

Van Vleck Baptist Revival

Features Rev. Bob Elliott

On Sunday, March 15, through March 22, the First Baptist Church of Van Vleck will hold a revival with evening services beginning each day at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday next week revival services are scheduled at 10 a.m.

The Van Vleck Baptists are privileged to have their local pastor's brother, Rev. Bob Elliott, as the guest evangelist.

Not many mothers can speak of her "preacher sons", as can Mrs. B. F. Elliott of San Antonio. Her eldest son, David, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Van Vleck. Her next son, Robert, guest preacher for the upcoming revival, is following his calling as a part of the Southern Baptist Jubilee Revival Movement celebrated during 1964.

The Elliott family were Baptists from heritage. Mrs. Elliott taught Sunday School classes for a number of years. For a period of time during World War II the family was not as regular in church attendance as once they were. However, church ties seemed to hold the family till the late '40's.

In 1949, while serving as the youth pastor for revival week in the First Baptist Church of Alice, David felt an inner impression that the ministry was the work for his life.

Nine months later, Robert expressed the same persuasion, stating that he had felt the impression before his brother made his decision public, but

hesitated, fearing that others would feel he was just following his older brother's steps.

In the fall of 1950 Robert joined his brother in ministerial studies at the University of Corpus Christi, Texas.

While his sons were in college, Mr. Elliott, who had been a nominal Methodist, came to the Baptist persuasion, and was baptized into a Baptist church by his son, David.

Robert has enjoyed a very successful ministry both as a pastor and while serving as evangelist in many revivals. While pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Victoria, he wounded himself with a



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deer rifle, almost severing his leg below the knee. His narrow escape from death was reported by area news media, and will be remembered by many in Matagorda County.

Both men married while in college. Their wives are accomplished pianists, and are in complete harmony with their husbands' work.

Robert is in the process of moving to Houston, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Market Street Baptist Church. Following the revival in Van Vleck, he will take up his duties there.

David has just closed out his first year with the Van Vleck church. He says, "This year with them has been the most enjoyable single year of my ministry. I thank God for the Baptists of Van Vleck".