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**Smith, Darrel** served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Sopchoppy, 1983-1986.

HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOPCHOPPY

This Church became the Mt. Beasor Missionary Baptist Church in 1873 when 80 members withdrew from the Mt. Beasor Primitive Church which was constituted in 1853. The first church building was erected on a site in West Sopchoppy in 1873 and remained there until 1906 when Mr. John C. Hodge gave a lot in the present City of Sopchoppy and a second church building was constructed. The site was moved to the present City of Sopchoppy because of a shift in the community growth. The building erected in 1906 remained until the present building was constructed in 1967. The church went by the name of Mt. Beasor Baptist Church until 1942 when it was changed to the First Baptist Church of Sopchoppy. In 1964, the first gifts were made to a building fund for the present church building on this third site. In 1965, the church voted to build, and on December 17, 1967, the first service were held in the new building. However, Sunday School and Church Training were not held in the new building until February 11, 1968, when every part of the building was completed. The present building was dedicated on February 25, 1968. The new educational wing was completed the first part of 1982 and was dedicated on March 21, 1982.

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PASTORS WHO SERVED AT SOPCHOPPY FIRST  
Approximately 1900 - 1983

Rev. Lewis Roberts ( Mr. Johnnie Roberts Uncle)	
Rev. Steve Revell	
Rev. Judah	1921-1923.
Rev. O. N. Revell (son of Rev. Steve Revell)	1924-1927
Rev. G. E. Holified	1927-1928
Rev. Frank Bancroft	1928
Rev. O. N. Revell (Former Pastor)	1929-1934
Rev. L. E. Goodgame	1935-1936
Rev. A. V. Pickern	1937-1938
Rev. O. N. Revell (Former Pastor)	1938-1942
Rev. Homer Duggar	1942-1943
Rev. Virgil T. Smith	1944
Rev. C. J. Johnson	1945-1946
Rev. John E. Pelham, Sr.	1947
Rev. Ralph Rittenhouse, Sr.	1948-1953
Rev. Truett Smith	1954
Rev. DeWitt Cox	1955-Sept. 1957
Rev. Homer Duggar (Former Pastor)	Oct. 1957-Oct. 1960
Rev. Ted Rodda	1960-1962
Rev. O. G. Hall	Feb. 1963-Sept. 1969
Rev. Glenn Lawhon	June 1970-Aug. 1977
Rev. D. O. Goss	March 1978-Oct. 1982
Rev. Harold J. Crosson (interim)	Nov. 1982-Apr. 1983
Rev. Darrel Smith	May 1983-June 1986
Rev. Henry Jones	April 1987-Present

