

# Buckingham Honored

Jamie Buckingham, a native of Vero Beach and former columnist with The Press Journal, will be honored May 4 with a Doctor of Humane Letters during graduation ceremonies at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

A 1950 graduate of Vero Beach High School, he also earned degrees at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Buckingham, the author of 37 books, is acclaimed as one of the most widely read Christian writers of this generation.

Buckingham's Press Journal column, "Perspective," ran for 10 years before his schedule prevented him from continuing. During that time, he won several awards as "best columnist" from the Florida Press Association.

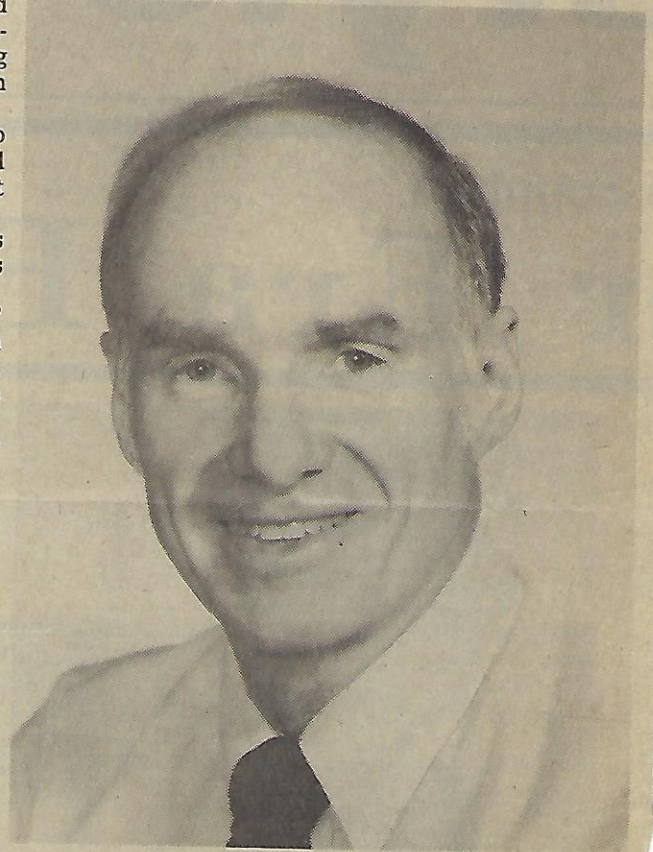
He has served in editorial positions for "Guideposts" magazine and "Logos Journal" and is editor-at-large for both "Charisma" and "Ministries" magazines. His regular column for "Charisma," "The Last Word" has established him as a probing satirist and has won awards from both secular and Christian journalistic judges. He is a consultant for Wycliffe Bible Translators, and is president of the National Leadership Conference. He is a regular guest or guest host on various national Christian television networks.

Described by his publisher as "America's foremost Christian analyzer" he writes an in-depth critique for Christian leaders in the form of a twice-monthly newsletter entitled the "Buckingham Report."

Conservative estimates put the sales on Jamie's 37 books at 25 million. Familiar titles include "Run Baby Run" with Nicky Cruz, "Shout It From the Housetops" with Pat Robertson, "Tramp for the Lord" with Corrie ten Boom as well as eight books for the late Kathryn Kuhlman, including her biography, "Daughter of Destiny." His own semi-autobiographical works such as "Risky Living," "Coping With Criticism" and "Where Eagles Soar" blend humor with spiritual probing.

Last year, the Arthur S. DeMoss Foundation distributed more than 12 million copies of his "Power for Living." In April, the book was condensed by "Reader's Digest" and sold to another 26 million readers.

Buckingham is one of America's leading authorities



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on the Sinai. This is reflected in his book, "A Way Through the Wilderness," which traces the footsteps of Moses. He also has produced a video tape series on the subject of spiritual maturity, which he teaches on location in the Sinai.

A former Southern Baptist pastor, Buckingham founded the interdenominational Tabernacle Church in Melbourne in early 1967. Since then, it has grown to a constituency of more than 4,000 with 11 pastors on staff. He and his wife of 32 years, Jackie, are both natives of Vero Beach, and five children, seven grandchildren, and live in Palm Bay.