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**Swartz, Donald A**. (1923-1999) served as pastor in Connecticut, New York, and Florida. He served as pastor in Seminole and Tampa, and was pastor at Lakewood Baptist Church when he retired in 1971. He and his wife, Grace, had five children.

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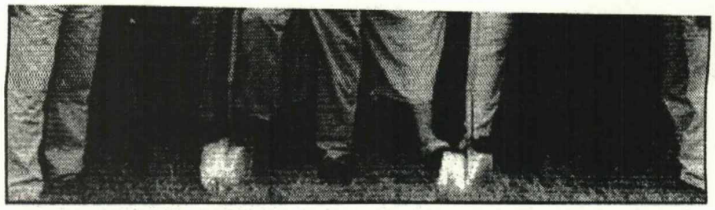
and special speaker James Fortinberry, director of missions for Greater Orlando Baptist Association. Dinner on the grounds will follow. Jack E. Andrews is pastor.

◗ **Lebanon Baptist Church, Plant City**, will mark its 58th anniversary with homecoming services Sept. 12. Former pastor Elvin Hall will preach during the morning service. Lunch and special music will follow in the fellowship hall. Garland Combs is pastor. For more information, call 813-737-2792.

◗ **Northside Baptist Church in Starke** will celebrate its annual homecoming Sept. 12. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a concert by "Hope Street" from Daytona Beach. The 11 a.m. service will include preaching by Ray McKendree, the church's former interim pastor. A covered dish lunch will follow. The church is located at the corner of State Road 16 and County Road 225.



■ **EAGLE LAKE GROUNDBREAKING**—***First Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, recently broke ground for a 22,000-square-foot complex on its new 14-acre tract on U.S. Highway 17. The facility will include worship, fellowship, education and recreation space. Building committee members and others pictured are (from left) Wayne McLeod; Bruce Carroll, general contractor; Mickey Petty; pastor and Mrs. David Drake; Ron Tisdal, committee chairman; Jerry Rollins; Peg Critendon; Chuck Detrich; and Brian Carroll, general contractor.***

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◗ **Springfield Baptist Church, Jacksonville**, has scheduled homecoming services Sept. 12. The "Dixieland Quartet" will perform at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship. Ron Rowe, director of missions for Jacksonville Baptist Association, will preach. For more information, call 904-359-0025.

◗ **Leon Ebenezer Baptist Church, Tallahassee**, will celebrate its 110th homecoming Sept. 19. The service will begin at 10 a.m. Former pastor Preston Devall will be the guest speaker. Dinner on the grounds will follow the service. Friends and former members are invited to attend.

◗ **First Baptist Church in Cottage Hill** will celebrate homecoming Oct. 3. The day will feature high-attendance day in Sunday School, preaching, singing and dinner on the grounds. Mark Davis is pastor of the church, located at 230 Williams Ditch Road in Cantonment.

◗ **First Baptist Church in Parrish** will celebrate homecoming Oct. 10. Pastor Bob Criswell will speak during the morning service. Following dinner on the grounds, the "Peace River Quartet" will perform gospel music. For more information, call 941-776-1533.

## Obituaries

◗ **E.C. McDaniel**, who served as pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, for 28 years before retiring, died Aug. 3 after a long illness. The Virginia native also served as pastoral advisor to Terry Gore, pastor of Franklin Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville. McDaniel was a graduate of Tacoa Falls College, Tacoa, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Claire, and children: Timothy, Wanda Secrist, Everett Martin, Lisa, Charles "Chip" and Julie Strickland. He was 69.

◗ **Donald A. Swartz**, 76, a former pastor of Lakewood Baptist Church in Brandon, died July 21. He had served churches in Ivoryton, Ct.; Buffalo, N.Y., Seminole and Tampa. After retiring from Lakewood in 1987, he served as interim pastor for several churches in the Tampa Bay area. Swartz is survived by his wife, Grace, and by five children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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## Revivals

◗ **Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, McAlpin**, will have revival services Sept. 26 through Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. nightly. Carl Garnett from Bainbridge, Ga., will bring the messages. The week will begin with Homecoming, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. The church is located two miles south of McAlpin in Suwannee County.

## People

◗ Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, will celebrate pastor **Ken Whitten's** 10th anniversary October 3. Speaker for the celebration is David Jeremiah from Shadow Mountain Church in San Diego, Calif. The guest musician will be Brian Arner. Larnelle Harris, a favorite artist of Whitten's, will be in concert that evening.



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