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Director of Missions Report

We were all moved on Sunday, February 21, 1999 at the dedication of the new office building, seeing Brother Mixon's vision become a reality.

This year, 1998-99, the mission Center has become an open door to Taylor County and the world. What does the future hold for Taylor Baptist Association in the year 2000? The Vision Team has been prayerfully seeking God's will in planning for the future. They have been working hard making plans for our Association to lead you to the answer of that question.

As always your fine cooperation has made possible the advancement of His Kingdom. This is a loving loyalty to God and to His work here in Taylor County.

My challenge to you as we work together for the future is: Let us always first prayerfully seek God's will and continue to be co-workers with God, and each other to see His Vision become reality.

David Solomon
Director of Missions

Digest of Letters

	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Churches Reporting	17	17
Total Baptisms	122	120
Other Additions	124	113
Grand Total Present Members	5152	5188
Ongoing Sunday School Enrollment	3079	3026
Ongoing Discipleship Training Enrollment ..	1184	568
Short Term Discipleship Training	0	593
Ongoing Music Enrollment	884	824
Ongoing WMU Enrollment	376	350
Ongoing Brotherhood Enrollment	224	231
 Total Receipts	 \$2,228,685	 \$2,597,652
Total Missions Expenditures	\$ 406,612	\$ 472,655

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Doctor (Rev.) David Thomas Solomon passed peacefully on August, 17th, 2016. He was surrounded by his loving children & grandchildren. He was preceded by his loving wife, Kaye Solomon, and his parents, James and Euna Mae Jacobs Solomon.

David enlisted and served in the United States Naval Services, and was a Veteran of the Korean conflict where he served our country on a Naval Destroyer until his honorable discharge in 1955.

After his discharge, David committed his life to serving Christ, becoming an ordained minister and serving as Pastor for (in order): First Baptist Church of Winter Garden, FL; Orange City Baptist Church, FL; First Baptist Church of Cerro Gordo, NC; and finally Immanuel Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL, where he retired after 21 years of service to his community. In his retirement he continued his service as the Director of Missions for the Taylor County Baptist Association (FL) until 2014.

In his early days, David was an avid football, basketball, and baseball player at Lakeview High School. His team won four championships through 1949 & 1950: 1 in football, 1 in basketball, and 2 in baseball. In 1951 Lakeview High School won the new Orange Belt Conference titles in all three sports, winning more championships than any other team in the school's history, a record that still stands today. The team stayed in touch through the years and met annually up until 2015.

Upon his retirement, David enjoyed time with his family, and challenged his skills on the golf course. He was an ardent Florida State fan, and supported the college's basketball and football teams.

He is survived by his three children, David Kim Solomon and his wife Robin, Daniel Thomas Solomon and his wife Melanie and Deborah Solomon Skinner and her husband Ed; his grandchildren, Elena Solomon, Brannon Solomon (Rachel),

David Solomon (Marissa), Savannah Leigh Skinner and Alexandria Nichole Skinner; and a great-granddaughter, Cecilia Solomon. Also surviving are his sister, Marie Benton and his brother Kenneth Solomon.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Friday, August 19th at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 North Monroe Street in Tallahassee. The funeral service, with military honors will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, August 20th at Immanuel Baptist Church, 2351 Mahan Drive in Tallahassee. The committal will take place at 1:00 PM, Monday, August 22nd at the Winter Garden Cemetery, Winter Garden, Florida.

The family request that instead of flowers, a gift in Rev. Solomon's memory be made to the Florida Baptist Children's Home, 8415 Buck Lake Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32317.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (www.bevisfh.com or 850/385-2193) is assisting the Solomon Family with their arrangements.
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Pastor ends an era at IMMANUEL

After 22 years leading Immanuel Baptist Church, the Rev. David Solomon is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

By **Debra Rutledge**
Tallahassee Staff Writer

After 22 years of service, the Rev. David Solomon and his congregation in worship for the last time before retiring as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church last Sunday.

His congregation will have a special morning worship service on Sunday morning, Solomon and his wife, Kaye, members of the Florida Baptist Association and the Florida Baptist Convention will also be there to pay tribute to the Solomon and a reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in the church lobby.

Until a replacement for Solomon can be found, Immanuel Baptist Church will have visiting pastors from the Florida Baptist Association and the Baptist Convention.

Solomon said his retirement came at the best time for him and the church.

"I'm at that age," Solomon laughed.

He said he is looking forward to the peace that will allow him to do things he hasn't been able to do. With a grandchild on the way and only now, he Solomon is preparing vacation plans until the end of the year.

Immanuel Baptist Church is the second oldest Baptist church in Tallahassee. The church has been around for almost 43 years. Before Solomon's tenure, Immanuel moved from its original location, near the site of the Leon County Civic Center, to the modern facility on Main Drive. Under his guidance, the mortgage on the new structure was paid off and the sanctuary had been purchased for future expenses.

Other milestones of Solomon's tenure at Immanuel include the renovation of the Kilgus Memorial Chapel, the development of Immanuel's Children's Program in 1980 and becoming very active in Sunday school and the day care. Though married for nearly 40 years, Kaye Solomon said her husband's retirement will give them a chance to get reacquainted.

"I have some emotions about this retirement. It's going to mean to our new future together and seeing God's will to what he wants us to do, but I feel a sense of sadness because we missed our kids here," she said.

Betty Boyd, a deacon and regular member of Immanuel Baptist Church, said the Rev. Solomon is the person she would miss most as his pastor and he will miss his family.

"He has been very faithful and dedicated to this church. You can't



The Rev. David Solomon and his wife, Kaye, have served Immanuel Baptist Church for 22 years.

Here to welcome for 22 years and not miss him," Boyd said.

Edna O'Neal, director of the child-care center, said Solomon is a very modest man who does a lot of things in the church without taking credit for them.

"I have never met a more gaily man who is so concerned with supporting the community and very supportive of the day-care center," O'Neal said.

O'Neal, a member of Immanuel since 1976, said no other pastor's who has been as active as Kaye has been since her membership, and that the Rev. Solomon and his wife would be missed.

"If there is a concern or need for the child-care center, he is always there to lend a helping hand," O'Neal said.

"I hope," she said. "They have to hug him around the legs because he's so tall."

Children from the church put their handprints on a goodbye message to give the retiring pastor.

Immanuel Baptist Church Article (Tallahassee Democrat Feb. 3, 1996, Sat.)