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Smith, D. S. was the son of Jonah E. and Jennie Smith. He was ordained in 1952 by the First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs where he served as pastor from 1952-1964. Smith also served as pastor of Orient Park Baptist Church, Tampa and First Baptist Church, Inverness.

Sulphur Springs Baptist in 50th Year

Sulphur Springs First Baptist Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary this weekend with dinner on the grounds at noon and special services.

The Rev. D. S. Smith and the Rev. L. N. Smith, former pastors, will speak at the 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. services respectively. Rev. L. N. Smith served from 1931-1945 and Rev. D. S. Smith from 1952-1964. All former pastors will attend the services.

The history of the church will be read by Deacon Dan Smith at the 2:30 p.m. service. The Royal Ambassador Quartet and

Spence Memorial Quartet will furnish music.

Sulphur Springs had its beginning late in 1913 or earlier, as a Mission Sunday School, which

met in the Sulphur Springs School. The earliest written records found, were in the Florida Baptist Witness, on July 13, 1916.

On Oct. 24, 1917, a council of Churches was formed at Sulphur Springs Mission to organize the mission into a church. A building had been constructed by March 15, 1917.

In 1940, two lots at the corner of Ninth and Fairbanks Streets were purchased. The present church is still located here, but the first building was made of cypress poles with slab siding and a dirt floor.

Rev. D. S. Smith To Be Ordained At Sulphur Springs

The Rev. D. S. Smith will be ordained as a minister at an afternoon service tomorrow in the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs, where he has been called as new pastor.



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The Rev. Dr. Earl Lewis, El Bethel Baptist Church, will preach the ordination sermon, and The Rev. Marshall G. Mines, Palm Avenue Baptist Church, will give the charge to the church.

The ordination will be one of three services at the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church tomorrow, with a basket dinner following morning worship.

The new Sulphur Springs pastor is a member of an early Hillsborough County family. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith, settled in Picnic after the War Between the States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah E. Smith, and the 102-year-old Alafia Baptist Church at Picnic is his home church.

Mr. Smith has been employed at United States Phosphoric for the past 11 years. He is married and has three sons. Prior to entering the ministry, he has served as deacon and Training Union director at Gibsonton Baptist Church.

Tampa, Florida · Friday, July 02, 1965

HINES, MISS LINDA FAYE—Funeral services for Miss Linda Faye Hines, 3, of 2815 Orient Road, passed away suddenly in a local hospital as the result of an automobile accident Wednesday morning, will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Orient Park Baptist Church, with the **Rev. D. S. Smith**, pastor, officiating. Pallbearers will be Lewis Joine, J. F. Mulling, John H. Moore, I. M. Klepper. Interment will follow in Myrtle Hill Cemetery. Miss Hines will lie in state at the church from 10 Friday until time of services. **SWILLEY EASTSIDE FUNERAL HOME**, 4820 E. Broadway, are in charge of arrangements.

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THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Saturday, February 1, 1964

Receives Plaque

Rev. D. S. Smith has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, for the past 11 years and recently resigned to become pastor of the Orient Park Baptist Church.

The congregation of the Sulphur Springs Church presented the pastor with a plaque bearing the following inscription:

"To Rev. D. S. Smith in appreciation for 11 years of faith-

ful service at the First Baptist Church of Sulphur Springs."

The Sulphur Springs church was his first charge after being ordained a minister.

Song Fest

The Hillsboro County Singing Convention meets at Oak Park Baptist Church, 4901 10th Ave., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

JONAH E. SMITH **TAKEN BY DEATH**

Lifelong Resident of County
Dies at Lithia

Jonah E. Smith, life-long resident of Hillsborough County, died last night at his residence in Lithia. He was 55 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jennie **Smith**; seven daughters, Mrs. G. O. Boynton, Miss Eloise **Smith**, Miss Gladys **Smith**, Miss Teresa Mae **Smith** and Mrs. Verna Carter, all of Tampa, and Mrs. Hazel Prevatt, Gibsonton; three sons, D. S. **Smith**, Mabry **Smith** and Willard **Smith**, all of Picnic, and five sisters, Mrs. Alice Kickliter, Mrs. Rose Colding and Mrs. Lou Lightsey, all of Lithia, Mrs. Elbert Browning, Plant City, and Mrs. Ellen Colding, Wimauma.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Hurrah Church, with the Rev. Steve McClelland officiating. Interment will be in the Hurrah Cemetery.