of Leslie Eugene

When Leslie Eugene Seibert Sr was born on 18 January 1901, in Michigan, United States, his father, Karl G Seibert, was 20 and his mother, Minnie Ballard, was 22. He married Valerie Belle Yarbrough on 10 August 1926, in Titusville, Brevard, Florida, United States. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 1 daughter. He lived in Polk, Florida, United States in 1935 and United States in 1949. He died on 15 December 1991, in Lakeland, Polk, Florida, United States, at the age of 90, and was buried in Oak Hill Burial Park, Lakeland, Polk, Florida, United States. <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/GQY6-BF4/leslie-eugene-seibert-sr-1901-1991>

**FIRST BAPTIST, WINTER PARK:** The **Rev. L. E. Seibert** Jr., will be guest minister at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Dr. James W. Parrish. A native of Lake-

land, he is a graduate of University of Florida and a Navy veteran.

A former food store manager, **Rev. Seibert** received his B.D. and M.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where he was awarded the American Bible Society Award.

**Rev.** and Mrs. **Seibert**, the former Nancy Sloan of Lakeland, have two children, Les and Nancy Kay and reside in Lakeland.

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