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Solomon, Robert N. (1929-2008) was born in Asheville, North Carolina, the son of Rufus Calvin and Ruth Neely Solomon. He graduated from Wake Forest (1952, B.A.) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1956, B.D.). He served as pastor of Wesconnett Boulevard (1965-1971) in Jacksonville and of Oak-Griner Church in Ocala (1971-1980), then went as pastor of Bee Ridge Church in Sarasota in 1980 where he served for 25 years. He served 12 years as a member of the Florida State Board of Missions and served as chairman of the Association Missions Committee of the Southwest Florida Baptist Association. He taught Old Testament at Luther Rice Seminary. He and his wife, Connie, have two sons.



Solomon, Robert N.

May 22, 1929 - June 24, 2008

The Rev. Dr. Robert N. Solomon, 79, Sarasota, died June 24, 2008.



Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. today at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Colonial Chapel, and from 1 to 2

p.m. Friday at Southside Baptist Church, Sarasota, with services following at 2 p.m. at the church.

The Rev. Dr. Robert N. Solomon, went to his heavenly home on June 24, 2008.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Connie; two sons, Mitchell and wife Flo of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and Keith and wife Nancy of Sarasota; sisters Barbara Patteson and Dottie Sumpter.

He was born in Ashville, N.C., on May 22, 1929. He graduated from Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and received his doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary, where he taught Old Testament for three years, completed the training for Transi-

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Seminary, and received his doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary, where he taught Old Testament for three years, completed the training for Transitional Pastoral Ministry from Lake Yale in Florida in 2006.

Dr. Solomon was the pastor of Bee Ridge Baptist Church for 25 years and retired from there in 2005. He also served as the pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky.; Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.; Wesconnett Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Oak-Griner Baptist Church, Ocala, Fla.

After retiring he served as interim pastor at First Baptist Church in the Pines, Nokomis, Fla. He also was a guest minister at the following churches in Florida: Southside Baptist Church; First Baptist Church, Arcadia; First Baptist, Osprey; Limestone Baptist Church, Limestone; Liberty Community Church, Port Charlotte; West Charlotte Baptist; and Cornerstone Baptist, Sarasota.

In retirement, he was an ordained deacon of Southside Baptist Church and was elect-

ed vice chairman of deacons in 2008.

In fifty years of dedication to the service of his Master, Lord and Savior, his daily life was a testament to the truth of the "Word" he lived and loved.

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Florida Features

August 7, 1980



Jerry Garwood



Robert N. Solomon

First Church, Quincy has called Jerry Garwood as pastor. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he goes to Quincy from Little Woods Church, New Orleans.

Robert N. Solomon has resigned as pastor of Oak-Griner Church, Ocala to accept the pastorate of Bee Ridge Church, Sarasota, effective Aug. 10.

Samuel Shepard, missionary in residence at Stetson University, DeLand, will be available for supply or interim after Aug. 20. He may be reached at Campus Box 1355, Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. 32720, (904) 734-1713.

Lovedale Church, Bascom dedicated a newly renovated pastorial June 15. On the same day, the church honored A. N. Davis, who has served 49 consecutive years as an active deacon. Deryl G. Alexander is pastor.

DeWitt T. Cox has resigned as pastor of Immanuel Church, Panama City to become the pastor of Sylvan Hills Church, Atlanta.



CENTRAL CHURCH, PENSACOLA burned the note on the mortgage on all the indebtedness of the church July 13. Participating (from left) are: Arthur Parker, Earnest Bass, W. J. Paulk. Lonnie Owen is pastor.

V. Miles Patterson has retired from First Church, Fort Meade after 41 years in full-time gospel ministry. During that time, he served three churches besides Fort Meade: First Church, Apopka; First Church, Clermont; Parkview Church, Gainesville.

He is available for interim or supply and may be reached at 4311 N.W. 13th Ave., Gainesville, Fla. 32605, (904) 372-6388.

On July 20, First Church, Belleview had a special service of recognition celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor **Damon B. Walker** and his 13th anniversary as pastor of the church.

A painting of an Everglades scene and a love offering were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Walker. A reception was held for the Walker family after the service.

Michael L. Allen, a native of Jacksonville, was selected as an "Outstanding Young Man of America." A doctoral candidate at Southern Seminary, he has served churches in Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee, and was associate campus minister at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Allen is the editor of *Contact*, a publication of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care.

Roy Edward Mooneyham was called as pastor of Howard Carlisle Church, Panama City. A graduate of Mobile (Ala.) College, he goes to Panama City from Old Field Church, Sylacauga, Ala.

West Side Church, Hollywood called **John O. Douglas** as director of its Child Care Center, effective July 23. A graduate of Southern Seminary, he goes from Grapevine, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Kannon** of Titusville will serve one year in the Mission Service Corps as dorm parents for the Pan American Christian Academy in Sao Paulo, Brazil, effective Sept. 1.

K. O. Knox Jr. was called as minister of music and education of First Church, Fernandina Beach, effective Aug. 6. He goes from College Park Church, Palatka.

Japan Missionaries Get Month-Long 'Thank You'

TOKYO, Japan—Members of the Mito Baptist Church north of Tokyo showed their gratitude in typical Oriental fashion when they said a month-long "thank you" to Tom and Mary Gullatt for giving 30 years of their lives to God for evangelism in Japan.

The church invited the Gullatts' two children, Miriam and John, to return to Mito for the occasion, providing travel expenses for Miriam, her husband Ken Taylor, and their two sons to come from Oklahoma City, and for John's family to come up from Tokyo. The month of June was filled with church, social and cultural activities at which the entire family was feted and through which many non-Christian friends in the city were contacted.

This celebration came to a climax the end of June with a special evangelistic campaign conducted by Kenji Otani, former pastor of the Oimachi Baptist Church in Tokyo, which sponsored the mission in Mito during the early days of pioneer work.

On Sunday afternoon, June 29, a large wedding hall in the center of the city was opened for a reception in honor of the Gullatts with church members, former members and friends from many parts of Japan paying tribute to this family whose lives have touched every strata of society in the city.

During their service in Japan the Gullatts have given more than 20 years exclusively to this city, serving as missionary evangelists, and for the past eight years he was pastor of the church.

Missionary Addresses

Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Cleary** (Austria)—c/o James Foxworth, 3200 E. Lake Hartridge Drive N.E., Winter Haven, Fla. 33880.

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Mr. and Mrs. **Timothy Owings** (Brazil)—Caixa Postal 1635, 13100 Campinas SP, Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur R. Wyckoff** (Brazil)—19726 Gulf Blvd., Indian Shores, Fla. 33535.



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BLACK CREEK

First Baptist Church, Middleburg will break ground Aug. 21 for a new education facility for preschoolers, children and students. The three-story building will contain 40,000 square of space. The ground breaking will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 904-282-5289 or go to www.tbmiddleburg.com.

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CHOCOTAW

First Baptist Church, Fort Walton Beach, has called James Shannon as minister of music. The Mississippi native is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and University of Southern Miss., Hattiesburg, Ms. His wife, Alice, and three sons will move to Fort Walton Beach from Baytown, Texas, where he served FBC. He also served in churches in Mississippi and Ala.

FLORIDA

Canopy Roads Baptist Church, Tallahassee, will host FOCUS, premarital training for mentor couples, Aug. 27. The event will train mentor couples to prepare dating or engaged couples for marriage, for more information, call 850-575-0700, or go to www.livethelifeofministries.org.

JACKSONVILLE

Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church has called William Crook as associate pastor. He, his wife Rene, and two sons moved to Jacksonville from Atlanta, where he was pastor of New Oak Grove Baptist Church. He previously served as minister to students with First Baptist Church, Hilliard, and Clayton (Ala.) Baptist Church. He is a graduate of The Baptist College of Florida.

PENSACOLA BAY

Beulah Baptist Church has called John Stacey as minister of evangelism. A 1981 graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he

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served with Beach Haven Baptist Church and several other churches in Pensacola and East Orlando Baptist Church. He and his wife Cheryl have two adult children, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Stacy will be available for supply preaching. For more information, call 904-455-9480 or e-mail JANNO12@aol.com.

NEW RIVER

Evergreen Baptist Church, Lawley, will welcome guest speakers on Thursday evenings in August. Aug. 4, Keith Russell, Westside Baptist Church, Jacksonville; Aug. 11, Jeff Crook, Blackhawk Place Baptist Church, Gaines, Ga.; Aug. 18, Herb Reavis, North Jacksonville Baptist Church; and Aug. 25, David Beachum, Crescent Beach Baptist Church. All services begin at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 904-782-5717.

ORANGE BLOSSOM

First Baptist Church, Florida, is called John Gibbs as minister of children's youth. He was ordained by Berean Missionary Baptist Church in Buckton, Tenn., where he served as associate pastor and pastor almost ten years. Gibbs and his wife Vickie have two children.

SANTA FE RIVER

Westside Baptist Church, Gainesville, has called Don Minton as associate pastor minister to college students. He is a graduate of Auburn (Ala.) University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Minton served as minister of education and youth with First

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Baptist Church in Crestview. He also served as minister of students with Parkwood Baptist Church, Jacksonville, and First Baptist Church, Brandon. Minton served at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., since 1992. He and his wife, Debbie, have two adult daughters.

SOUTH FLORIDA

Medulla Baptist Church, Lakeland, will host an Evangelism Rally, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. David Burton, director of the Evangelism Department of the Florida Baptist Convention, will speak at the rally and on Aug. 14 during Sunday School and the 10 a.m. worship service. For more information, call 865-606-4916.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

See Ridge Baptist Church, Sarasota, will honor pastor Robert Solomon Aug. 27 on his retirement after 25 years of ministry. He was ordained as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Okaloosa, Fla., Westcott Baptist Church, Jacksonville, and Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. He served 12

years as a member of the Florida State Board of Missions and served currently as chairman of the Associational Missions Committee of the Southwest Florida Baptist Association. A graduate of Mars Hill (N.C.) College, Wake Forest (N.C.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he taught Old Testament at Luther Rice Seminary, Lithonia, Ga. Solomon and his wife, Connie, have two adult sons.

SUMTER

First Baptist Church, Webster, has called Billy J. Hoss Moore as pastor. He worked 18 years as a firefighter in Lenox, N.C., and was a lay leader in West Lenox Baptist Church. After being ordained by his church, he attended West Lenox School of Ministry. He previously served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Okaloosa, Fla., and his wife, Lisa, have a son and daughter.

SUNCOAST

First Baptist Church Indian Rocks, Largo, will host the Brooklyn Tabernacle Youth Choir Aug. 10. The group of 100 singers and instrumentalists will perform the free concert beginning at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 727-595-4121, or go to www.indianrocks.org.



SOLOMON

Obituaries

Lady Ham dies at 82

Lady Ham, 82, a leader in Florida WMU, died July 22 in Lakeland. A member of First Baptist Church at the Mall, she served as associational WMU director and state director of the Christian Women's Job Corps. She was a former member of the State Board of Missions and Florida Baptist State Convention 150th Anniversary Committee. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ham. Ham is survived by two sons, James III and John, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Doris Nash dies July 15

Doris Nash, wife of Harmony Baptist Association director of missions, Jerry Nash, died July 15 after an extended illness. A native of Bennettsville, S.C., she was a member of Rosewood Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Karen Whittle. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Beverly and Rebecca.

Harry M. Liechty Jr., dies at 78

Harry M. Liechty Jr., 78, a former pastor of three Florida Baptist churches, died July 9 at his home in Highland, Calif. Liechty served as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Okaloosa; Immanuel Baptist Church, Jacksonville; and was founding pastor of Lake Maggiore Baptist Church in St. Petersburg. In 1960 he moved to California, where he served three churches. He is survived by his wife, Adah, sons, David and Steve, daughter, Kathleen Stewart, step-daughter, Tina King, 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

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