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Sims, Olyn S., Sr. (1910-1991) was born in Auburn, Alabama the son of Jackson L. and Sallie Ambrose Sims. He graduated from the Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) Sims served as pastor of churches in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida including St. Andrews Baptist Church, Panama City, 1936-1939 and First Baptist Church, Blountstown, 1939. He and his wife, Brunella Smith Sims (m. 1936) had one son.

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did. The touch of her kindly heart skilled hand and brain is seen and throughout the institution. Dr. Patterson keeping the school up to the high Miss Reagan had set for it. Honorees are admitted to the University on without examination and graduates are given more than a proportion of the government positions province. Ambassador Wassom, our native at the Court in Lagos, had one afternoon and without solicited in glowing terms of Southern Missions in Nigeria. He said in substance none went beyond them and few them in results toward improving conditions and elevating the life of people.

worthy of note that of the 800 students attending our school, 200 are from median families. This testifies to the school has on the heathen nation. In point of scholarship, the faculty compare favorably with those in schools of like grades at home. The old church is strong and has a scholarly popular native pastor. The Second is likewise self-supporting and has completed a handsome new building, expense to the Foreign Mission. This church is without a pastor at present, but one of the Christian teachers is serving as pastor until one can be secured. Mission in Lagos is in a healthful and full of hope for the future. A trained couple must be found to take the place of Dr. Patterson, who consented to leave and carry on until Miss Reagan's or can be found, and who is doing to the entire satisfaction of our board. The demand everywhere is for missionaries.—Matthew T. Andrews.

The Florida Baptist Witness in your budget.

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The growing of many varieties of truck crops while poultry raising, and stock raising can be profitably done. There is a happy combination of Panama City, miles upon miles as laved by the sparkling waters of f and bays, surrounded by a land of fertility, a splendid semi-tropical an underground water supply of water together with innumerable and some sulphur springs as well, transportation facilities, both by land and sea, makes this section an incomparable for the pleasure seeker, the investor and the industrial.

transportation facilities are adequate. Roads serve Panama City and Bay. The Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay runs north to Dothan, connecting with the L. & N. Railroad at Cottondale and the Georgia and Atlantic Coast Railroad at Dothan. The Alabama and Florida Railroad runs north from Panama City to Chipley to a connection with the N. Railroad.

Regular coastwise line steamship services between Panama City and

ices reach to the North Atlantic cities. Ocean-going craft from all parts of the world enter the safe and commodious harbor of Panama City.

Perfect highways radiate in every direction. The great Gulf coastal highway is the east and west arterial highway between Pensacola and Tallahassee, connecting at Port St. Joe with the Bee Line highway or State Road No. 6 to Blountstown and north. United States highway No. 231 reaches north to Dothan and Montgomery, Ala., and northern points and at Dothan there is a divergent route to Atlanta, Georgia. Semi-surfaced highways lead to Chipley, Florida, and others ramify almost every section of the county. Bus lines operate to Pensacola, Tallahassee and Marianna, Florida, and Dothan, Alabama. At all points connections are made to any point in Florida or for Northern and Western cities.

While prosperity envelops Panama City now and fullest enjoyment of its recreational features are possible amid peaceful surroundings, it was not always so in its past history.

There were stirring times during the days of its Spanish occupancy and the Civil War. A little history is not amiss. Undoubtedly Narvaez, the sixteenth century pioneer, and other Spanish and French explorers found refuge in the safe harbor of St. Andrews Bay. There was a town at Dyers Point, in the western part of what is now St. Andrews, afterward named Wells, and it was at this place that the first Masonic Lodge was established in Florida. This was during the English occupancy from 1763 to 1781.

St. Andrews, now a part of Panama City, was settled in 1827, was platted five years later by Marianna people, but during the Civil War period was but a straggling village of few houses. The town was destroyed in 1863 and blockaded by the Union forces.

There came into being on the east arm of St. Andrews Bay, Millville, a flourishing lumber town. Between Millville and St. Andrews was a settlement called Park Resort, afterwards named Harrison, and here it was that Panama City had its beginning. This

was in 1909. Today both the towns of Millville and St. Andrews form a part of Greater Panama City.

ST. ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

St. Andrews Baptist Church was organized on April 23, 1894, with six charter members, namely, Jesse Sowell, Elizabeth Sowell, Rev. M. J. Webb, Rev. T. N. Knowles, Mamie Williams and Mrs. M. J. Knowles.

After a series of services lasting until May 6, 1894, in which Rev. J. S. Wharton did the preaching, Rev. M. J. Webb was chosen pastor of the church.

In 1895 a lot, on which was a store house, was purchased and the store house was converted into a meeting house. Several years later a new church building was completed, and on June 22, 1902, was dedicated.

The work of the church through the years has been slow, but the blessings of God upon the church have been many. In recent years a baptistry, six Sunday School rooms, and two rest rooms have been added and the exterior of the church has been painted. The church is free from debt.

The attendance at services has gradually increased until today all services of the church are fairly well attended. The church is grateful to God for all His blessings, and especially for His leadership in the development of the very active Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union, which organizations have meant so much to the growth of the church.

Since the time of the calling of the first pastor, there have been several ministers who have served the church. The present pastor is Rev. Olyn S. Sims.

As we look into the future through "the eyes of faith" we feel that God has much work for the church to do. May it always honor Him in its work and ever follow His leadership.

The domestic circulation of sex and crime magazines totals about 15,000,000 copies per month. Ninety-seven per cent of these are bought at newsstands.



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Pastor to Move To Blountstown

PANAMA CITY, May 8.—The Rev. O. S. Sims, pastor of the St. Andrews Baptist church for the past two years and 11 months, this week moves to Blountstown to assume the pastorate of the First

Baptist church there beginning Sunday.

Mr. Sims came to the St. Andrews church immediately upon finishing his training in the Baptist Bible institute in New Orleans. He will be accompanied to Blountstown by Mrs. Sims and their 15 months old son, Olyn Southern Sims, Jr.

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Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Moncrief and Mrs. J. Will Brown, of St. Andrews, accompanied by Miss Eleanor Moncrief, leave today for Atlanta where they will attend the World Baptist Congress. Mr. Moncrief is the newly-appointed pastor of the St. Andrews Baptist church, succeeding Rev. O. S. Sims, who has moved to Blountstown as pastor of the church there.

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Ordination Service Held Sunday For O. Suthern Sims Jr.

Ordination ceremonies for the **Rev. Olyn Suthern Sims Jr.**, were held in the Clayton Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. He is the son of **Rev. Olyn S. Sims**, pastor of the Clayton Baptist Church.

Following a congregational hymn the **Rev. Charles E. Reynolds**, led in prayer. Recommendation of the Presbytery was given by **Rev. J. P. Gwyn**, Clerk, who is pastor of the Louisville Baptist Church. The **Rev. Homer Philpott** read scripture.

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Olyn S Sims Sr.

Birth 1910

Death 1991 (aged 80–81)

Burial Memorial Park Cemetery

Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia,

Family Members

Spouse

Brunella S. Smith Sims 1912–1997 (m. 1936)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/147312736/olyn-s-sims>

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The Rev. Olyn Suthern Sims

The **Rev. Olyn Suthern Sims**, 80, of 1175 Jackson Springs Road died Friday. Born in Auburn, he lived in Macon for the past three months, moving from Gainesville. He was a college graduate, a Baptist seminary graduate and a retired Baptist minister. He was pastor of churches in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama. His last pastorate was Clayton Baptist Church in Clayton, Ala., where he served for 20 years, retiring 16 years ago. He was a World War II veteran, serving as an Army chaplain and was the son of the late Jackson L. and Sallie Ambrose **Sims**. **Survivors:** wife, Brunella Smith **Sims** of Macon; son, Dr. O. **Suthern Sims** Jr. of Macon; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. **Services:** 2 p.m. Sunday in Memorial Park Cemetery, Gainesville. The **Rev.** James G. Revels will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the **Sims** Scholarship, c/o Mercer University, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon 31207. Snow's Memorial Chapels, Cherry Street, has charge of arrangements.

Brunella Sims

Services for Brunella Smith Sims will be at 10 a.m. today in Snow's Memorial Chapel, Cherry Street, with burial at 3 p.m. in Memorial Park Cemetery, Gainesville. Sims, 84, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 1997. Born in Jeanerette, La., she was the daughter of the late Robert M. and Mary Elizabeth S. Smith. She attended Louisiana

Tech University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and worked in the student department at Louisiana Baptist State Convention. The widow of the Rev. Olyn Southern Sims, she was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Dr. O Southern Sims Jr. of Macon; and grandchildren, David Southern of Roberta and Suzanne Crooke of Dayton, Ohio.

The family may be contacted at 1175 Jackson Springs Road, Macon 31211. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sims Scholarship Fund, Mercer University, 1400 Coleman Ave., Macon 31201.

Smith—Sims.

AUBURN, Ga., May 23.—The marriage of Miss Brunella Smith, of Angie, La., to **Rev. Olyn Southern Sims**, of Auburn, Ga., was solemnized on May 7 at 9:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, La., after graduating exercises. Miss Estelle Thetford, of Union Church, Miss., sang, accompanied by Miss Milbry Guest, of Cumberland, Miss., at the piano. Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of Baptist Bible Institute, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large group of friends.

The lovely bride was gowned in powder blue chiffon with wide blue picture hat and accessories of white, her corsage being gardenias and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony **Rev.** and Mrs. **Sims** left for a trip through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Mrs. Fred Scanling called at gifts made by the organization student aid fund, the library, ciproium and welfare agency the past year. Using the of the national congress, M ling installed the new office John B. Gordon, president; Ed Yancey, M. T. Edgerton Fuller, Homer Carmichae Aronstan, vice presidents; M Sanderson, recording secretary John Funke, corresponding Mrs. Harrold McDuffie, Mrs. Ralph McClelland, patrian, and Mrs. C. L. William torian. The following repre were elected to council: Mes Yancey, Ralph McClelland, R bington and A. E. Sandiso nates, Mesdames Homer C John Funke, Harrold McD the fifth district, Mesdame Edgerton, George Fuller, Pa and White; alternates, John Funke, C. E. Freeman Aronstan and W. L. McWa

Special guests were George man and Mrs. D. R. Longit

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Our Southern Home, Livingston, Ala.

CHURCH NEWS

The **Rev. O.S. Sims**, new pastor of the Livingston Baptist Church, will conduct morning and evening services Sunday, March 12.

Personals

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The Primrose Club wi

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REV. O. S. SIMS