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**Shook, Robert E.** graduated from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lantana, Southwest Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale and First Baptist Church in Eustis from 1970 to 1980. Shook and his wife, Darthy had three children.



# Rev. Shook Takes Baptist Pastorate

The **Rev. Robert E. Shook** has accepted a call to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Eustis, and will be in the pulpit beginning Sunday morning.

The **Rev. Mr. Shook** graduated from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., getting his seminary work at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**OTHER THAN** school pastorates, he has served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lantana, and Southwest Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale. During the last year **Rev. Shook** has been engaged in evangelistic crusade work.

The **Rev. Shook** and wife, Dorthy, with daugh-

ters, Kimberly and Karen, and son, Matthew, will be at home Friday at the parsonage, 1403 Highland Avenue.

**DARTHY M. SHOOK**, 61, 22151 N.E. 152 Lane, Salt Springs, died Saturday, May 14. Mrs. Shook was the wife of **Rev. Robert E. Shook** of the First Baptist Church of Eustis. Born in Boynton Beach, she moved to Central Florida in 1982. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salt Springs. Survivors: husband, **Rev. Robert E. Shook**; daughters, Karen Beard, Eustis, Kimberly Newton, Ocala; son, Matthew E., Vero Beach; sister, Robbie Reese, Okeechobee; brothers, Roger Melear, Blackshear, Ga., Chuck Melear, Jimmy Melear, Stuart; seven grandchildren. Har- den/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

# Chapel Under The Stars Planned

Plans are underway to construct a Chapel Under the Stars at the Southwest Baptist Church, SW Ninth Ave. and SW 15th St.

The chapel will face the northwest corner of the property, which is SW 14th Ct. and SW Ninth Ave.

The **Rev. Robert E. Shook**, pastor, said the facility is to be modeled after the Baptist Lakeside Chapel in West Palm Beach.

ated at \$50,000, the minister said.

Rumors have also been circulated in the neighborhood that the chapel will have blaring loudspeakers.

"We've had sound engineers working for six weeks. They've assured me that the sound won't travel any distance. We'll only use four speakers. All will be cupped right into the chapel itself," **Rev. Shook** said.

Coral rock will be used to

face the rostrum where the pulpit will be located and also on the front wall of the open chapel.

"We plan to landscape it. There will be a colored fountain. We want to create a parklike atmosphere, something like the chapel in West Palm Beach," **Rev. Shook** said.

All weather plastic padded

chair seats will be used the **Rev. Shook** said. The chapel will seat about 800 persons.

No drive-in facility is involved, as in West Palm Beach, the congregation will park and walk to the chapel.

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## 'THEATER'

A number of residents of the area had earlier expressed fear it was to be something like a "drive-in theater."

"We're not in business to antagonize people," **Rev. Shook** said of such reports, "we're trying to preach the Gospel. The Lord did His greatest work outdoors."

The minister said the facility "will be used only on Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and for a twice a year revival as well as an occasional association meeting."

Cost of the chapel is esti-

The **Rev. Robert E. Shook**, a native of Florida, has accepted the pastorate of Southwest Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale. **Rev. Shook** is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute and William Carey College.

## ***First Baptist of Eustis to honor its minister***

EUSTIS — Members of the First Baptist Church of Eustis will honor the **Rev. Robert E. Shook** on Sunday for the 10 years he has served the church as pastor.

The **Rev. Shook** came to Eustis in March 1970 after serving as an evangelist for one year and prior to that at a church in Fort Lauderdale.

He was born in Illinois but came to Florida as a child and has spent most of his life here.

After graduating from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He and his wife, **Darthy**, have two married daughters.

"I entered the ministry due to a personal conviction," **Shook** said. "I was not particularly active in the church as a youth but various events in my life caused me to de-

cide when I was about 22 that I should serve God in this way," he explained.

During the decade of **Shook's** leadership, the First Baptist Church has grown to a membership of more than 1,200.

In 1974 the sanctuary was remodeled and 150 seats were added. Several pieces of property were purchased to provide better parking facilities and for future construction.

This year the congregation hopes to begin building on a \$450,000 educational building that will be used for adult and youth education programs and a senior citizen bus ministry program.

It will be an addition to the present fellowship hall, **Shook** said, and will be financed primarily by pledges from church members.

"My years in the ministry have been very satisfying," he said. "I

enjoy sharing God's word with people.

"I like to help people make it in this world as well as teaching them about the world to come," he explained. "I think more emphasis needs to be placed on helping people cope with the here and now."

In an 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Florida State Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter will present a testimony.

A "dinner on the grounds" will follow. Families should bring enough food for themselves and one additional person. Bread and beverages will be provided by the church.

A special concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday by the Chancel Choir. They will present the musical "Greater Is He." A free will offering will be collected for the benefit of the Beacon Youth Choir's summer tour to Colorado.

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"And that's just what we're  
going to do," spoke **Rev. Robert  
E. Shook**, pastor of the South-  
west Baptist Church.  
Stepping outside **Rev. Shook**

# Florida Features



Tom Draper

**Tom Draper** has retired as director of missions of Greater Orlando Association. The association presented Draper and his wife an all-expense paid trip to the Holy Land and Greece.

Draper went to the association in 1968 as its first full-time metro-director.

He is available for supply or interim and may be contacted at 2603 Chinook Trail, Maitland, Fla. 32751, (305) 644-0051.

On Nov. 23, Highlands Church, Ocala recognized **Clarence W. Duncan** with a reception for 10 years of service as minister of education.



Clarence W. Duncan



Robert E. Shook

**Robert E. Shook** has resigned from First Church, Eustis after 11 years as pastor. He was honored by the church with a "Pastor Appreciation Day" on Nov. 30.

Shook is available for supply or interim and may be contacted at Route 3, Box 674, Fort McCoy, Fla. 32637.

**Don Houser** has resigned as pastor of First Church of Greater Miami, Miami to go to East Naples Church, Naples, effective Dec. 14. Houser was pastor at the Miami church for 11½ years.

**Nevi Townsend** of Lantana was called as pastor of Parkview Church, Fort Pierce, effective Dec. 1. He is a graduate of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville and Southern Seminary in Louisville.

**Cameron Holley** of Tampa was called as interim pastor of East Bay Missionary Chapel, Riverview, effective Dec. 7. He has pastored churches in Florida and North Carolina.

**Wayman E. Jones**, former pastor of Southside Church, Sarasota, was called as minister of education of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Northside Church, St. Petersburg called **Gerald Gillaspie** as pastor, effective Jan. 15. He goes from Immanuel Church, Waukegan, Ill.

**Roy Crosby** has resigned as pastor of First Church, Ozona to become director of senior adult ministry at Calvary Church, Clearwater.

**Dan Robinson**, minister of music and youth at King Street Church, Cocoa, was called to Meadows Church, College Park, Ga.



Don Houser

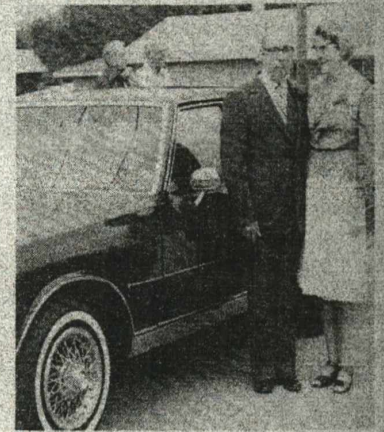
## Retired Field Missionary Dies

Luther W. Woodward, 79, died of complications due to heart surgery Dec. 12 in West Florida Hospital, Pensacola. He was field secretary in District 1, which is now Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Holmes County and Graves Associations, from 1954-69. He helped to establish 55 churches in the area during that ministry.

Memorial services were held at First Church, DeFuniak Springs, with Pastor Robert Jaye officiating. Interment was at Fort Barracus National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Survivors include his widow, Ruby, and a son, David Luther, of Norman, Okla.

Twelve years ago, the Woodwards established a memorial fund at the Florida Baptist Foundation with earnings going to world missions. Gifts may be sent to the fund or to World Hunger.



**PASTOR AUSTIN McELROY** and his wife, Margaret, stand beside the new car presented them Nov. 6 by Eastside Church, Haines City. The gift was in honor of McElroy's 20th anniversary as pastor.

## Missionary Addresses

**Mr. and Mrs. Dutton A. Bonnell Jr.** (Benin)—100 Chestnut St., Leesburg, Fla. 32748.

**Fay Taylor** (Hong Kong-Macao)—169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Eaton** (Tanzania)—Box 832, Arusha, Tanzania.

**CORRECTION:** *Reece Sherman's phone number was incorrect in the Nov. 27 issue of the Witness. It should be (904) 736-9486.*



**McGLAMERY AWARDED PLAQUE**—**Herbert McGlamery** (right), associate in the Florida Baptist Convention's Sunday School Department, recently was presented a plaque in appreciation of his 16 years of service to Sunday School work by **Harry Piland**, director of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tenn. McGlamery will retire at the end of the year. He also received the A. V. Washburn Training Award because Florida led all states last year in the number of Sunday School leadership awards earned with 13,571.