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Shelton, James W. (1925-2013) was born in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of James Ernest and Marjorie Elizabeth Shelton. He attended Bob Jones University and graduated from the University of Florida. Shelton served as pastor of Coconut Grove Baptist Church, Miami, 1948-1950, First Baptist Church, Williston, Otter Creek Baptist Church First Baptist Church, Cedar Key. He and his wife, Sarah Lee Shelton had three children.



FBC Williston

The old brick sanctuary was dismantled on April 10, 1989, after the congregation encircled it in an emotional service led by Rev. Travis Hudson and Rev. Edwin Douglas. The service included prayer, interspersed with testimonies and personal witnessing of the church had meant to families within the congregation.

Pastors who have served our Church:

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Daniel Edwards | G.T. Leitner | J.M. Sullivan |
| A.M. Geiger | N.E. Norwood | Ray Smith |
| F.C. Edwards | J.M. Morris | J.L. Bobo |
| J.J. Kirkland | G.S. Daughtry | W.M. Burns |
| Frank C. Johnson | J.C. Collum | Ed McCollum |
| W.W. Williams | J.B. Boney | W.W. Lavender |
| J.H. Greaker | H.M. Long | James McKeithan |
| R.F. Marlowe | W.E. Entzminger | H.H. Link |
| J.H. Tomkies | J.F. Rorex | James Shelton |
| Lamar Bryant | G.G. Mullins | T.R. Harvell (1952-1963) |
| W.J. Hews | H.L. Chapin | M.D. Durrance (1964-1971) |
| Z.A. Crumpton | J.B. Webb | Ray Newcomb (1971-1975) |
| N.A. Bailey | E.A. Burnette | Bill Courington (1976-78) |
| J.S. Geiger | C.L. Berry | Travis Hudson (1980-1988) |
| A.H. Damon | J.G. Gunter | John Jarrard (1990-1995) |
| A.A. Keith | E.Z. Golden | Tony Clubb (1997-present) |
| J.C. Porter | | |

Assistant Pastors:

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| James Corbin | Ray Jenkins |
| Jerry Hayes | Edwin Douglas |

Music Ministers:

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Don Galarneau (1966-1969) | Ronald L. Robert(1982/83) | Don Stark (1989-2000) |
| Gerald Linton (1969-1973) | Jim Shelton | Bill Bush (2003-2005) |
| Joe Ray Wheat (1974-1979) | Jack Screws, Jr. | Nick Start (interim 4/05-2/06) |
| Mitch Marsh (1980-1982) | Wesley D. Lawson (85/88) | Jack Screws, Jr. (2/06-10/06) |
| | | Mario Martinez, III (10/06-present) |

Youth Ministers:

Larry Limbaugh (1982 - 1984)
John Ridley (1999 - 2002)
Steven Phillips (2003-2005)
Steven Refowich (2005 -2007)

2275 N.W. 79th Street
West Temple—Rev. W. C. Cenger
5937 N.W. 32nd Ave.
West View Chapel—Rev. James W. Shelton
12801 N.W. 22nd Avenue

Rev. Shelton To Speak
The Rev. James Shelton, resigned pastor of Coconut Baptist church, will be guest speaker at Coral Gables Baptist tomorrow. The services will take place at the Merrick building, University of Miami campus.

Church To Hold Homecoming

Observance of Homecoming day and the first anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. James Shelton will highlight the 11 a.m. service of Coconut Grove Baptist church, 3238 Virginia st., tomorrow.

For his anniversary sermon, the Rev. Mr. Shelton has chosen the topic, "Christian Privileges." Following the service, the congregation will assemble on the church lawn for an old-fashioned dinner on the ground.

At 2:30 p.m. A. J. Warren will



Rev. Shelton

At 2:30 p.m., A. J. Warren will be ordained at a special service. The Rev. Harold A. Davidson, moderator of the Miami Baptist assn., will preach the ordination sermon. Present at the service will be E. W. Warren, and Arthur W. Warren, father and grandfather of the new deacon, both deacons of the church who are on the inactive list.

INSTALLATION of the **Rev. James Shelton** as new executive director of Miami Youth for Christ will take place at the rally at 7:45 tonight at Miami Gospel Tabernacle. **Bob Evans**, Youth for Christ vice president who has recently returned from Europe, will speak.

Church Appoints Assistant Pastor

The **Rev. James W. Shelton**, formerly educational director of Calvary Baptist church, has been appointed minister of education and assistant pastor at Little River Baptist, it was announced by the Rev. George E. Ziemer, pastor.

The **Rev. Mr. Shelton** came to Miami last year from Athens, Ga., where he served as pastor of Bible Tabernacle. He attended Bob Jones college at Cleveland, Tenn., his native state.

While at Calvary church, he also served as director of the choir.



Rev. Shelton

Pastor To Mark 2nd Anniversary

Coconut Grove Baptist church will mark the second anniversary of its pastor, the **Rev. James W. Shelton**, tomorrow.

Services will be held both morning and evening. The **Rev. Mr. Shelton** will conduct, preaching at the former on "What Can We Do Now?" and at the latter on "The Old, Old Story."

He was ordained into the ministry two years ago at Little River Baptist. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is secretary and treasurer of the Miami Baptist Pastors' conference and executive director of the Miami Youth For Christ.

Pastor Resigns At Coconut Grove

The **Rev. James W. Shelton**, pastor of Coconut Grove Baptist church for the past two and one-half years, has tendered his resignation to the congregation, effective Jan. 7.

He plans to continue his work as director of the Miami Youth For Christ and also to engage in evangelistic work, it was announced.

During his pastorate, the church has received 221 additions in membership and attendance at Sunday school has been upped from 125 to 351. The church has paid off a \$5,800 mortgage and has set aside \$3,500 for a new building fund.

The church will hold a watch-night service beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with the **Rev. Mr. Shelton** officiating.

Rev James Wheeler Shelton

Birth

30 Jan 1925
Tennessee, USA

Death

6 Mar 2013 (aged 88)

Burial

Orange Hill Cemetery
Williston, Levy County, Florida, USA

The Rev. James Wheeler Shelton, 88, St. Augustine, Fla., went to be with his Heavenly Father on March 6, 2013, in Community Hospice while surrounded by his loving family. He was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Nashville, Tenn., to James Ernest and Marjorie Elizabeth Shelton. At the age of 2 his family moved to Pontiac, Mich.

He experienced the call to the ministry during a Missionary Conference at First Baptist Church, Pontiac in 1941. When the war came he laid aside the call to preach and was going on with previous plans of a career with the Navy Air Reserve, but God intervened and after a struggle he yielded to God's will and he left that fall to attend seminary at Bob Jones University.

After college he moved to Miami, Fla., where he served as an associate pastor and educational director at Calvary Baptist Church and was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister on May 30, 1948. He served many churches in his lifetime.

Years later he graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in education and served as an educator in Central Florida including Williston, Fort McCoy, and Chiefland while continuing to serve as a minister.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Lee; his three children, James W. Shelton II, (Dianne), G. Shelton Kiernan (Paul) and Melissa Lord (Mike); eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at 12 noon and services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Moultrie Baptist Church, 3966 US Hwy 1 South, St. Augustine. In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to Moultrie Baptist Church or Community Hospice Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Family Members

Spouse

Marjorie Shelton
Marjorie Louise Rose Shelton

1927–1995

HARMONY ASSOCIATION

1990

| CHURCH NAME | PASTOR NAME | MSN | BAP | RESIDENT MEMBERS | TOTAL MEMBERS | SS | DT | MUSIC | WMU | BRO | VBS |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Bethel, Trenton | Dean Webb | | 58 | 411 | 474 | 312 | 185 | 77 | 88 | 64 | 207 |
| Bronson First | Mark S. Conrad | | 17 | 420 | 589 | 333 | 345 | 104 | 56 | | 172 |
| Cedar Key First | | | 24 | 134 | 211 | 119 | 59 | 15 | 10 | | 54 |
| Chiefland First | Darel D. Mitchell | 1 | 18 | 451 | 581 | 449 | 96 | 75 | 45 | 43 | 239 |
| **Fellowship Mission, Chiefland | Clifford S. Edwards | | | 20 | 20 | 42 | | | | | |
| Concord, Chiefland | Tony M. Barber | | 24 | 154 | 272 | 154 | 122 | 27 | 44 | 37 | 147 |
| Corinth, Newberry | Dewey Waldron | | | 20 | 45 | 12 | | | | | |
| Ebenezer, Chiefland | James R. Countryman | | 2 | 186 | 186 | 107 | 53 | 24 | 10 | 18 | 156 |
| Hardeetown, Chiefland | | | 15 | 330 | 563 | 305 | 311 | 90 | 58 | 54 | 109 |
| Jonesville, Newberry | W. H. (Herbie) Futch | | 168 | 637 | 698 | 564 | 348 | 183 | 74 | 93 | 109 |
| Joppa, Chiefland | | | 5 | 113 | 138 | 50 | 19 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 72 |
| Mt. Pleasant, High Springs | Ralph A. Rodriguez | | 34 | 223 | 322 | 229 | 106 | 57 | 22 | 27 | 105 |
| Newberry First | David L. Bump | | 6 | 403 | 651 | 338 | 73 | 115 | 48 | 20 | 145 |
| Oak Dale, Newberry | James Taylor | | 30 | 259 | 286 | 94 | 74 | 39 | 24 | 18 | 74 |
| Otter Creek | James W. Shelton | | 3 | 179 | 216 | 91 | | 29 | 12 | | 65 |
| Pine Grove, Trenton | | | 3 | 300 | 395 | 323 | 153 | 59 | 45 | 19 | 81 |
| Priscilla, Bell | James W. Jennigan, Jr. | 1 | 5 | 173 | 235 | 74 | | 53 | | 6 | 65 |
| Trenton First | Rick Lawrence | | 21 | 303 | 468 | 224 | 198 | 101 | 49 | 53 | 160 |
| Union, Newberry | Donald J. Knight, Jr. | | 12 | 461 | 550 | 101 | 79 | 78 | 7 | | 49 |
| ASSOCIATION TOTALS | | 2 | 445 | 5,157 | 6,880 | 3,879 | 2,221 | 1,151 | 604 | 467 | 1,900 |

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