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Smith, Bruce served as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Madison, 1972 and Oakdale Baptist Church (now Valley Road), Crestview, 1988-1990.

Valley Road, Crestview AKA Oakdale

Rev. Jim Barentine was called as pastor in September 1974 and he remained at Oakdale until June 1978.

In 1975 we had members of our church that felt the call to begin mission work in the Garden City area. We gave them our blessings as we transferred their membership to the new mission. These charter members of the Garden City mission were: Sue Nixon, Olive McDade, Nell Carroll, Pauline & Teresa Nelson, and Lonnie Watts. The sponsoring church for the mission was The First Baptist Church of Crestview.

In July 1978, Rhett Everage was called as pastor. During his ministry, several improvements were made inside the church building. Brother Rhett Everage resigned in November 1981.

Wayne Brown was called as pastor in December 1981. Brother Wayne resigned as pastor in February 1986.

Earl Thompson was called as interim pastor in May 1986 and served until December 1986.

On January 1, 1987, John Hicks was called as pastor and served the church until May 1988.

During these years Oakdale's spiritual growth was evident to all.

Danny Dean was called as interim pastor in July 1988 and served until August 1988.

Bruce Smith was called as pastor in August 1988 and remained until April 1990.

During the late 1980's, the church felt the need to start a new building program. The members of Oakdale voted to brick the church and to change out all of the old windows. After this was completed, the church voted to put new shingles on the Sanctuary and educational building.

Rev. Gene Tennes was called as the pastor in August 1990. Rev. Tennes served until December 1998 when he resigned due to health problems. He served as our Interim Pastor from January 1999 until February 14, 1999.

At the October 11, 1995 business meeting, Youth department leaders, Mike and Charlene Ammons, were beginning a prayer partner program for the Youth department. An adult volunteer would be a prayer partner with a youth.

The Okaloosa Title Company advised the church that Thomas Jones wanted to sell the Puckett property which includes a piece of property that had been deeded to the Oakdale Baptist Church. The deed states that if the property ceases to be used for a Southern Baptist Church then the property would be returned to the original grantors or their heirs. Jim Sherron made a motion to execute a quit claim deed to this effect returning the property to the heirs of John Henry and Lillian Puckett with the officers of the Oakdale Baptist Church,

RECORD OF MINISTERS

Rev. S. C. Craft	October 25, 1856
Rev. J. D. Evans	June 25, 1887
Rev. L. B. Plumer	November 19, 1887
Rev. F. M. Wells	August 26, 1888
Rev. M. K. Knight	October 27, 1889
Rev. J. N. Reid	October 25, 1890
Rev. W. H. Bryant	August 12, 1894
Rev. S. R. Clements	November 4, 1899
Rev. Moses Ward	February 19, 1905
Rev. T. A. Evans	September 8, 1907
Rev. A. N. Woodard	
Rev. W. R. Ivey	September 16, 1911
Rev. A. N. Woodard	October 6, 1912
Rev. S. B. Cole	December 15, 1915
Rev. J. M. Conner	May 11, 1924
Dr. A. J. Preston	February, 1925 (Asked to fill out year)
Rev. W. J. Ray	December 4, 1927
Rev. A. T. Camp	October 21, 1929
Rev. W. J. Ray	October 12, 1930
Rev. A. M. Rowe	April 19, 1931
Rev. R. B. Keyes	1946
Rev. M. J. Fowler	1947
Rev. D. P. Hendry	1948—1955
Rev. S. J. Graham	1956—1957
Rev. J. T. Fann	1958
Rev. E. L. Gurr	March 29, 1959
Rev. Carl A. Webb	1962—1964
Rev. Douglas Mitchell	December 13, 1964
Rev. A. L. Brock	December 1970 (Interim Pastor)
Rev. Bruce Smith	February 6, 1972
Bro. Lamar Harris	March 31, 1974 (Interim Pastor)
Rev. Jack Anderson	June 2, 1974