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Sutton, William B. was a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Baylor University, Texas Christian and University of Mississippi and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Arkansas and Florida including First Baptist Church, Pine Hills. Sutton and his wife, Martha Davis Sutton had one son.

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Pine Hills Baptist Church Welcomes New Minister

By JUDY STANTON

New Pine Hills residents are the Rev. Bill Sutton and family. The Rev. Mr. Sutton is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pine Hills.

Orlando, however, is not unfamiliar to Mrs. Sutton. The former Martha Davis, she taught one year at Tangelo Park School and at St. Margaret Mary Catholic School for two years prior to her marriage.

BOTH ARE natives of Memphis, Tenn., where the Rev. Sutton's father, the late Dr. Richard Otto Sutton, was a renowned Baptist minister.

Their son Blake made his debut in Mobile, Ala., their first home, where the Rev. Sutton was associate pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, the largest Baptist church in Alabama.

Completing education through high school in Memphis, Bill Sutton did undergraduate work at Baylor University majoring in business administration. He did graduate work at Texas Christian and University of Mississippi.

HE DID pastoral work while enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. and was graduated in 1967.

Succeeding the Rev. James B. Henry (now in Plant City) as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pine Hills, he has alrady become affiliated with the West Orange Ministerial Association.

Fellow members chose him as host pastor for the combined Thanksgiving Service to be held at his church located at 5020 Deauville Drive (behind Pine Hills Shopping Center) to begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 27.

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Enthusiastic Welcome Home Greets Traveler To Orient

By TORREY STEWART
Sentinel Star Staff

PINE HILLS — The crewcut young man, clad in a bright orange suit, relaxed and told of playing gospel music on his melodeon before thronging street crowds in Korea.

"Welcome back from Korea, Pastor Bill," his congregation wrote on a church-owned mobile board along West Colonial Drive, at the Pine Hills Shopping Center, for tall, tanned Bill Sutton.

Similar signs prepared by church members dotted both the church exterior and interior for Sutton's arrival home last Saturday, and a cheering busload of members met the former collegiate football player at Orlando Jetport at McCoy.

SUTTON, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pine Hills for five years, was one of 21 American preachers and four singers, sponsored by Christ for the World, who arrived in Chun Ju, Korea, to conduct services which regularly begin at 4:30 a.m. every day.

They also spoke before hospitals, prisons, colleges, civic meetings, and South Korean army camps.

"I would imagine we spoke to around 250,000 people in eight days," Sutton said. "Christianity is the predominant religion there, but only 10-12 per cent of the people are religious."

ALONG WITH the other participating preachers, Sutton said he was made an honorary citizen of the city and was entertained and presented gifts by the mayor and the province governor.

"Contrary to what we hear," Sutton said, "Koreans love Americans. They appreciate all the aid we give them and they appreciate our troops."

Sutton said, "Korea is not still a war-torn country," although he admitted, "electricity is in the air — the feeling North Korea will invade again.

"WE PICKED up the feeling from soldiers at the 38th parallel, at the demilitarized zone. You feel tension. Everybody talks about the fact war could break out anytime.

"Beautiful mountains surround Chun Ju," he said, "but the people don't live there because of lack of electricity and roads, and the inaccessibility."

Sutton, who laughingly said, "We did eat a lot of rice," found notes from church members, such as "Sorry we did not have any rice to make you feel at home," stuffed into his desk drawers upon his arrival.

PRESBYTERIANISM possesses a strong following in Korea, the Baptist preacher said, adding the Yong Nak Presbyterian Church in Seoul possesses 18,000 members and holds five services every Sunday.

Although Korean children must learn the English language during their day-long classes, each attending pastor paid for an accompanying interpreter.

Although he's been invited to preach in India and Nigeria, Sutton said, "you cannot keep a church going all the time if you are not here."

A "preacher's kid," Sutton preached in Sulphur Springs, Tex. "country church," served as associate pastor in a Mobile, Ala. church, and has preached in meetings in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi.

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Pastor Is Killed In Auto Crash



Trinity Baptist Minister Thrown From Car, Into Path of Truck

He and Mrs. Sutton have three grown children, all of whom live in other states and arrived during the night or today. They are Lt. Richard Otto Sutton Jr., of Fort Bragg, N. C., William B. Sutton of Waco, Texas, and Mrs. Fred Kaffey of Martinsville, Va.

He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Minnie L. Sutton of Little Rock; and three brothers,

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Trinity Baptist W

Trinity Baptist Church plans a big day tomorrow. Three guest preachers will help celebrate the church's 75th anniversary, and a new pastor will be welcomed on his first Sunday at the church.

Rev. William B. Sutton, pastor of Windsor Park Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Ark., and son of a former pastor at Trinity, will preach at 10:15 a.m. His late father, Dr. R. Otto Sutton, was pastor of Trinity from 1950 until his death in an auto accident in 1962.

Rev. Arlis F. Grice, pastor of Balmoral Baptist Church here and Trinity's pastor from 1976 until last January, will preach at 2 p.m.

Rev. Bill Thomas, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, and Trinity's pastor from 1963 to 1969, will preach at 6 p.m.

The afternoon service will begin with a potluck dinner at noon.

The church also will greet its new pastor, Rev. T. H. Harding. Mr. Harding was called from Trinity Baptist in