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Sperring, David H. died January 1975. He was a native of Live Oak, and a graduate of Stetson University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Sebring. Sperring was a retired military chaplain.



Lawson Jolly



David Goodroe

Jolly To Pastor W. Flagler Park, Miami

West Flagler Park Church, Miami has called **Lawson Jolly, Jr.** as pastor.

Former missionary to Costa Rica, Jolly has pastored churches in Texas, Georgia and Florida and serves as consultant in Bus Ministry and Children's Worship for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., he has studied at Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., Columbia Theological Seminary, New York and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He formerly served as assistant to the pastor at Calvary Church, Clearwater.

Jolly and his wife, the former Judith Richbourg of Clearwater, have three children: Jennifer, 11; Lawson III, seven, and David, two.



BOOK FAIR GUESTS VISIT CALDECOTT'S GRAVE — Mrs. Gwen Reichart (from left), St. Augustine, directed the award-winning authors and illustrators attending the children's Book Fair to visit the St. Augustine grave of Randolph Caldecott. Caldecott was a prominent 19th century English illustrator of children's books. The highest award presented each year to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children is named in his honor. Ed Emberley, (second from left) won the Caldecott Medal for his book *Drummer Hoff*; Mrs. Elaine Kohnsberg, Jacksonville, was recipient of the Newberry Award for *From The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*; and Peter Spier is a Caldecott Honor Book winner for *The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night*.

Northside Church Panama City Calls Wood

Carl Thomas Wood has accepted the pastorate of Northside Church, Panama City.

Wood received an associate of arts degree from Norman Junior College, Norman Park, Ga., bachelor of arts degree, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans.

Having formerly served as president of Quincy Ministerial Association, chaplain of Florida Division of Correction and an associational director of Evangelism, he goes to Panama City from Thomas Memorial, Quincy.

He and his wife, Bobbie Jean have two children: Catherine Rene, three years, and Christopher Thomas, nine months.

David Goodroe has accepted the call as minister of activities for Riverside Church, Tampa.

He graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and received his master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Thomas E. Morris has accepted the call as minister of music and youth at First Church, Fort Meade.

He has served churches in Virginia and Florida.

Morris and his wife, the former Susan Atkins, have two children: Jill, five; and John, three.

V. Miles Patterson is pastor.

Randall N. Bayless has accepted the call as assistant to the pastor at First Church, Seminole; with special responsibilities in the area of music and youth.

Native of St. Petersburg, he is a graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee.

Carl H. Lambert Sr., superintendent of missions for Okaloosa County Association, was one of 17 associational superintendents of missions from seven states who convened at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for a recent counseling clinic.

West Bonifay Church has called **Robert P. Dugan** as minister of music and youth. He is a student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville. Donald Walton is pastor.

Lloyd H. Amason is the new pastor of Webster Church, Webster. He goes to Webster from Pleasant Grove Church, Linville, Ala.

LeRoy Curry, Branford is serving Parkview Church, Lake City as interim pastor.

Former Pastor Dies

David H. Sperring, retired Army chaplain was buried January 4 at Fort Bragg Post Cemetery. He was mission-pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, N. C.

Native of Live Oak, graduate of Stetson University and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Sperring had interrupted his military service to serve as pastor of First Church, Sebring.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Strange of Sanford, and three children: Mrs. Ruth Pickard, Raleigh; Charles Sperring, Fayetteville; and David Sperring of Buies Creek, N. C.



D. H. Sperring

Homecomings

Oak Grove Church, Wauchula; March 2; Speaker — former Pastor F. E. Moffit; dinner on the grounds; Cooper Marshall, pastor.

East Chelsea Church, Tampa; March 2; Guest speaker, D. S. Smith.

Revival Reports

First Church, Monticello: Evangelist and Singers: Stalneck team; 94 professions of faith, seven by letter; Jere L. Hendricks is pastor.

First Church, Homosassa Springs; Evangelist: Pierre Kennedy, Tampa; 21 professions of faith, three by letter; David Elmore is pastor.



BREAKS GROUND FOR PASTORIUM — Jonesville Church, Newberry recently observed groundbreaking for its new pastorium. The brick home will have three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, study and two baths. With shovels (from left) are: Carlton Johns and A. J. McElroy, deacons; Neal Tolson, pastor; and Joe Durrance, deacon.

First Church, Jensen Beach observed groundbreaking January 12. The new facility will more than double the present seating capacity and provide two additional classrooms. Construction will be by Mosely and Son. Ronald A. Hazlett is pastor.