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Snell, Jack A. (1940-2007) was born in Graceville, Florida. He graduated from Samford University, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of Central Church in Newman, Georgia (1972-1980) before going as pastor of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church (1980-2000) in Jacksonville. The last seven years of his life Snell served on the CBF Global Missions staff. Snell and his wife, Anita Funderburke had two children.



Jack Snell, Baptist pastor, mission advocate, dead at 66

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ATLANTA (ABP) — Jack Snell, a well-known Baptist pastor and global missions coordinator, died Oct. 2 after a nine-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 66.

Snell, who at the end of his life oversaw more than 150 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel worldwide, had worked for 40 years as a pastor, including 20 years most recently at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

As a director of global field ministries for CBF, he traveled the world planning budgets, policies and strategies for mission workers. He also encouraged them as they worked with some of the world's most neglected people, friends said.

Daniel Vestal, CBF's executive coordinator, said Snell impacted and will continue to impact many aspects of Baptist life.

“His love for Christ and commitment to global missions have been a profound inspiration in the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship,” Vestal said. “He has shaped and formed CBF as much as any individual I know.”

Snell began work with CBF in 2000, serving as an associate coordinator for mission teams in Asia. Along with his wife, Anita, he served as a liaison between field personnel and the CBF national office. He also taught and mentored local pastors. In 2005, he was named interim coordinator of CBF global missions, where for more than a year he provided leadership for all of the CBF global missions staff and field personnel.

“There is no way to exaggerate the shaping influence that Jack Snell had upon global missions, both at CBF and beyond, over the past 16 years,” said Rob Nash, CBF's global missions coordinator. “He has been at the forefront of our global-mission engagement since the very beginning, chairing the first global-missions ministry group, shaping decisions about where we engaged and why, taking his congregation in Jacksonville on short-term missions alongside our field personnel, and finally, serving us so very well as a vital member of the CBF national staff.”

In addition to the Jacksonville pastorate, Snell served as pastor of Central Baptist Church in Newnan, Ga., and Long Run Baptist Church in Anchorage, Ky.

A Florida native, Snell completed his undergraduate degree at Samford University, two master's degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a doctorate at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Snell is survived by his wife, Anita; his son, Charles, of Atlanta; his daughter, Stephanie, and son-in-law, Henry Kahler, of Jacksonville, Fla.

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Florida Features



Jack A. Snell



Richard M. Cohen



George E. Adams

Jack A. Snell, pastor of Central Church, Newnan, Ga., for the past nine years, has been called as pastor of Hendricks Avenue Church, Jacksonville, effective July 1. He is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., Southern Seminary and Southeastern Seminary.

Richard M. Cohen, a professor at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, was called as pastor of Mount Pleasant Church, High Springs, where he has been serving as interim pastor.



C. Russell Clemons



Rhea E. McKinney

Main Street Church, Leesburg called **C. Russell Clemons** as pastor. A graduate of the University of Florida, Gainesville and of Southern Seminary, he has served as pastor of Mount Freedom Church, Washington County, Ky., and as associate pastor of evangelism and discipleship at First Church, Winter Park.

Rhea E. McKinney was called as education minister of Lakeside Church, Lakeland, effective June 1. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., he goes from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., where he was education consultant in the youth program section of the Sunday School Department.

George E. Adams of Mary Esther is among 70 students who graduated from Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., June 6. He received the master of divinity degree.

Three Floridians have volunteered to serve in the Dominican Republic under the Foreign Mission Board June 21-28: **Reuben R. Roach** of St. Petersburg, dentist; **Lloyd L. Branch** of St. Petersburg, dentist; and **Len M. Ouzts** of St. Petersburg, physician.

Lake Mystic Church, Bristol has called **John T. Smith** as pastor. A former Baptist Bible Institute student, he goes from Elsharath Church, Cochran, Ga.

Homecoming

Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Frostproof, June 29; dinner on the grounds; singing in the afternoon; former members and friends invited; Cecil Brock, pastor.

Missionary Address

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Williams (Tanzania, associates)—P.O. Box 52, Limuru, Kenya.



ANTONIO R. ARANGO, a senior at New Orleans Seminary, receives a plaque from **J. Hardee Kennedy**, vice president for academic affairs, in recognition of his selection as the outstanding student in the seminary's master of religious education program. **Arango** is minister of education and music and associate pastor of East Hialeah Church, Miami.

Harold Davidson Dies

Harold A. Davidson, 69, died June 1 in Southside Nursing Center, Jacksonville. W. G. Stracener conducted funeral services June 3 at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Jacksonville.

Davidson was pastor of Flagler Street Church, Miami and First Church, Live Oak and chaplain of Jacksonville's police and fire departments.

He is survived by a son, John Davidson and a daughter, Carolyn Sands, both of Jacksonville.

David Jackson, pastor of Hickory Grove Church, Cottonwood, Ala., was ordained to the gospel ministry May 25 by Glendale Church, Vero Beach. Dallas Enfinger officiated.

Lakeside Church, Lakeland has called **Guillermo Picha** to serve as pastor of the Spanish department.



FLORIDIANS RECEIVE DOCTORATES—Florida students receiving doctoral degrees at New Orleans Seminary May 17 include (from left): **James Roscoe Wilson**, Pensacola, Doctor of Education; **Dale D. Burton Jr.**, Miami, Doctor of Ministry; **James Hugh Long**, Dover, Doctor of Ministry; **William Franklin Montgomery Jr.**, Panama City, Doctor of Ministry. With them is President **Landrum P. Leavell**.