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Smith, C. Fred was a native of Winter Park, Florida. He graduated from the University of Florida and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Florida including Palmetto Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Waldo. He and his wife, Emily Crossland Smith (m. 1937) had two children.

REV. FRED SMITH NEW PALMETTO BAPTIST PASTOR

**Comes To Church On Feb.
9 From Kentucky; Is
Florida Native**

Rev. Fred Smith, a native of Florida, who has been serving as pastor of the Baptist church at Paris, Ky., has accepted a call to the pulpit of the Palmetto Baptist church and will assume the pastorate a week from today, it was announced Saturday.

Rev. Smith was called on Dec. 29 to succeed **Rev. S. B. Cole**, who retired Jan. 1 because of ill health. **Rev. Cole**, who had served the church for 17 years, died Jan. 23.

The Palmetto church has been without an active pastor since **Rev. Cole** became ill last August. However, it was fortunate in having able men supplied to fill the pulpit, and since Jan. 1 Dr. J. W. Cammack of Fork Union, Va., has been serving the church.

Dr. Cammack will continue to discharge the duties of pastor until **Rev. Smith** arrives to take the pulpit next Sunday. Dr. Cammack, a winter visitor at Sarasota, is an outstanding Baptist minister of Virginia, having a congregation of some 650 members and in addition teaching a large Bible class at a school.

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Dr. Smith, the new pastor, is a young man and a very forceful and able minister, it was stated by Circuit Judge W. T. Harrison, who is a member of the Palmetto church board of deacons. **Dr. Smith** has preached in the Palmetto church on previous occasions and favorably impressed his listeners.

A native of Winter Park, Fla., **Rev. Smith** is a graduate of the University of Florida and also attended Stetson University. He also is a graduate of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. The pastorate at Paris is the second he has held in Kentucky since graduating from the seminary.

Rev. Smith is married, his wife being the former Miss Emily Crossland of Punta Gorda, who taught music in the Palmetto High school during the 1936-37 term. They were married in 1937.

Rev. Smith will conclude his work at the Paris church with services today and with Mrs. **Smith** will leave immediately for Palmetto, arriving next Saturday.

The Palmetto Baptist church is one of the largest and most active in this section of Florida, having a congregation of between 400 and 500 members.

MISS CROSSLAND AND REV. FRED SMITH TO WED IN JUNE

The engagement of Miss Emily Crossland, of Palmetto, and Punta Gorda, to Rev. Fred Smith, of Punta Gorda, and Louisville, Ky., was announced last Saturday at a party given by Mrs. William Persons in Punta Gorda. Mrs. Persons is a sister of Miss Crossland.

Miss Crossland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Crossland, of Punta Gorda, and is a member of the Palmetto school faculty in the music department.

Rev. Smith, of Punta Gorda, is a student at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and has a pastorate in Midway, Ky.

The marriage will take place June 8 in Punta Gorda.

Rev. Fred Smith Will Preach At Palmetto Church

The Rev. C. Fred Smith, of Waldo, will preach at both morning and evening services at the First Baptist church of Palmetto Sunday.

Rev. Smith was pastor of the Palmetto church from January 1941, until September, 1942, when he resigned to enter service as a chaplain. He served considerable time overseas.

While he was with the Palmetto church only a short time, he was credited with doing much for the church. Through his efforts, the church debt of \$30,000 was refinanced through the Home Mission Board and paid off in two years. During his pastorate, scores of persons, most of them young people with whom he devoted much time, joined the church.

He is now pastor of the Waldo Baptist church and principal of the school there. His wife, the former Miss Emily Crossland, of Punta Gorda, taught music in the Palmetto schools prior to their marriage. They have two children, Sue Lundy, 5, and Eddie, 3.

Palmetto (southwest Florida)

- 1930 February, Voted to cooperate with First Church, Bradenton, in revival series—two weeks, there, one week intermission, then two weeks here.
- 1932 February, Communion service changed to follow morning service.
- 1933 October, Letter granted Donald Weeks to Belle Glade Church.
(Mr. Weeks is now a missionary under the Home Mission Board.)
- 1935 December, Budget of \$5,500 adopted.
- 1940 Church experiencing financial difficulties in paying building debt.
December, Pastor S. B. Cole resigned after serving seventeen years (he died a few weeks later).
- 1941 January, Fred Smith called as pastor.
September, Church is incorporated and name changed to First Baptist Church of Palmetto.
- 1942 May, Golden Anniversary of church observed.
July, Application to Home Mission Board for \$16,000 loan to refinance debt.
August, Pastor resigned to enter military chaplaincy.
December, M. O. Owens called to church.
- 1943 November, Peter S. Harllee elected Sunday School Superintendent.
(Served 1943-1950, Jan. 1952-1955.)
- 1945 January, C. C. Kiser began duties as pastor.
July, Mrs. J. A. Lamb honored on her 50th year of service.
- 1946 January, With debt paid, building is dedicated and mortgage burned.
- 1947 May, Hammond Organ purchased (installed nearly year later).
- 1948 August, Fred Smith again called as pastor.
- 1949 December, Upon resignation of pastor, R. J. Tyler becomes interim pastor.
- 1950 April, B. B. Fletcher called to the pastorate.
July, Miss Jacqueline Barnett called as Educational Director-Secretary.
October, Extensive remodeling and new baptistry completed.
- 1951 January, W.M.U. reported total of \$152 for Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions in December 1950. (The 1965 offering reached \$2,367.66.)
- 1951 July, Mission property in Palm View purchased.
- 1952 January, Ralph E. Gwin called as pastor, and the pastorium at 1818 - 4th Street was purchased, releasing old pastorium for needed educational space.
March, Property purchased for Tenth Street Mission which was already in operation.
- 1953 September, Tenth Street Church constituted.
- 1954 February, Flowers lot adjoining church property on the south was given to the church by Mr. J. P. Harllee, Sr., and was dedicated to the memory of Eloise Edwards Harllee (Mrs. J. P., Sr.), "whose life exemplified Christ, whose kindly spirit was always manifest, whose unselfish service was freely given, and whose family she gave to Christ to serve through this church."
March, Formal beginning of Palm View Chapel.
March, Contract let for air conditioning of entire church building.
July, Taylor property across street (paved for parking in 1966) given to church.
- 1955 October, Mr. William Snyder elected Sunday School Superintendent (served 1955-1964).
- 1958 April, Palm View Church constituted.
July, Groundbreaking for Educational Building.
- 1959 February, Mrs. J. A. Lamb's 90th birthday celebrated. (She died a few days before her 93rd birthday.)
June, Dedication of Educational Building.
- 1965 November, Building debt paid off.
- 1966 April, Pastor participates in Foreign Mission Board sponsored evangelistic crusade in Jamaica, at church expense.
August, The redecorated young people's department is named The Anne Harllee Chapel and dedicated to the memory of Anne Harllee, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Harllee, Jr. and the late Mr. J. P. Harllee, Jr.
- 1967 January, The old kitchen, remodeled, becomes the "Lillie Lamb Bride's Room."
January, 75th Anniversary, the Diamond Jubilee, of church celebrated.

Santa Fe River 1978

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WALDO

On May 28, 1883, Robert W. Campbell conveyed a piece of property just west of Ankrum Street, now closed, to the trustees of Waldo Baptists for the sum of \$1.00. Those trustees were: Ex-General Elias Earl, Joel T. Weeks, and Fair Neal. Mrs. P. W. (Mary) Sparkman gave permission for a building to be erected on part of her land. The church was established in 1834 and the church building was built in 1884-85.

The first pastor was Mr. Benjamin Mosley who lived in Melrose and held services in Waldo twice a month. Joel T. Weeks was the first Superintendent of Sunday School. The first organists were Mrs. Eva Raulerson and Miss Eva Harris. The Combined Hymn Books were used in all services. Mr. Joel T. Weeks always rang the church bell on Sunday morning. (The old church bell hangs in the belfry of the present building.)

God used many people to help the church to get started. Some of the names that are known are: Mr. and Mrs. James Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Joel T. Weeks, Mrs. J. H. Colson, Orlando Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Terry and three sons and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kite, Mr. W. K. Stager, Mr. and Mrs. Archible Priest, Mrs. Mary Sparkman, Mr. and Mrs. Stergis, Mrs. Eva Harris Raulerson, Emma Weeks, Emma Terry, Eloise Weeks, Ida Terry, James Stergis, John and Walter Stergis.

The last couple married in the old church building was Margaret Matthews and Milton Miley, June 26, 1955.

The old pastorium was given to the church by Mrs. Todd. She was from one of the New England states. She had named the building "Ger-shom," meaning "a stranger here." Gershom was the son of Moses by his Midianite wife Zipporah. When Mrs. Todd died in a Gainesville hospital, her body was carried through Waldo on a train and the church bell was rung as it passed through.

The present church building was completed in 1955 while Rev. G. B. VanAllen was pastor. The first couple married in the new building was Barbara Matthews and Lew Roschell, Feb. 1956.

A new educational wing was completed on the South side in 1972, while Rev. R. L. Murphy was pastor. It was dedicated as the Sherman Scott Building in memory of the man who was so instrumental in seeing it to its completion.

Throughout the years God has blessed the church with faithful pastors. Though the records are not complete, the following have served as pastors in Waldo: Benjamin Mosley, the first pastor; Rev. Farmer, 1906; B. F. Green, 1909; L. A. Rawles, Jan. 1912-1914; E. M. Henderson, Jan. 1915 - Oct. 1917; B. F. Caudill, Jan. 1918 - May 1918, R. M. Howard, May 1918- Dec. 1918; E. G. Diamond Jan. 1919- Sept. 1919; W. B. Hicks, Oct. 1919 - Sept. 1927; Oct. 1930 - Deceased June 15, 1941; Cary Allen; J. M. Lewis, Oct. 1927 - Aug. 1930; H. O. Hughes, Aug. 1942-Dec. 1943; J.M. Dickson Jan. 1944 - Aug. 1945; Sept. 1948 - July 1949; Fred Smith, Feb. 1946 - Aug. 1948; R. L. Franklin, Jan. 1950 - Jan. 1951, C. P. Rogers, Feb. 1951 - June, 1952; G. B. VanAllen, Aug. 1952 - Deceased May 29, 1958; Wallace Rivers, Sept. 1958 - Oct. 1959; H. F. Jarvis, Jan. 1960 - Oct. 1962; C. E. Rentz, Mar. 1963 - June 1965 R. L. Murphy, Dec. 1965 - Aug. 1970; Kermat Kombs, Feb. 1971- De-