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Scott, Pitt Mercer Sr., (1876-1946) was born in Washington County, Florida the son of William Watson and Lillie Ora Isabell Smith Scott. He served for ten years as pastor of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. He also served as pastor of Laurel Hill, Baker, Hurricane Creek, New Hope, Leonia, Pleasant Home and Sandy Creek in Northwest Florida. He married Celia Wilkes and they had two sons and two daughters.

The *DeFuniak Herald* – February 21, 1946

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[Contributed by Lois Danley and Sharon Watson]

Pitt Mercer Scott, Sr., (September 4, 1876-February 15, 1946) served for ten years as pastor of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. He also served as pastor of Laurel Hill, Baker, Hurricane, New Hope, Leonia, and Sandy Creek in Northwest Florida. Scott was born in New Hope in Holmes County, Florida, the son of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Scott. He married Celia Wilkes and they had two sons; Pitt Jr., and Clark; and two daughters: Mrs. T. D. Sutton, and Mrs. J. W. Olfson.

Source *Florida Baptist Witness*, May 2, 1946, p. 15; August 1, 1946, p. 15.

OBITUARIES

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WM. L. MAIGE, SR.

On January 19th, 1946, Wm. L. Maige, Sr., passed to his heavenly reward.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Monticello, having been converted in early manhood, and was a devoted member until his death.

He was a faithful lay leader, having served his Church in various official capacities; Sunday School Supt., Sunday School Teacher, and a Deacon of the Church. His advice and counsel in Church matters, was invaluable; and in and out of the Church, those who came in contact with him, were made better by his influence. He was a faithful worker for His Master.

Prior to his death, he had been in declining health for several years; and all through his suffering, his faith in God never wavered; he was truly an example of patience in his affliction.

Although he was compelled to lay aside his Church activities in his latter years, and his attendance in worship was hindered because of his illness; he was spiritually alert, and ever interested in His Church and Community life.

Our Church deeply feels the loss of this truly great man and Christian worker and leader, truly a Prince in Israel has fallen. Our loss is his gain; therefore we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Therefore be it resolved:

That our Church extend the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their loss; and commend them to the care of the Great Physician; that His grace may be their portion in this trial; to comfort and sustain them in this experience.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family; and a copy be sent the Florida Baptist Witness for publication; and a copy be kept for the Church Record.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Whittle,
W. R. Shuman,
Mrs. O. R. Hamrick
Mrs. A. L. Chick,
Mrs. W. D. Byrd,
Resolutions Committee

March 6, 1946.

**IN MEMORY OF
MR. THOD CASON**

Mr. Thod Cason was born near Worthington Springs, Florida in the year 1858. Departed this life December 17, 1945, at the home of his youngest son, Tom Cason of Fort White, Fla., having lived all of his 87 years in Florida.

He was united in matrimony to Miss Georgia McKinney on December 24, 1882. To this union were born fifteen children; nine of whom are still living. He was a Charter member of Shiloh Baptist Church (Bulah Association) and was a member of the same at his death.

He was a man who loved his family, his neighbors, his Lord, his Church, and his Preacher. He was heard more than

once to remark of kindnesses shown and the care taken of him in his declining days.

Some personalities are such that after some time in their presence one goes away feeling a little more noble; a little more determined to live more Christ-like lives. There are lives lived quietly and unimpressively yet they have a mollifying beneficent effect on others that only Eternity will fully reveal. Such a one has gone from us, but not forgotten by us.

D. W. Dubose,
G. G. Dubose,
Rev. C. H. Churchwell,
(Committee)

REV. PITT M. SCOTT

"Moses, my servant, is dead." Josh. 1:2. The above quotation comes very aptly to mind at the death of Rev. Pitt Mercer Scott, one of the most widely known, honored and loved Baptist Pastors in the State.

Rev. Scott had served churches for almost 40 years, having held pastorates in many large churches. Some of these are Laurel Hill, Baker, Hurricane, New Hope, Leonia, Landy Creek and others of this area.

His ability as a strong, eloquent and absolutely fearless Pulpit Orator, was second to none, in the opinion of this writer. Any time and anywhere, he could peak a house to over flowing.

He was no compromiser with sin or the Devil, and his positive stand gave him a large and clean following; and withal, he was 'one of the most kindly spirited and lovable man the writer has ever known, both to friends and family.

Brother Scott was born in the New Hope section of Holmes County, of hardy and pioneer stock, being the son of the late Judge W. W. Scott.

He leaves a brother, Mark Scott, Perry, Fla., and one sister, Mrs. Eunice Cotton, of Millville. Also a wife, who was Celia Wilks, two sons, Pitt Jr. and Clark, and two daughters, Mrs. T. D. Sutton of Ponce De Leon, and Mr. J. W. Olsson, of Illinois.

He was laid to rest at Sandy Creek, the service being conducted by army Chaplain Capt. Angus Neel who stated that Bro. Scott led him to Christ and baptized him. He was 69 years of age.

Rev. E. Bert Riddle,
Graceville, Florida.

MRS. BELL HENRY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to Heaven our beloved sister, Mrs. Bell Henry, whose life was a beautiful example to all who knew her. All who had the privilege of knowing her felt that they were made better by her sweet Christian character.

Sister Henry has been a member of the Citra Baptist Church and her Christian wisdom and advice were honored by all.

As a church extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, commending them to the care of our Heavenly Father.

J. W. Dickson,
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Mrs. W. A. Shaw,
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OBITUARIES

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REV. PITT MERCER SCOTT, SR.

Since God, in His wise providence, has called unto Himself the life of Rev. Pitt Mercer Scott, Sr., who was a life-long member and ten (10) years a pastor of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, be it therefore resolved: That we, the members of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, acknowledge our gratitude to Him for the faithful and consecrated service rendered to our church and community by our esteemed brother in the faith.

Rev. Pitt M. Scott, Sr., was born, 4 September 1876, and died 15 February 1946. For the past several years he had been retired from active service because of ill health, but his greatest pleasure came when he was occasionally able to take advantage of the many opportunities he had to again speak to his church people. He lived a full useful life, receiving more pleasure from giving than receiving. He spoke with conviction and died with that same infinite faith in God. Our church cherishes the sacred memory of this faithful servant, who, when our church was struggling and occasionally facing adverse circumstances, always rallied faithfully and nobly with wise and unflinching interest.

Be it therefore resolved: That his life of consecration to his home, faithful and untiring service as a leader of our church and his staunch and exemplary dedication to his Lord through his church, which he served with unwavering devotion be commended to all whoknew him.

His heartfelt devotion and a deep sense of loss, we, the members of the Sunday Creek Baptist Church, humbly submit ourselves to the will of God, in taking from this world the soul of our faithful friend and fellow worker.

We thus take this occasion to record our high regard for his devoted Christian character, his strong faith, his devoted service, and his loyalty and love for Christ and His church and to express to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and earnest prayers.

Be it therefore further resolved that a copy of these expressions of esteem be furnished to his family, to the clerk of the church permanent record and to the Baptist Witness.

Signed: Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

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Hurricane Creek (Holmes)

- 1983 Established a cemetery memorial fund for maintenance of cemetery
- 1984 A new church sign erected in memory of Ella Rea Mott. Established funds to remodel Sunday School rooms for children department also a kitchen fund.
- 1985 Bought steel door for storage room.
- 1987 Church reroofed. Old attic fan given to Earl Castello.
- 1989 Mural on Baptistry wall. Air conditioner next to pastors study replaced. Church pews padded.
- 1990 Water cooler installed. Brick columns around cemetery. Carpeted front of church and front of fellowship hall. Baptismal robe purchased.
- 1991 Pump house purchased. Lighting for picnic tables.
- 1994 Church and Fellowship hall treated for termites. Inside Fellowship hall painted. New lights in church.
- 1995 Church reroofed. Sod laid in front of church.

PASTORS OF HURRICANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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|---------|---|---------|---------------------|
| 1895-96 | J. P. Register; Patton; Sims; Brooks; (Castello filled in); Anderson | | |
| 1927 | T. J. Lawhorn | 1927-32 | P. M. Scott |
| 1932-42 | C. C. Williams | 1942-43 | W. L. Head |
| 1943-45 | E. P. Lewin | 1945-48 | J. R. Morrow |
| 1948-49 | Henry J. Smith | 1949-51 | Carl Parker |
| 1951-52 | Vernon Glyatt | 1952-53 | R. L. Rowe |
| 1953-54 | J. E. Pelham | 1954-55 | Theron Holliman |
| 1955-56 | James Barrett | 1956-59 | Carl Dunn |
| 1959-60 | S. S. Averitt | 1960-63 | Oscar DeLoach |
| 1963-67 | Jack Faircloth | 1967-69 | Ed. Gardner |
| 1969-72 | Earl Wiae | 1972-74 | Raymond Cotton |
| 1974-76 | Delano Cantrell | 1976-77 | James Lawson |
| 1977-79 | Delano Cantrell | 1979-89 | Dr. Logan M. Thomas |
| 1989-92 | Delbert Canterberry | 1993-94 | Terry Campbell |
| 1995 | Randy Darley | | |

DEACONS ORDAINED

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| 1931 Will A. Royals | 1931 Quitman Vaughan |
| 1939 Alva Andrews | 1939 D. P. Stanley |
| 1944 Glen Tadlock | 1946 C. J. Clemmons |
| 1947 Joe Pittman | 1947 Cyrus Vaughan |
| 1955 William E. (Dick) Zorn | 1955 Bernice Amerson |
| 1961 L. G. Johnson | 1961 George Coley |
| 1966 Billy Griffin | 1974 Kendric Huteon |
| 1975 Earl Castello | 1975 Billy Retherford |
| 1978 Drew Galloway | 1981 Woodrow Vaughan |
| 1982 Arthur Plick | 1984 Herman Andrews |
| 1991 Lamar Plick | 1992 Johnny Lawson |
| 1992 Billy Locke | 1994 Larry Zorn |

First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill, Florida
1896 - 2007

1917-1950s Sketch by Mark Curenton

Hall of Pastors

Reverend Wiley F. Martin: August 1896

Reverend J. W. Wheeler: Early 1900s

Reverend C. T. Culpepper: 1911-1913

Reverend D. F. Sutley: 1913-1917(?)

Reverend Pitt M. Scott: 1917-1921(?)

Reverend C. L. Perry: 1921-1922

Reverend F. C. Hawke: 1922-1939

Reverend Archie Smith: 1940-1948

Reverend E. C. Fleming: 1949-1950

Reverend C. O. Stewart: 1950-1957

Reverend J. A. Nichols: 1957-1962

Reverend Richard Adleman: 1962-1965

Reverend Jere Hendrix: 1965-1967

Reverend Albert Locke: 1967-1973

Reverend H. C. Rutledge: Interim April – Dec. 1973

Reverend Jim Boyd: December 1973 November 1975

Reverend H. C. Rutledge: Interim Nov. 75 - May 1976

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31233354/pitt_mercer-scott
Pitt Mercer Scott Sr.

Birth 4 Sep 1876 Holmes County, Florida, USA
Death 15 Feb 1946 (aged 69) Walton County, Florida, USA
Burial Sandy Creek Cemetery Ponce de Leon, Holmes County, Florida, USA
Son of William W. Scott and Lillie O. Smith Scott and husband of Celia Jane Wilkes Scott.

Sources:

Social Security Apps & Claims Index, 1936-2007

Florida Death Index

1880 Census Precinct 3, Holmes, Florida

NARA Microfilm 128, pg.7C

Defuniak Breeze

February 21, 1946

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Family Members

Parents

William Watson Scott 1834–1908

Lillie Ora Isabell Smith Scott 1841–1905

Spouse

Celia Jane Wilks Scott 1882–1976

Children

William Clark Scott 1905–1988

Pitt Mercer Scott Jr 1909–1977

Nannie Pearl "Nan" Scott Olfson 1920–1989