

B. A. Rakestraw (1904-1975) was a native of Fitzgerald, Georgia. He served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Suwannee Baptist Association.

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Miss Annette Cornett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cornett, became the bride of Gordon Sullivan, son of R. G. Sullivan, Friday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church with the Rev. B. A. Rakestraw officiating at the double ring ceremony.

Rakestraw Services Set In Georgia

Funeral services for a former Jacksonville pastor, the Rev. B. A. Rakestraw, 71, of Ty Ty, Ga., will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Chula, Ga.

Burial will be at the Oak Ridge Cemetery with the Rev. Harold Cargle and the Rev. Earl Couroy officiating.

The Rev. Mr. Rakestraw was pastor of the Enigma Baptist Church, Enigma, Ga., at the time of his death. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native had been pastor of churches in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

He is survived by two sons, W. A. Rakestraw of Orange Park and T. D. Rakestraw of Griffin, Ga.; four sisters, Mrs. Netti B. Jackson of Jacksonville, Mrs. Carrie Dixon and Mrs. Lois Booker, both of Fitzgerald, and Mrs. Lola Wheeler of Ocilla, Ga.; and two grandsons.

Bowen and Donaldson Funeral Home in Tifton, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

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Immanuel.

Rosselle and Chelsea Streets.

The Rev. B. A. Rakestraw, assistant pastor, will bring the sermon at the 11 A. M. worship hour tomorrow. It is announced by the pastor, Dr. A. C. Shuler, who will return to his pulpit for the evening service, at 8 o'clock, to preach on "America, Sin and Judgment." Sunday School will be at 10 A. M. and Young People at 6:30 P. M. with Deacon Terry Hagans directing. Charles Nalls will direct the song service, featuring Miss Evelyn Shuler as soloist. The public is invited.

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1915. In its early years Mt. Pisgah became a member of Suwannee Association church withdrew from Suwannee and united with Little River Association in 1915. Little River was dissolved in 1917 and this church returned its membership to Suwannee Association of which it is still a member.

Layton Available records show that Mt. Pisgah has ordained Jack Shaw and Layton Daughtry to the Gospel Ministry and has licensed Byron Daughtry to preach the gospel.

W.M.U.
John B. Today Mt. Pisgah is proud to be a full time Southern Baptist Church with Sunday School, Church Training and W.M.U. The Sunday School department was organized September 25, 1938, and is still teaching the Christian way. Church training and W.M.U. have been intermittent. They were last reorganized under the leadership of Rev. John B. Benefield in the fall of 1975 and have been operating since that time. The Brother Benefield was recently discontinued.

The following men are listed as having been Pastors of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church:

John M. Caldwell	R. W. Henery
Rev. Fleming	O. G. Owens
Johnnie Holmes	S. E. Sims
J. F. Tatum	Oscar Thomas
Owen Revels	Paul Stewart
W. T. Newsome	Ben Borders
H. A. Jordan	J. C. Wright
W. H. Holmes	B. A. Rakestraw
Gus Padgett	W. C. Hall
C. J. Bruner	G. W. Kinard
A. S. Jones	Layton Daughtry
E. H. Holcomb	Dewey Waldron
A. N. Woodard	John B. Benefield
C. F. Holmes	T. J. Santerfeit
W. B. Listen	Ray Shaw
Raymond Roberts	Wayne Tope

Several of these men have served two or more pastorates at this church.

Church
Clerk The record shows William Clayton Crews as having served as deacon for the longest period of time, from 1932 to the present. On September 19, 1980, the church presented Brother Crews with a silver tray engraved with his name as Deacon Emeritus. Mrs. Carris Carter is shown as having served for the longest time as Church Clerk twelve years, 1964 to 1978. The next longest service was that of H. T. Howell who served a total of eleven years although intermittently.

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Church Events to which the church looks forward each year are Homecoming on the third Sunday of April, the annual Sing of the Suwannee County Singing Convention on the third Sunday in June for which Mt. Pisgah serves as host church and the annual Church Sing on the first Saturday night in October.

a Under the leadership of its present pastor, Wayne Tope, Mt. Pisgah is looking forward for great things in the belief that the best is yet to come.

rose Lovingly submitted in memory of Him who died on the Cross of Calvary and again to be KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

prevail "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."