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**Smith, Bill** (1890-1972) served as dean of the Baptist Bible Institute in the 1940s when it was in Lakeland. He also served as pastor of East Thonotosassa Baptist Church during this time. After leaving Florida, Smith became dean of the Clear Creek Mountain Preacher s Bible School in Pineville, Kentucky. He died March 18, 1972, in Oklahoma City.

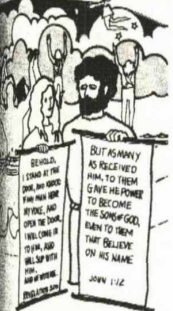
High Baptists Push Drive for Tanzania

Shiloh Baptist Association requests the assistance of Florida Baptist churches in a clothing drive for the needy of Tanzania. The Knights Baptist Church, Plant City is serving as coordinator and central station for the drive. Tanzania is the area where Douglas Southern Baptist missionary New Port Richey, Fla., is engaged in agricultural improvement. The Knights Church will be asked to receive and prepare for all clothing except the shoes, hats, pocketbooks, slacks, ladies slacks, bizarre or extremely large waist coats are asked to help with shipping costs of \$2.00 per foot of tightly packed clothing should be sent, by mail to Knights Baptist Church, Frank Jordan, Rt. 1 Box 16, City, Fla. 33566.

Area-Wide Crusade Report

Report from the Marion Area-wide Crusade in shows a total attendance of 1,500 average attendance 1,500 night, 293 professions of faith 4 professions of faith at

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Fifty churches, representing 11 denominations both black and white, were involved. Participating in the crusade were Evangelist James A. Ponder, Singer Veo Gray, Organist Mrs. Suzanne Arant, Bill Schaffer, the Stone Brothers, Dale Evans, June Kelly, Kathy Epstein and John Westbrook. Robert Anderson, general chairman for the crusade, and regional chief agent for the FBI, said, "Five years ago Ocala could not have had this crusade. It is the greatest thing that has ever happened in religion in Marion County."

Jim Lewis Joins Staff of Florida Shores Church



Jim Lewis joined the staff of Florida Shores Church, Orlando April 16 as minister of music, youth and education. Ed Segars is the pastor. A native of St. Petersburg, Lewis served in a similar capacity at First Church, Kissimmee for the past five years. He is a graduate of Mercer University and the Southern Seminary.

He is a member of the American Chorale Directors' Association, the Choristers' Guild, the Hymn Society of America and the Florida Baptist Singing Men.

Mrs. Lewis is a native of Covington, Va.

Homecoming

Gillette First Church, Palmetto will observe Homecoming May 7. L. J. Coker, a former interim pastor, will bring the message. A basket dinner will be served, with singing and testimonial time in the afternoon.

Former Florida Pastor Dies

Bill Smith, 82, former Florida pastor and educator, died March 18 in Oklahoma City.

In the 1940's Smith was dean of the Baptist Bible Institute, then located in Lakeland. He was also pastor of East Thonotassas Church during this time. After leaving Florida he was dean of the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, Pineville, Ky.

Annual Bible Conference

Wiley Richards will be the faculty representative and Bible teacher at the Baptist Bible Institute Alumni Association's annual Bible Conference at Tampa Bay Assembly, May 16-18, according to alumni president, Clifford H. Grow.

Donald Holt Accepts Call to Westhaven Heights Church



Donald Gene Holt has accepted the call as pastor of West Haven Heights Church, Hialeah, effective April 2.

A native of Illinois, Holt has been living in Miami for 20 years. He attended Stetson University, University of Miami, Belleville Junior College, Southern Illinois University and Southern Illinois College of Bible.

While a student in Illinois, he served as pastor of Bunkum Road Chapel. His former ministry includes assistant pastor and minister of education, Emmanuel Church and Flagami Church, both in Miami. While at Flagami Church, he began a new mission work as pastor of Coral Park Chapel.

Mrs. Holt is the former Jo Ann Barrow of Miami. They have three children, ages nine, eight and three.

Harbor City Church Observes 10th Anniversary

Harbor City Church, Melbourne observed its 10th anniversary April 16 with dinner on the grounds and recognition of charter members. Dan Wade is the pastor.

The church was organized as Harbor City Chapel in April, 1962 and became a church in 1963 with 239 charter members. Membership has grown from 90 to 1,150.

April 9 was high attendance in Sunday School with 956 present. This was also designated as SOME DAY, when all who had promised to come to Sunday School "some day" had a day set aside just for them.

Terry L. Erickson has recently been called as staff assistant to Pastor Wade. A native of Colville, Wash., he is a graduate of Bob Jones University. Mrs. Erickson is the former Belinda E. Day of Melbourne.



Bel-Harbor Church Gives Cash Gift to BBI

Richard E. Higgins, right, and Otto Horn, center, present a gift in the amount of \$17,991.57 to President James E. Southerland, left, of Baptist Bible Institute. This is from the Bel-Harbor Church, Largo, and Horn is president of the board of trustees there.

The church has dissolved. Proceeds from selling its assets have gone to BBI, Moon Lake Assembly, the Foreign Mission Board, Florida Baptist Children's Home and several foreign missionaries.

Dr. Southerland said, "We will use the money toward buying a student duplex house. This will accommodate two families from our long waiting list. We will name the new duplex the Bel-Harbor Baptist Church Memorial House."

Parkwood Church Calls New Minister of Education

Charles A. Hinson assumed his duties as minister of education at Parkwood Church, Jacksonville on May 1. Don M. Everson is the pastor.



A native of South Carolina, Hinson is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the Southern Seminary.

He comes to Parkwood Church from Remount Church, North Charleston, S. C. where he served as minister of education and school principal.

Mrs. Hinson is the former Shirley Grisette. They have two children: Andy, seven and Susan, four.

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