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**Smith, Fred H. M.** was the son of J. Homer and Dora McDonald Smith. He served as pastor of churches in Tennessee and Florida including Center Hill Baptist Church, Webster Baptist Church and Broadway Baptist Church.



## Baptist Church Members Give Party for Pastor

Members of the Broadway Baptist church entertained the pastor, the Rev. Fred H. M. Smith at a birthday party Thursday night at his home, 1710 Sixty-fourth street. Games were played and the guest of honor was presented a shower of gifts by members of the church. Refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Etter, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lampp, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Twitty, Rev. and Mrs. Fred H. M. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Tyner, Mrs. C. M. Lovelace, Mrs. G. R. King, Mrs. A. G. Alford, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Amanda Boerschig, Mrs. J. E. Emory, Mrs. Katherine Meeks, Mrs. Christiana Parrish, Mrs. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. A. D. Partridge, the Miss Arlene Waller, Lillie Mae Partridge, Sybil Lee Partridge, Edna Emory, Minnie Partridge, Nellie Music and Mary Lee Twitty, George Boerschig, jr., Edwin Emory and Paul Cooper Twitty.

## Ex-Tampa Pastor Sees War Action



The Rev. Fred H. M. Smith

A former Tampa minister, the Rev. Fred H. M. Smith, who occupied the pulpit of Broadway Baptist church here for five years, has seen more than his share of action in the Pacific war.

Now Chaplain Smith with the 86th infantry training battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif., he witnessed the fighting at Guadalcanal, in the Coral sea and at Tulagi. His experience included 10 trips across the Pacific, 24 submarine attacks by the enemy, three major sea battles and three plane attacks, according to his wartime biography as published at Camp Roberts.

Chaplain Smith, who enlisted before the Japs' attack on Pearl Harbor, wears many ribbons showing service in the various war theaters.

A Baptist minister for 21 years, he attended Stetson university, Texas Wesleyan and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

## Pastor Resigns To Attend Seminary

The Rev. Fred H. M. Smith, pastor of the Broadway Baptist church for the last five years, has resigned and will enter the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Texas.

While he was pastor several additions were made to the church, including a new Sunday school room and a pastor's home.

Orlando Sentinel October 12, 1928, p. 6

## Rev. Fred Smith Will Leave Orlando Post

The Rev. Fred H. M. Smith has left Orlando to take up his duties as pastor of the First Baptist church, Hohenwald, Tenn. Mr. Smith is an Orlando boy, whose mother is Mrs. Dora M. Smith of this city.

Rev. Smith was licensed to preach by the First Baptist church here. He is an honorary member of the Baraca class and is also a member of the Orlando Masonic Lodge No. 69.

Tampa Tribune, October 2, 1938, p. 31

## Pastor To Begin Fifth Year at Baptist Church

The Rev. Fred H. M. Smith will begin his fifth year as pastor of the Broadway Baptist church today.

During the four years he has been instrumental in the building of many improvements about the church.

Before coming to Tampa, Mr. Smith was pastor at Center Hill and Webster.

**MRS. DORA SMITH**

Mrs. Dora McDonald **Smith**, 82, a resident of Orlando since 1919, died in a local hospital Sunday after a long illness.

Mrs. Smith was born in Atlanta, Ga., and was the widow of the late J. Homer **Smith**. For 30 years she maintained a dressmaking shop in Orlando. She had been an active member of the First Baptist Church and a former Matron of OES for the state of Florida.

Survivors include a son, Chaplain **Fred H. M. Smith**, USA [ret.], of Fort Worth, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Norton, Tyronne, Ga.; a brother, Frank E. McDonald, Jacksonville; two sisters, the Misses Alice and Marietta McDonald, Atlanta, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of Georgia.

Carey Hand Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Not Pastor Smith**

The **Rev. Fred H. M. Smith**, Orlando, and formerly of Winter Garden, is not to be confused with **Fred Smith**, Winter Garden, who withdrew from Stetson University last week. The Orlando minister is a former Stetson student but for the past four years had held a pastorate in Tennessee.

**NEW PASTOR.**

**Rev. Fred H. M. Smith**, former pastor of Center Hill Baptist Church and Webster Baptist Church, has accepted a call to the Broadway Baptist Church here. Mr. **Smith** is a native of Georgia but has resided in Florida for a number of years. He attended Stetson University, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He will report next week.