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Stabler, Earl (1915-2008) was born in Uriah, Alabama. He served as pastor of Mineola Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Cottage Hill. Stabler and his wife, Lula McDonald Stabler (1915-1989) had eight daughters. He was married to Adele Stewart Stabler at the time of his death.



Mr. and Mrs. **Stabler**

Stabler

The **Rev.** and Mrs. **Earl Stabler**, Davisville, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Presley St. Baptist Church fellowship hall, Atmore, Ala. The **Rev. Stabler** is a Baptist minister and was employed as a machinist with Continental Motors, Mobile, Ala., and Mrs. **Stabler** is a homemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. **Stabler** are the parents of Laura Beck and Mrs. Phil Pope, both of Pensacola; Mrs. Lou Donaldson, Long Beach, Miss.; Mrs. Lyn Wearren, Monroeville, Ala.; Mona King, Holly Pond, Ala.; Judson **Stabler** and Deborah Alston, both of Oak Grove; Elizabeth Davis and Jackie Carlee, both of Atmore; and Ronald **Stabler**, Bratt. They also have 34 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Everybody is urged to attend. **Rev. Earl Stabler** of Davisville, Fla., filled his regular appointment Sunday morning and evening, June 17, with a large crowd attending. **Rev. Stabler** is pastor of Mineola Baptist Church.

REVEREND EARL STABLER
1915-2008

Reverend Earl Stabler, 92 of Davisville, FL, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2008. He was born November 2, 1915 in Uriah, AL.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Lula McDonald Stabler and a daughter, Lula Pearl Donaldson. He is survived by his present wife, Adele Stewart Stabler and nine children, Laura (Marvin) Beck of Pensacola, FL, Edna (Carl) Heskett of Pensacola, FL, Lyndia (Wendell) Wearren of Monroeville, AL, Myrtle (Ronald) King of Arab, AL, Judson (Ginger) Stabler of Davisville, FL, Elizabeth (Charles) Davis of Auburn, AL, Ronald (Linda) of Bratt, FL, Deborah (Mason) Stabler of Atmore, AL, and Jacquelyn Carlee of Atmore, AL; three stepchildren, Jerry (Carol) Stewart, Elaine (Mike) Bray, and the late Eugene (Kay) Stewart and their families, all of Rabun, AL. Reverend Stabler had numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

His grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Fillingham and Raymond Kimmons.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12th. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 13th. Interment will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery. Johnson Quimby Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

STABLER
Lula McDonald Stabler, 74, of Davisville, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 15, 1989. Services, 2 p.m. Sunday. Visitation Saturday, 5-9 p.m. Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home, Atmore, Ala., directing.

WALTON

Floyd J. Kennerson

**JOHNSON-QUIMBY
LULA MACDONALD STABLER**

Lula MacDonald Stabler, 74, of Davisville, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1989, in a local hospital.

She was a native of Monroe County, Ala., and had resided in Davisville for the past 45 years. She was a member of Pressley Street Baptist Church in Atmore, Ala., and of the Northwest Florida chapter of the Eastern Star #316.

Survivors include her husband, Brother Earl Stabler of Davisville; eight daughters, Laura Beck and Edna Pope of Pensacola, Libby Davis and Jackie Carlee of Atmore, Ala., Lou Donaldson of Long Beach, Miss., Lyn Wearren of Monroeville, Ala., Mona King of Holly Pond, Ala. and Debbie Stabler of Nevarre; two sons, Judson Stabler of McDavid and Ronnie Stabler of Brad; eight son-in-laws; two daughter-in-laws; 31 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Harris of Loxley, Ala., and Mrs. Roland Peavy of Bayminette, Ala.; two brothers, Floyd MacDonald of Theodore, Ala., and Carl MacDonald of Chickasaw, Ala. and many nieces and nephews.

OTHER TYPE MISSIONS

Pensacola Bay

BEACH HAVEN
BELLVIEW

Backyard Bible School with attendance of 23
Mid-County Nursing Home
Waterfront Mission

1978

BROWNSVILLE

Summer Mission Tour to Gatlingburg, Tenn.
Homebound ministry

CENTRAL

Mission Vacation Bible School

CIRCLE

Satellite Church

EAST HILL

Waterfront Mission

LAKEVIEW

Ladies Home Program

GULF BREEZE FIRST

Youth Detention Center

OLIVE

Beach Ministry

Alcoholic Rehabilitation Ministry

Backyard Bible Clubs, Sandusky, Ohio

Revival, Sandusky, Ohio

Helped organize new church in Jacksonville by
sending mission volunteer

PARK PLACE

Backyard Bible School held 1 day a week for 8 weeks
with average attendance of 22

PLEASANT GROVE

Escambia Nursing Home

Mission Vacation Bible School, Canada Town, Ky.

WHITFIELD MEMORIAL

Pine Summit Mission

Mission Trip to Gatlingburg, Tenn.

Outdoor Sunday School in area Courts

CHURCH HISTORIES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COTTAGE HILL

The First Baptist Church of Cottage Hill began as a mission of The First Baptist Church of Cantonment on June 4, 1957 with an enrollment of 35 members. Within 9 months time on March 30, 1958 with an enrollment of 57 charter members it became productive, established Southern Baptist Church located at the present location on Williams Ditch Road in the community of Cottage Hill, Florida.

The present sanctuary was erected in 1963 with an antiquated school building on the same grounds serving as the Sunday School and fellowship facilities. In 1974 it became necessary to build a seven room Sunday School wing onto the existing sanctuary.

In order to accommodate the continuing growth demand within the church the 6600 square feet of additional, fellowship and nursery space located adjacent to the auditorium was placed under construction by the men of the church in February 1976 and they completed it for use in October of 1976.

Due to the increase in worship hour attendance, the back walls of the present auditorium were removed in May of 1978 incorporating former office and nursery space for eight additional pews and auxiliary heating and cooling unit closets.

The preachers that have had a part in the past ministry are the following: C. H. Parker, John Pitman, Ronald Davis, Fulton Thomas, Earl Stabler, Emory Rogers, Ed Lewis, and the present minister is Fillmore Enfinger.

F. L. Enfinger who is the present pastor has been here since December of 1973. At the beginning of his ministry here there were about 60 people actively participating in the church and since his tenure it has grown and we averaged 220 in Sunday School for the church year 1977-1978. We praise the Lord for His guidance in these endeavors and for the men of our church who love the Lord and have given so willingly and generously of their time, money and prayers. We are trusting God to let us continually grow and to bring Honor and Glory to His Name.