

First Missionary Baptist Church of Dominguez, under the leadership of the late Dr. Martin Canavan. Throughout the first week of May, 103 members were also scripturally baptized. They organized as a New Testament church on the third Sunday in May of that same year as The Living Word Missionary Baptist Church.

In December 1973, a building program started with a ten-year goal to build a sanctuary debt free. In the year 1984 that goal was accomplished! Under his guidance the church has seen missionaries surrender to various fields since 1975. Churches have been organized, many souls have been saved, homes have been restored, young people have been given hope, and numerous wearied saints encouraged to hold on to the Word of God that was faithfully proclaimed by this servant of God.

On November 11, 2000, John McClung was called from the top of the mountain (Big Bear, CA) from his earthly walk to his Heavenly Home. We say today about his life and ministry, as he would, "To God be the Glory, Great things He has done."

William Andrew Dillard
Vice President, 1978-1981 (110)
President, 1981-1983

W. A. Dillard was born February 24, 1939 in Jenny Lind, AR. His parents were Clifford H. and Eiethel Wilson Dillard. He was born again and baptized in 1948 by the Jenny Lind Baptist Church.

He graduated from Fort Smith High School; received the B. A. degree from Oklahoma Missionary Baptist College, Marlow, OK and the B. B. L., M. D. L. and Doctor of Bible Languages (1965) from the Missionary Baptist Seminary.

He was married to Laura Ann Forbess on August 25, 1961. To this union were born three children: Andrea Willis, Benton; Alan Dillard, Bryant; and Annette Mencer, Benton; and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Bro. Dillard surrendered to preach in the spring of 1959 at Cavanaugh Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR and was ordained in 1960 by Unity Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR.

His pastorates include: Hickory Grove, Tuckerman, AR, 1960-63; Landmark, Vilonia, AR, 1963-65; First Missionary, Midwest City, OK, 1965-68; Calvary Baptist Church, Duncan, OK, 1968-76; Spring Creek Baptist Church, Benton, AR 1976-89, and Francois Missionary Baptist Church, Malvern, AR 2003-present.

He was Moderator of the Red River Association in SW Oklahoma in 1971-73; Moderator of the Baptist General Assembly of Oklahoma in 1970-72; and the Central Association in Arkansas in 1980-81.



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.

