

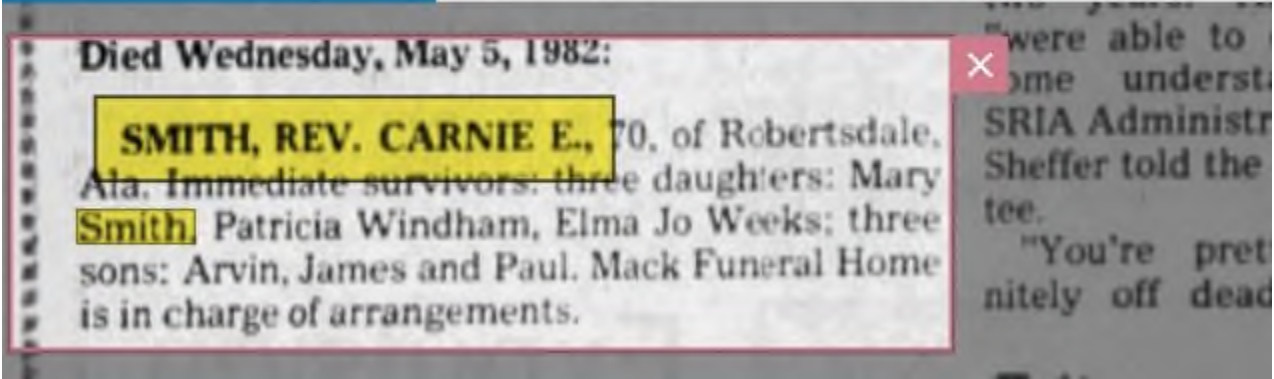
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Smith, Carnie (1911-1982) served as pastor of Pine Barron Baptist Church, Davisville and First Baptist Church, Ensley. He and his wife, Gladdys Aurelle Whatley Smith had six children.



Carnie Evaster Smith

Birth 2 Jun 1911

Death 5 May 1982 (aged 70)

Burial Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery Elsanor, Baldwin County, Alabama, USA

Inscription

"A GOOD MAN OBTAINETH
FAVOUR OF THE LORD"
PROVERBS 12:2

Family Members

Spouse

Gladdys Aurelle "Aurlie" Whatley Smith 1913–1980 (m. 1934)

Children

Arvin Ray Smith 1936–2010

James Travis Smith Sr 1938–2005

Paul Evaster Smith 1940–2013

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1950 property value is listed at \$1,324.25. Minutes reflect that Mr. D. Kilpatrick was pastor. Mr. Beck and Mrs. Jarvis retained their positions and Agee Dove is treasurer. Messengers to the association meeting were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Steele. Membership had grown to 107.

Rev. James A. Rogers was pastor in 1951 at a salary of \$1677. There were 100 members. In the only change in positions, Mrs. Agee Dove succeeded Mrs. Jarvis as clerk.

In 1952, there were 80 resident members; 20 non-resident. Mr. W. M. Ward is listed as having died during that church year. Mr. Rogers remained pastor.

He was succeeded by Mr. L. J. Watson, Mr. Ralph Sasser, Mr. W. W. Leverett, and Mr. Harvey Lee English.

In 1960, Mr. Carnie E. Smith pastored the church that now had 174 members. His annual salary was \$3,125. There were 17 baptisms. Raymond Norris was superintendent of the Sunday School that had a total enrollment of 127. Billy Reeves directed the Training Union that had 77 enrolled. Church value was listed at \$9,600.

Minister of music was Dewitt Dove and Mrs. R. H. Spence headed the W.M.U. Treasurer was R. H. Spence; clerk, Mrs. Herman Hassebrock.

Messengers to the association were Mr. N. E. Davis, Mrs. Dewitt Dove and Mrs. Hassebrock.

In 1961, Mr. Emory Rogers was pastor and membership was up to 182. Messengers were Mrs. Raymond Norris, Mrs. Dewitt Dove, Mrs. Ernest Bartley and Mrs. George Darby.

Association minutes list Mr. Jasper Ward, a deacon, as deceased.

Property value was listed as \$3,600 for the pastor's home and \$7,600 for the church.

In 1962, a deed for the church and cemetery was given by the St. Regis Co. through the efforts of The Davisville Community Club, no other deed being on record for the ownership of the church, land and cemetery.

Rev. Marion McKinley is listed as pastor in 1964, '65 and '66 at a salary of \$3,640. There were 185 members in '64 and 194 in '65 and '66. All three years there were 75 members in the Sunday School. Mr. F. C. Faircloth was superintendent. Mr. Earl Stabler is listed as "other minister in the church" that first year.

Messengers in 1964 were Mrs. Dewitt Dove, George Dardy and Mrs. Ernest Dartley. Mr. Henry Davis is listed "in memoriam." In 1965, Annette Hassebrock, Ruth Norris and Laura Cook were messengers. Mrs. Bertha Smith died in 1965, Mr. Albert Albritton in '66.

Chairman of deacons was Agee Dove in 1964, Dewitt Dove in 1865. For the three years, Mrs. Fernie Faircloth was treasurer; Mrs. H. J. Hassebrock clerk for two and was followed by Mrs. Ernest Bartley.

From 1961 through 1966, minutes show that Dewitt Dove was minister of music.

There is no listing for 1967, nor is there a pastor listed for 1968. In that year however, there was a listing of \$4,500 for salary. Total property value was \$12,000.

Messengers were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Silcox, and Mrs. R. Norris.

Mrs. Evie Ward, Mr. Lige Ward, Mr. J. K. McLeod and Mr. Liventon Hayes are listed "in memoriam."

With 200 members, Mr. Faircloth continued as Sunday School superintendent, and Mrs. Bartley as clerk. Chairman of deacons was Herman Hassebrock and Mrs. Opal Faircloth was treasurer. Music director was W. E. Cook.

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Davisville

Early in 1944 the present location was purchased and a building started. This building, however, was destroyed by a tornado on April 2, 1945, before it was completed. Many friends, churches and other groups responded with generous donations and rebuilding was begun almost immediately.

The people saw a vision realized on August 18, 1946, when the cornerstone of the present building was laid and again on May 30, 1948, when dedication services were held

The years following have seen other dreams become reality with additional educational space being built and other property purchased. In 1963 a pastor's home was built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Poulsen for this purpose.

In 1969 the church entered into an extensive renovation, remodeling and building program at which time the auditorium was completely renovated; 1,600 sq. ft. of additional educational space was provided and the existing educational areas remodeled.

On September 16, 1971, the church again was hit by tornado winds that took the roof off the educational section of the building causing extensive water damage to the building and furniture.

The eleven pastors who have served at The First Baptist of Ensley are:

Luther B. Garner	Feb. 1943 - Oct. 1949
Luther A. Key	Nov. 1949 - Oct. 1950
Alvin B. Higdon	Dec. 1950 - Mar. 1953
F. O. Robinson	May 1953 - Sept. 1954
L. E. Burns	Jan. 1955 - July 1956
Carnie E. Smith	Nov. 1956 - Jan. 1959
Willie Dee Carr	Mar. 1959 - Aug. 1965
Jack C. Hughen	Nov. 1965 - May 1967
Lester T. Garrett	Aug. 1967 - Dec. 1968
M. Doyle Brown, Sr.	Mar. 1969 - Dec. 1972
William O. Byrd, Jr.	June 17, 1973 - Presently serving.

The church now has a total membership of 477 with 18 baptisms this year.

HISTORY OF GULF BREEZE BAPTIST CHURCH

In 1955 a tent was erected on the present church site and a revival sponsored by the Billory Baptist Church was held. At the conclusion of the revival meeting the tent was taken down and the piano returned to the Billory Church - the pews were left and 5 families met under the trees for church for the next few weeks. A friend of the church shipped overseas and offered his house for a meeting place. With rapid growth the house was soon too small. Mr. Mark Benson offered an empty building to meet in. Construction of a concrete block building was then in progress, made possible with labor and material donated by members and friends of the church and by Billory.

During January of 1956 the church became a self-supporting church. The months following were plagued with financial difficulties and it became necessary in March of 1956 for the church to return to mission status under Brownsville Baptist Church of Pensacola. While continuing as a mission of Brownsville, a small wooden building was added for a nursery. During this time Rev. Jones served as interim pastor, awaiting graduation of Rev. Arthur Haylock who was to become the mission pastor.

A period of rapid growth followed Rev. Haylock's coming which enabled the church to again become an independent body in January, 1957. It became necessary in the summer of 1957 to add a concrete block addition to the original building. These additional educational facilities furnished the space necessary for continued growth, which resulted in plans being formulated for the new educational plant to be built in the future. Rev. Haylock left the church in May of 1960 to go to the mission field in Honduras. Rev. B. F. Atkins served as interim pastor.

Rev. Robert H. Glass was called as pastor in September of 1960. The church became a corporation under his leadership. In May of 1969 the educational building housing nursery - intermediates, a kitchen and fellowship hall was completed. In January 1962 the Santa Rosa Shores Mission was started in the Community Center there. In January 1963 ground was broken and construction of the Mission Church was begun. This building was dedicated in June 1963. Additional space was needed and in 1964 the sanctuary was remodeled and educational space increased. The lot and house adjacent to the church property were also purchased in August of 1964, the house to be used as the church office. The church called its first full time Minister of Music and Youth in September of 1967. Rev. Glass resigned in September of 1971 to accept a position in another church. The Church called Rev. T. D. Lide as interim pastor.

In February of 1972 Rev. J. Lester Hawkins accepted a call to the church as pastor. During the first year of his ministry the church membership increased at a steady rate and the church led the Association in baptisms.

In April of 1972 the lot directly behind the church was purchased and in November 1972 the house and lot at 3 Gilmore Drive were purchased to be used as additional Sunday School space.

Work started in October 1972 by men of the Church made possible a new nursery/office building valued at \$60,000. After many long months of waiting and looking at plans, ground was broken for a new sanctuary on April 22, 1973 and construction began on May 1.

Growth continues with a membership of 792. The Sunday School has 711 enrolled and Church Training 301.