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Spears, T. Clyde (1920-1988) graduated from Samford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia and Florida including Holden Heights Baptist Church, 1961-1978 and Strake Lake Baptist Church, 1978-1988.

Thomas Clyde Spear, Sr.



1920 - 1988

Reverend Clyde Spear was an involved, faithful member of the Greater Orlando Baptist Association for 27 years. He pastored Holden Heights Baptist Church from 1961-1978 and Starke Lake Baptist Church from 1978 until his retirement in January 1988.

He served on many Association committees and preached the annual sermon in 1987.

Clyde was a graduate of Sanford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Before coming to Orlando, he pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama and Georgia.

Following his retirement, Clyde served as part-time Minister of Music at Southside Baptist Church until his death in October of 1988.

PBAC boasts biggest, best 6th annual bug race



Bleachers, fans, flags, clowns, balloons and lots of cheers set the stage for Palm Beach Atlantic College's sixth Annual Great American Bug Race Oct. 12. Over 200 people attended with 97 bugs entered. The grand prize went to Edward Liebler, a sophomore, and his bug named Chaute II. He won \$100 and a large trophy. The race was developed by Ray Waldner, assistant professor of biology, and is run by the PBAC Science club as a fund raiser to provide speakers and special activities for the club. Palm Beach Exterminating Service sponsored the event with a donation of \$2,000, advertising and preparation of the course.

Staff changes:

Jay Hartman is the new minister of youth at First Church of Markham Woods, Lake Mary. A Florida native, Hartman has served in the area of youth ministry at Victory, Church, Orlando, and First Church of Winter Park.

Stetson Church, DeLand, has called **J. David Southerland** to serve as pastor. A former missionary to France, Southerland has been serving as an interim pastor in Headland, Ala. Before going to the mission

field, he served as pastor of First Church, Bartow.

Laurel Hill Church, Orlando, announces the retirement of **James B. Henry** from the active ministry. A pastor for 40 years, he served at Laurel Hill for the last eight years.

Louis Robert Codone joins the staff of Laurel Hill Church, Orlando, as minister of religious education and youth. He is a recent graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Kenneth Mixon has resigned as minister of music at Hyde Park Church, Jacksonville. **David Gross** is serving as interim minister of music.

Elton E. Smith is serving as supply preacher at Tampa Church, Tampa (formerly Spencer Memorial Church). An ordained Baptist minister, he has served many churches in central Florida as pastor, supply preacher, interim pastor and teacher. He is a member of First Church, Tampa.

Clyde Duncan has retired as pastor of Cedar Grove Church, Plant City. He will be

available for supply, interim, revivals and Bible studies Dec. 3, and may be reached at 712 Shore Acres Drive, Lakeland 33801 or (813) 683-4463.

Ordained:

Scott Taylor Waldron was ordained to the gospel ministry Oct. 30 by Fort Green Church, Bowling Green. He is pastor of Grace Mission, a mission of Dunklin Memorial Church in Indiantown, and is a student at Palm Beach Atlantic College.

Woodlawn Church, Jacksonville, ordained four men as deacons from its Cambodian Mission Oct. 16. They are **Lek Lee, Run Long, Sok Kim Seng** and **Houet Vouen**. Challenges were given by Bob Harlee and Charles Lawhon of the Jacksonville Baptist Association and the ordination message was given by Joe H. McGill, pastor of Woodlawn Church.

Obituary:

T. Clyde Spears, part-time minister of music at Southside Church, Orlando, passed away Oct. 22. Having been in the ministry 50 years, Spears recently retired as pastor of Starke Lake Church, Ocoee, where he served nine years. Prior to that he was pastor of Holden Heights Church, Orlando, for more than 17 years.

Church news:

The 60-voice choir of **First Church of Carrollwood in Tampa** announces the premiere of a new anthem, "Be Holy," led by composer Mosie Lister. The anthem was written and dedicated by Lister to Pastor Tommy Wood at the inspiration of one of Wood's messages.

Homecomings:

First Church, Wildwood, 104th anniversary, Nov. 13, **Dan McCormick**, speaker, **Claud and Juanita Smith**, music, dinner on the grounds, afternoon singing . . . **Woodstock Church, Jacksonville**, 70th anniversary, Nov. 13, **Harrell Cushing**, guest speaker, fellowship dinner, old-fashioned gospel singing in the afternoon . . . **Lakeside Church, Lakeland**, 25th anniversary, Nov. 13, **Cornelius B. Davis**, first pastor, will speak . . . **Mount Carmel Church, Lake City**, Nov. 20, dinner on the grounds.

Revivals:

First Church, Boca Raton, held youth revival services Oct. 21-23. **David Hughes**, youth evangelist, preached and **Nathan Billingsley** led the music. There were four professions of faith recorded and eight rededications. Five came for church membership.

Bostwick Church, Bostwick, will conduct revival services Nov. 6-11. **Eddie Blalock**, pastor of First Church, Branford, will be preaching.

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