

Bro. Dillard served as a Vice President in the A. B. A. in 1978-81, and as President in 1981-83.

Other organizations and positions include:

Chairman, Arkansas Baptist Pastor's Conference, 1981; Instructor, Hebrew language and other Bible subjects in Oklahoma Missionary Baptist College, Marlow, OK 1966-76; two years Acting Dean and five years as President of OMBC, 1989-94; Duncan Optimist Club; Benton-Bauxite Rotary Club President 1989; Vice President & Director Texarkana Kiwanis Club, 1998; Promoter, Southwestern Baptist Youth Day, Magic Springs, Hot Springs, AR, 1982-1996; Trustee, Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, 1977 to present; Director F.I.S.H. Bible Distribution Ministry, 1982 to present; Editor, **The Fellowhelper**, 1982 to 2002 and **The Homeline**, 1994-present; Administrator, Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, 1994 to 2000; Chairman of Trustees, Texarkana Baptist Orphanage 1997-present; President, Arkansas Association of Homes for Children, 1997.

Bro. Dillard authored the following books: **Humanly Coping with a Godly Calling**, 1977; **To the World We Go**, 1979; **Uncommon Sermons for Unusual Days**, 1983.

His travels have taken him to the Holy Land, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, England, Fiji Islands, Australia, Mexico and Costa Rica.

His hobbies include providing talent opportunities for young people, golf, fishing, computers, and investment studies.

**Ray O'Dell Brooks**  
**Vice President, 1979 - 1985 (111)**  
**President, 1986-1987**

Ray O. Brooks was born March 7, 1923, to John Thomas "Jack" and Lalia Beulah Ann (Ray) Brooks, on a cotton farm near Emhouse, Navarro Co., TX.

Bro. Brooks graduated from Barry High School (Navarro Co.) in May of 1939 and began studies at Texas A & M, at the age of 16. After completing three years at A & M, he joined the Naval Air Corps in September, 1942.

After flight training, he received Navy Gold Wings; then spent 20 months in Brazil as a member of a blimp crew on submarine patrol duty. He later took additional flight training "in heavier than air" craft. He was discharged in January, 1946 and re-enrolled in A & M in February, 1946 and received the B. S. degree in Agricultural Education in August, 1946. He taught Vocational Agriculture in Collin Co., Texas for two years, then moved to Corsicana in 1948 and taught Agriculture in the Veterans program for five years.



He married Mickey Evans on September 8, 1945. To that union were born a daughter, Patty Christian and a son, Jack. The Brooks have two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Bro. Brooks was saved and baptized in 1950 by the Corsicana MBC, under the ministry of Walter F. Lovelady. He made his call to preach known in November of 1951 and was called as pastor of the Hopewell MBC of Navarro in February of 1952.

In September of 1953, Bro. Brooks enrolled in Texas Baptist Institute-Seminary. He was called as pastor of Long Branch MBC in December of 1953, and he has continued as pastor since that time. After completing two years of study, he was asked to serve as a student instructor. Bro. Brooks earned the degrees of Th. B., Th. M, and Doctor of Theology. Just before receiving the Th. D. in May of 1958, he was asked to serve as Registrar and Instructor, then later also as Dean.

In the spring of 1971 he was named as Vice President. After the death of Dr. A. J. Kirkland in early 1972, he was named as President and Editor of the **Baptist Monitor**. He has continued in both these positions since that time.

Bro. Brooks served as Clerk of the Mt. Zion Association from 1953 through 1971. He served as Moderator of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas in 1971-1972. He was Vice President of the American Baptist Association from 1979 until 1985, and was President in 1986-1987.

Bro. Brooks served two terms as a Director of the Rusk Co. Chamber of Commerce, and two years as Chairman of the Educational Committee.

He has authored the following books and pamphlets: **Lessons from the Gospel of John; Outline Studies in I, II, III John and Jude; Outlines of Colossians, Outlines of Philippians, Outlines of Ephesus, Lessons from Genesis, Lessons from Revelation, Lessons from Hebrews**, "What is Truth," and "Scriptural Church Association."

At the age of 89 years, Bro. Brooks continues to be active in the work to which the Lord called him. He began his 58<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of Long Branch MBC. He also continues his services as President of Texas Baptist Institute-Seminary, and as instructor and continues to serve as Editor and writer of the **Baptist Monitor**.

Other writings and Bible studies by Bro. Brooks may be found on web BAPTISTVILLE.ORG. He continues to enjoy life and when asked, "How are you?" he answers, "I'm making it, I have my mind made up."

### Darius Sherwood Madden (112)

#### Secretary Treasurer of Missions, 1980-1996

D. S. ("Boots") Madden, Jr., passed away on January 16, 2004. He was born September 11, 1921, in Athens, TX. He was reared in Southeast Arkansas between Dermott and Hamburg. Bro. Madden was saved and baptized at Promise Land Missionary Baptist Church in