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Southerland, James David is a native of Orlando, Florida. He has served as pastor in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. He is married to Mary Lynn Perkins. They served with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Europe. He served as Director of Missions in the Florida Association, 1993-2010. He is the son of Dr. James E. and Mabel Southerland.





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Southerland Pastor at Cove Church

James David Southerland has accepted the call as pastor of Cove Church, Panama City and began his ministry there Nov. 12.

A native of Orlando, he is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Southerland's former pastorates include Providence Church, Carrollton, Miss., and Pointe-la-Hache Church, Pointe-a-la-Hache, La. He was assistant pastor at Cary Church, Cary, Miss. for two years prior to going to Panama City.

Mrs. Southerland is the former Mary Lynn Perkins. They have one son, Shane Daniel, age two.

The North Stuart Baptist Church, Stuart (temporary name) was organized Oct. 11, with 12

charter members. There are now 53 members.

Robert E. Lee was called as pastor. He was formerly pastor of First Church, Stuart, 1956-1963. For the past nine and one-half years he was pastor of First Church, Columbia, Tenn.

The church is meeting in the Community Room of the First National Bank, Stuart for Sunday worship services, with Sunday School and Church Training in the homes. Prayer services are being held in a flower shop.

Jack U. Harwell, editor, *The Christian Index*, Atlanta, Ga., was speaker for the loyalty dinner for First Church, Fort Myers, held recently in the Exhibition Hall. Bryan Robinson is the pastor.

Delray Beach Church Burns Mortgage

First Church, Delray Beach, where Andrew M. Hall is pastor, had a bond-burning ceremony Oct. 29, celebrating the payment of a \$300,000 bond issue.

The 30-year issue was completed in 13 years. The congregation raised \$100,000 during the past year

to pay off the debt.

Many former members returned for the occasion which was climaxed with dinner-on-the-grounds.

120 Years Old

"Lively Stones," a pageant depicting the 120-year-history of **First Church, Brooksville**, was presented Nov. 16. James T. Mashburn is the pastor.

Written and directed by Mrs. Lois McKenzie, the pageant involved a cast of 50 youths and adults. Through Indian raids, fires and wars the church has sounded God's message across the years.

James Sawyer, a former pastor, preached at the morning service.

Thomas V. McCaul Dies

Thomas V. McCaul, 93, pastor emeritus of First Church, Gainesville, died Nov. 18. Funeral services were held at First Church Nov. 21 with Fred T. Laughon officiating, assisted by Earl B. Edington and Fred Schofield.

Dr. McCaul was pastor of First Church, Gainesville for 27 years. After retirement, he served as interim pastor at 24 churches in Florida.

Survivors include one son, Thomas V. McCaul, Jr. of Miami. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent to the General Mission Fund, First Church, Gainesville.

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Two Anniversaries Celebrated

Gretna Church, Gretna recently observed its 16th anniversary. A goal of 100 was set for Sunday School attendance and there were 110 present. The morning service featured special music by the youth choir, with Pastor W. Keith Weekley bringing the message.

Special recognition was given to three charter members: Miss Susie McKeown, Sam Timmons and Charles Timmons. All members over 65 were honored and given a bound copy of the church minutes from 1912 to 1916.

The anniversary committee was composed of Jack Poppe, Mrs. Margie Johnson and Bernard Lewis.

The church recently sent a large box of hard-to-get items to the Charles Bellengers, missionaries to Botswana, Africa. Dr. Bellenger was the only dentist in Botswana at the time of their appointment in 1969.

John Bos, organist, and **Ferrell Brakefield**, soloist and music director who have a combined total of 18 years of service with the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Association of Orlando, have announced their plans for a free-lance evangelistic music ministry.

They are now accepting invitations for church meetings and area-wide crusades for 1973 and may be contacted at 4613 Tamworth Ct., Orlando, Fla. 32809, phone (305) 855-8206.

First Church, Key Largo honored **Pastor Lee R. Graham** and Mrs. Graham with a reception on the occasion of his fifth anniversary as pastor.

The receiving line consisted of active deacons: Dr. Samuel Page, Jr., Thornton Cullen, William Orr, Jack Hill, Anthony Szabo and Arthur Miller. Mrs. Louis Wall presented the gift, an engraved silver tray, to the Grahams.

Under Graham's leadership, 300 members have been received into the church, a new 400-seat sanctuary built, the Sunday School building completely renovated and two new buses added to the bus ministry.

Mrs. Ellsworth Dickman, mother of **Dr. Jean Dickman**, missionary to Gaza, died Oct. 26 in Daytona Beach. Dr. Dickman is a native of Daytona Beach and may be addressed at Baptist Hospital, Gaza via Israel.

Claude Wayne Turner of Panama City began as minister of youth and director of bus ministries for First Church, Lynn Haven on Nov. 18.

Ralph B. Thornhill of Wetumpka, Ala. has accepted the call as pastor of Shady Grove Church, Grand Ridge, effective Nov. 12.

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