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Sumrall, Kenneth (1926-2011) was born in Ellisville, Mississippi the son of Irvin and Amber



Sumrall. He graduated from Bob Jones University, William Carey College, the University of Southern Mississippi and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Sumrall served as pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church, Pensacola. He founded and pastored Liberty Baptist Church, Pensacola and is president and founder of Liberty College, Pensacola. Liberty is not a Southern Baptist Church. Sumrall held many evangelistic conferences for Southern Baptist churches across the state. He and his wife, Wanda Sumrall had four children.

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Rev. Ken Sumrall

Rev. Ken Sumrall, pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, Pensacola, is conducting the Voice of Liberty on WTVY-FM Monday through Friday at 12:45 (CST). These broadcasts are Bible teaching programs geared to build faith for every days needs and problems.

The Orlando Sentinel
Fri, Jan 21, 1972 ·Page 22

Baptists Hear Liberty Church

The Rev. Ken Sumrall, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church and president of Liberty Bible College, both in Pensacola, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. worship services at Westside Baptist Church in Leesburg Sunday, according to Dick Coleman, pastor.

Rev. Mr. Sumrall, who holds B.A., M.S. and MRE degrees, has a broad ministry in the United States and has also ministered in several foreign countries.

The Pensacola News
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. . . The Rev. Ken Sumrall is new pastor

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Rev. Sumrall To Conduct 2-Night Teaching Seminar

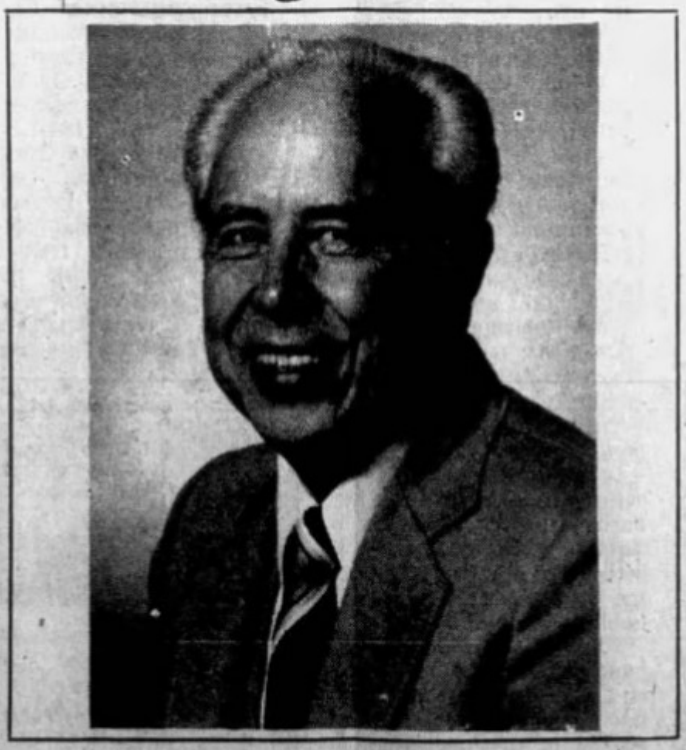
The Rev. Ken Sumrall will conduct a two-night teaching seminar as guest speaker for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship on Friday and Saturday nights, March 11-12.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. each night at the Holiday Inn banquet room. The Holiday Inn is located on Highway 90 east of Marianna.

Rev. Sumrall, from Pensacola, was one of the pioneer "Charismatic" pastors in the west Florida area. He has been very instrumental in helping introduce many non-pentecostals to a personal experience with the Holy Spirit. He is well known as a teacher in Christian Seminars throughout the United States.

Rev. Sumrall holds four degrees, including an M.R.E. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. He was saved in 1947 and has served as pastor of five different Baptist Churches.

In 1964 he was baptized in the Holy Spirit. He has since founded and pastored Liberty Church in Pensacola, Florida and is president and founder of Liberty Bible College, an interdenominational religious seminary, training pastors and missionaries.



Rev. Ken Sumrall

All area residents, men, women and young people are cordially invited to hear this nationally recognized teacher. Rev. Sumrall extends a special invitation to all area Baptists to come hear his testimony. Make your plans to attend both nights of the Seminar.

There will be a Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Please make reservations in advance by calling Mrs. Louise Cobb at 526-2543 or Bobby Goodson at 593-6623 (days) Sneads.

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Christian Center Will Feature Rev. Sumrall

The Christian Center Church in Marianna will feature the Rev. Ken Sumrall of Pensacola as guest speaker in both services Sunday, Oct. 12.

Rev. Sumrall is a widely known national and international speaker and pastor. He is founder and president of both Liberty Christian College in Pensacola and the Liberty Fellowship of Churches and Ministers, which has grown to more than 300 members.

The minister is founder of two Liberty Churches in Pensacola.

He has pastored in South Carolina, Mississippi and Florida. He attended Bob Jones University, William Carey College, the University of Southern Mississippi, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and International Bible Institute and Seminary, holding a B. S., two Masters and one Doctorate from these institutions.

Sumrall and Wanda, his wife of 41 years, have four children, including a daughter and son-in-law who are presently on a second long missionary stint in Kenya, Africa.

The pastor is a noted speaker and author of several books. The church pastor, Rev. Jack Hollis, invites everyone to attend the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. services Sunday at the church, located at 777 Sheffield Drive, Country Club Hills.

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Sumrall To Speak At Gospel Crusade Meet

Ken Sumrall of Pensacola will be a speaker at the Christian Retreat Conference Grounds for Gospel Crusade's 16th annual convention on Jan. 6-10.

The minister, originally from Mississippi, has attended Bob Jones University and has his B.A. degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss. He received his M.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and his MRE from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Sumrall has been founder and pastor of five Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi and South Carolina, and is presently pastoring the Liberty Baptist Church in Pensacola which he founded in 1964. He is also president of Liberty Bible College.

Rev. Sumrall will be speaking at 7:30 nightly throughout the convention. Various other speakers will have the morning and afternoon meetings on the camprounds at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

Christian Retreat Conference Grounds is located east of Bradenton on Upper Manatee River Road. The convention is sponsored by the Gospel Crusade, Inc. under the direction of Rev. Gerald Derstine.

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Sat, Mar 14, 1970 · Page 13

Liberty Baptist

Church to Observe Sixth Anniversary

The Liberty Baptist Church will celebrate its sixth anniversary, March 22, the Rev. Ken Sumrall, pastor, said Friday.

The church has grown from about 30 members in a store building on West Cervantes Street to approximately 300 with property valued at more than $200,000 at 904 N. 57th Ave., in Myrtle Grove.

It emphasizes the radio ministry and has built a $25,000 recording studio to turn out broadcasts for several foreign countries. It also supports native missionaries in many lands.

The anniversary services will begin at 9:45 a.m. March 22. There will be no Sunday School classes and worship services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring a basket lunch for a noon Fellowship Hour.

The Rev. Mr. Sumrall is a [illegible]

The Rev. Mr. Sumrall is a Southern Baptist minister who graduated from William Carey College, the University of Southern Mississippi and the Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

He was formerly pastor of the Boulevard Baptist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Sumrall's wife is the former Ruth Till. They have four children, John, 20; Elizabeth, 18; Stanley, 15 and Marlene, 13.

While he is still Southern Baptist by ordination, the Rev. Mr. Sumrall said the Liberty church is not Southern Baptist but is part of the present day charismatic revival of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit and is rather interdenominational in nature.

Bill Gaffey, a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, is assistant pastor and music director. The church secretary is Elizabeth Sumrall.

The elders are Marion Arnold, J. Robert Bishop, Hubert Head, Hughey Hearn, Bob Roberts, Billy Smith, Woodrow Smith and Donald Weaver.

Elaine Brown is secretary of the board.

The church sponsors the Liberty Baptist College which trains ministerial students and laymen from several denominations. The college's average enrollment is 60.

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Fri, Nov 06, 1987 · Page 41

Liberty Church congregation splits into separate churches

By Donna Beane
News Journal

The two congregations of Liberty Church will become separate churches Jan. 1.

The church was founded by the Rev. Ken Sumrall in a storefront in West Pensacola in 1964. It is regularly attended by more than 2,000, and its properties (including Liberty Christian College and Liberty Christian School properties) are valued at approximately $6 million, according to information provided by the church.

In 1974 the church moved with Liberty Christian College from 57th Avenue to a 75-acre campus at 8600 W. Highway 98. In 1981, a branch congregation of the church was begun at 2075 E. Nine Mile Road. Sumrall serves as senior pastor of both congregations.

Jan. 1, the congregations will become Liberty Church Westside and Liberty Church Northeast. Each will conduct its own business affairs and own its own properties.

The Rev. John Havener, presently Liberty Church singles pastor, will be senior pastor of Liberty Church Westside, and the Rev. Carl Vincent, co-pastor of Northeast Liberty congregation, will be senior pastor of Liberty Church Northeast.

Church officials say more Liberty Churches are planned for the future and will be part of Liberty Ministries, which also includes Liberty Christian College and Globe Missionary Evangelism, both of Pensacola. Sumrall will continue as general overseer of Liberty Ministries and president of Liberty Christian College.

The Liberty Churches are members of Liberty Fellowship of Churches and Ministers, Birmingham, Ala. Sumrall is president of the fellowship of approximately 275 ministers and 60 churches.

Details: 453-4318

Kenneth I. Sumrall
Birth 24 Dec 1926 Ellisville, Jones County, Mississippi, USA
Death 11 Jan 2013 (aged 86) Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, USA
Burial Pensacola Memorial Gardens Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, US

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Kenneth Sumrall, 86, passed away January 11, 2013 at The Health Center of Pensacola. Ken was born on December 24, 1926 in Ellisville, Mississippi. He served in Europe (Army) during World War II and moved to Pensacola shortly thereafter. Ken is proceeded in death by his wife, Wanda; his oldest son, John; three brothers and one sister. He is survived by two daughters: Beth Diamond and Marlene Means (Jonathan) and one son, Stanley Sumrall (Pat), two brothers and one sister. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.
Ken was the pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church in the early 60's and began Liberty Church in 1964. Liberty Bible College began in 1966 and from this he birthed Globe Missionary Evangelism. He is the author of 8 books and is listed in the 1997 edition of "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the South."
Papa Ken was passionate about ministry and many people around the world consider themselves to be his sons, daughters, and grandchildren in the Lord.
Services will be held at Liberty Church on Blue Angel Parkway at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 (viewing at 9:00 AM) and officiated by Charles Simpson, Buford Lipscomb and Ron Kelly. A private entombment will follow the service.

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Family Members
Parents Irvin Sumrall 1904–1973
Amber Beatrice Bynum Buchanan 1904–1993

Spouse
Wanda Ruth Till Sumrall 1927–2011
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