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Smith, B. G. (1872-1924) was born in Twig County, Georgia, and was educated at Locust Grove Institute and Mercer University. He served as state evangelist of Georgia for twelve years. Smith served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including First Baptist Church, Monticello, 1919-1921 and College Street Baptist Church, (aka First Baptist) Dade City, Florida, 1921-1924. Smith and his wife, Alice Weathers Smith two children.



**REV. B. G. SMITH WAS
WELL KNOWN IN GEORGIA**
(Special to Times-Union.)

LUDOWICI, Ga., Aug. 30.—News has been received here of the death of **Rev. B. G. Smith**, which occurred Aug. 28, at his home in Dade City, Fla., after an illness of over two weeks of diabetes. **Mr. Smith**, who was pastor of the College Street Baptist church in Dade City, is well known throughout Georgia, having served for twelve years as state evangelist of Georgia under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist church and it was during his evangelistic work that he held two revivals at Ludowici and one at Jones Creek, in the county, which drew the largest congregations ever assembled in this section.

Mr. Smith was one of the leading clergymen of his denomination in the Southern states. A native of Twiggs County, Ga., he entered the ministry in 1898, serving as pastor of the Vineville Baptist church, Macon and Monticello, Fla. Besides his widow and two small children, **Mr. Smith** is survived by his father, **J. M. Smith** of Cochran, Ga., and three brothers.

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MRS. ALICE W. SMITH
DADE CITY, Feb. 8 (Special)
—Mrs. Alice Weathers Smith,
72, widow of Rev. B. G. Smith
of Dade City, died Tuesday in

a local hospital following a long illness. She was born in Chattooga County, Ga., and lived in Atlanta and Monticello, Fla. prior to moving to Dade City 40 years ago. She was a former juvenile probation officer and for many years owned and operated the Smith Nursing Home in Dade City. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Leon R. Luckenback, Dade City; a son, B. G. Smith, Tampa; a brother, Horace L. Weathers, Dade City; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

FBC, Dade City 1891-1991

OUR PASTORS

P. C. Drew	1891 - 1892
M. M. Womboldt	1892 - 1897
W. E. Bogart	1897
M. M. Womboldt	1898 - 1900
George Leitner	1900 - 1905
W. D. Turnley	1905 - 1910
W. A. Burns	1910 - 1913
T. S. Hubert	1913 - 1915
Ben Brooks	1915 - 1916
Milton M. Bales	1917 - 1918
O. E. Tebow	1918 - 1921
B. G. Smith	1921 - 1924
J. N. Vandiver	1924 - 1928
W. K. E. James	1929 - 1931
E. L. Andrews	1931 - 1935
James Parish	1936 - 1938
Albert A. Stulk	1938 - 1942
Elbert C. Tyner	1942 - 1960
Lamar Brooks	1960 - 1964
Paul Wonders, Jr.	1965 - 1970
Tom Langley	1971 - 1972
Tom Broomall	1972 - 1985
Lawson Jolly, Jr.	1985 - 1991

PASTORS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

Rev. R.J. Mays ✓	1841 - 1855 (first pastor)	Rev. P.T. Taylor	1918 - 1919
Rev. Sidney Linton	1855 - 1858	Rev. B.G. Smith	1919 - 1921
Rev. S. Havens	1858	Rev. J.K. Hutchings ✓	1922 - 1936
Rev. W.B. Cooper	1858	Rev. R.B. Mayfield ✓	1936 - 1941
Rev. B.S. Fuller	1858 - 1903 ✓	Rev. B.A. Roth	1941 - 1943
Rev. H. Ardis	1903	Rev. Humphrey O. Hughes ✓	1944 - 1955
Rev. Columbus Smith	1904	Rev. Ellis Turner	1956 - 1963
Rev. N.A. Bailey	1904 - 1908	Rev. LeRoy Curry	1964 - 1966
Rev. Stephen Crockett	1908 - 1909	- Dr. Ray Newcomb	1967 - 1971
Rev. W.F. Moore ✓	1910 - 1912	Dr. Jere L. Hendricks ✓	1972 - 1976
Rev. B.A. Geiges	1912 - 1913	Dr. Mark E. McCoy ✓	1977 - 1978
Rev. Scott Patterson	1914	Rev. Paul B. Williamson	1979 - 1986
Rev. J.W. Kesterson	1914 - 1917	Dr. Nathan L. Boles	1987 - 2001
Rev. A.J. Kroelinger	1917 - 1918	Dr. Jim Nalls	2003 - 2004
		Thermon E. Moore ✓	2004 - Present
		✓ Longest tenure as pastor (45 years)	



ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Rev. Charles Hinson	1976 - 1980	Rev. Steve W. Kegley	1990 - 1995
Rev. Richard Phipps	1981 - 1985	Rev. Ron Kegley	1993 - 1994
Rev. Jeff Whitty	1986 - 1990	Rev. Randy Powell	1996 -
		Dr. Ron Bonds	1997 - 1999



PRESENT ORDAINED DEACONS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dan Allen	Gary Fulford	Joe Roberts
E.S. Blair	Lewis Getch	Fondren Roddenberry
Wallace Blount	Clyde Griffin	Dr. Jim Sledge
Leon Burnett	Curt Hall	John Thrasher
Bruce Chase	Kyle Hill	Jim Ward
Curtis Clark	Jerry Horne	Mitchell Ward
Leon Clark	Bob Jarvis	Fred Wilder
Bill Counts	Bruce McCall	Rodney Willis
Dr. Charles Crocker	Bill Naylor	Jack Wirick
Henry DeVane	Kaiser Oglesby	Tom Wooten
Charles Elkins	Frank Purvis	