

tor in 1962 and 1963 and preached the annual message in 1958 and 1983 and the mission message in 1972.

Bro. McBryde resigned as pastor of Fellowship MBC in January, 1970, and moved to Mayfair Park BMC, Houston. After this church overcame some problems he resigned in November, 1974, and accepted the Beacon MBC, Tyler.

In April, 1976, he was asked to return to Fellowship in Pasadena, He continued as pastor there until his retirement from pastoring on May 29, 1984. He was elected to serve as Missions Coordinator. On December 9, 1990 he was also elected Pastor Emeritus on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fellowship MBC. On June 9, 1996 he was recognized for his 20 years as pastor and his total of 32 years working with the church.

On June 16, 1996, about 9 P.M., the Lord saw fit to call him home. He and his wife had celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and he had completed over 55 years in the ministry.

Memorial Services were held at Fellowship in Pasadena and the burial was in Restland Memorial Park, Carthage, TX. The MBA of TX Historical Marker for him is in the Memorial Plaza in front of the Gum Springs Museum on the property that Texas Baptist Institute, Henderson, TX gave to the History and Archives Committee.

### **James Allen Kirkland (82)** **President, 1991**

James Allen Kirkland was born at Hillsboro, Texas on December 15, 1932. His father was Allen John Kirkland [see the previous biographical sketch]. His mother was Anna Loree Kirkland.

He was saved and baptized at the White Oak Baptist Church, White Oak, TX, during the summer of 1944.

Bro. Kirkland attended Kilgore College in 1950-1951 and Texas Baptist Institute in 1953-1958. He received the Th. D. degree in 1965.

He was married to Joanne Lewis on August 25, 1951. To this union were born four daughters: Jamie Lu Streck, White Oak, TX; Jena Lynn Crim, Kilgore, TX; Ann Marie Jerden, Humble, TX; and Dianne Kirkland, White Oak, TX.

Bro. Kirkland made his call to the ministry known on June 11, 1953. He was ordained by the Calvary Baptist Church, Henderson, TX on November 27, 1953.

His pastorates included:

Fellowship Baptist Church (Joaquin, TX), 1953-1955; Greggton MBC (Longview, TX), 1955-1958; Galena Park MBC (Galena Park, TX), 1958-1962; Overton MBC (Overton, TX), 1962-1970; Grapeland MBC (Grapeland, TX) 1973-1976; Parkway Baptist Church (Longview), 1976-1981; White Oak Baptist Church (White Oak), 1981-1999.



From 1970-1973 Bro. Kirkland served as Field Representative for Texas Baptist Institute. He also served as Faculty Member and Librarian, and Editor of the **Baptist Monitor**, 1958, 1962-1988.

He was a writer of curriculum material and study courses for the Baptist Sunday School Committee; he served on the Sunday School Committee for five years; he was moderator of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, and the American Baptist Association.

Bro. Kirkland's hobbies were walking, fishing and golfing.

### **Eugene Reagan (83)** **Missionary to Japan**

Eugene M. Reagan was born on February 9, 1911 in Bell County, TX. He died May 14, 1981 in Siloam Springs, AR.

Bro. Reagan was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army for 15 years as a Captain. He was saved, and later surrendered to the ministry at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Texas. He was also ordained and married in this, his home church. He spent 34 years of his life in the ministry for the Lord.

After their marriage in July 1952, he and Sue moved in September 1952 to Japan. Bro. Reagan began a mission work in Yokohama, Japan which resulted in the formation of the New Covenant Baptist Church. He pioneered the ABA mission work in Japan and today we have 9 churches and missions there.

In 1954 Brother Reagan returned to the United States, but continued to do mission work. Brother Reagan served a number of years as a full time missionary for the churches of the state of Arkansas.

God used him to establish some 16 missions and churches. Some of these are: First Landmark, Springdale, AR; Landmark, Siloam Springs, AR; Landmark, Westville, OK; Antioch Baptist Church, Bartlesville, OK; Midway Baptist Church, Grove, OK; Star, OK; and Grace Baptist Church, Jonesboro, AR.

Bro. Reagan was a true soldier of the cross. He believed the Word and stood true to it at all times. He built strong, solid works wherever he labored. He was loved by all who knew him. The Lord called him home to be with Him, and we will await a reunion with him at the Lord's coming (Philippians 1:3).



“Greeting in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, from the churches of the Japan Baptist Association to the messenger body of the churches of the American Baptist Association to be held in Little Rock, AR, in the year 2000 A.D.

We would like to express herewith our thanks from the