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SMITH Dr. Beldon Dow Smith, age 76, went Home to be with his Lord Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at Baptist Medical Center. Born in Scott County, VA, he spent most of his youth in Kingsport, TN. Dr. Smith pastored Southern Baptist Churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Florida. He retired after 40 years in the Ministry. Dr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, Kyle Morrison Smith, Sr. and Anna Mae Strong Smith and his brothers, Kyle Morrison Smith, Jr. and Rondal Allen Smith. Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Juanita Hammond Smith; a son, Rev. Mark Stephen Smith (wife, Kay) of Jacksonville; his daughter, Mary Smith Cannon of Cross City, FL; 4 grandchildren, Jason Mark Smith & Jessica Leigh Smith of Jacksonville and Joseph Dow Walker & Colby Dwaine Cannon of Cross City, FL. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Wednesday evening (TONIGHT) at HARDAGE-GIDDENS FUNERAL HOME, 5753 Blanding Blvd. with a funeral service to be held at 7 PM. Burial will be in his hometown of Kingsport, TN at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Venetia Terrace Baptist Church, 5284 118th Street, Jax., FL 32244. Please sign the Guestbook at Jacksonville.com

Pastors of Henetia Terrace Jacksonville

Rev. Nathan Modling - Founding Pastor	Feb. 7, 1965	
Rev. A.J. Wimberly	March 28, 1965	Jan. 23, 1966
Rev. Charles A. William	Feb. 6, 19	Dec. 9, 1972
Rev. Chris Pappas	Feb. 15, 1973	Jan. 20, 1974
Dr. Charles A. Williams	Jan. 20, 1974	Dec. 31, 1976
Rev. John Langhorne	May 1977	Oct. 1977
Dr. Charles A. Williams	Dec. 1, 1977	May 1980
Rev. Worth Fulghum	June 1, 1980	April 1983
Dr. Charles A. Williams	April 23, 1983	July 27, 1984
Rev. Mitch Butler	1984	May 1985
Rev. Paul W. Schlegel	May 1985	Dec. 31, 1990
Dr. Beldon D. Smith	July 3, 1988	Dec. 31, 1990
Rev. Mark Smith	Jan. 1, 1991	Jan. 1992
Dr. Beldon D. Smith	Aug. 1992	Dec. 1994
Rev. H. Ray Justice Jr.	July 1, 1995	Present

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Warren Nubers

Warren Nubers resigned as pastor of Lakeview Church, Delray Beach to become pastor of New Hope Church, Wauchula. He served Lakeview for 13 years.

Edgar L. Von Nordeck, a student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, was called as pastor of Sandy Creek Church, Ponce de Leon.

Steven W. Wright was ordained to the gospel ministry by Berea Church, Plant City on June 29. He is a student at Southwestern Seminary.



SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, PUNTA GORDA held a dedication service July 13 for a new auditorium. William Gunnis (left), director of Florida's Church Extension Department, delivered the dedication message. Alan Ellen (right) is pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, CROSS CITY broke ground for a new education building. A sanctuary will be constructed later at a cost of \$300,000. Participating are Mrs. Carris Wheeler, a member of the church for 52 years, and Beldon Smith, pastor.

Homecoming

Ocklawaha Bridge Church, Silver Springs, Sept. 7, 125th anniversary; John Sible, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; dedication of new education space; former members and friends invited; Raymond L. Estes, pastor.

Missionary Addresses

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lathrop (resigned from Liberia)—119 N.E. 19th St., Ocala, Fla. 32670.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hazzard (Philippines)—1626 Reppard Road, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hickman Jr. (Paraguay)—Casilla 989, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Fay Taylor (Hong Kong-Macao)—300 N.E. 125th, Miami, Fla. 33161.

Joe M. Bamberg retired as pastor of First Church, Milton for 33 years. The church honored the Bambergs with a reception and presented them with a warranty deed for the parsonage and a \$15,000 check.

Randy Rudisell, pastor of Flagami Church, Miami, has accepted a call from Spencer Memorial Church, Tampa, effective the middle of August.

You'll never get a busy signal on the prayer line to heaven.—E. M. Brandt



THE McRAE-MORROW PRE-SCHOOL TEACHING/TRAINING CENTER on the Baptist Bible Institute campus in Graceville underwent construction recently and should be ready in about seven months. The building, which will cost approximately \$200,000, will open in March 1981. The center will accommodate 100 children; three classrooms will be used in the teaching phase of the program. On the site of the center are (from left): Don Harrell, general superintendent for construction; Buel Sapp, project director and business manager, BBI; and Joseph P. DuBose Jr., president, BBI.

The Economics of Alcohol

The cost of alcohol problems in the American society has risen to a record \$61 billion, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

The largest economic cost, amounting to some \$28 billion, is in the area of lost production of goods and services resulting from alcohol problems among employed persons between the ages of 21 and 60. The second largest cost is in the area of health and medical care, where Americans spent a whopping \$18.2 billion on alcohol-related illnesses in 1979.

Although alcohol-related illnesses are typically associated with cirrhosis of the liver and alcoholism, research data from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism indicates that alcohol abuse also plays a major role in heart disease, cancer, pneumonia, stomach and duodenal ulcers and a host of other ailments. (Monday Morning Report, Christian Life Comm. SBC)