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**Smith, G. Ashton** (-1967) served as pastor of churches in Georgia and Florida including First Baptist Church, Largo 1938-1941. He served as chaplain in WWII. Smith and his wife had two children.



# *Our Pastors* Pinealls

## *First Baptist Church Largo Florida*

1909 ..... Rev. James Edgar Black  
1913 ..... Rev. Joe Tucker  
1913 ..... Rev. W.M. Wynkoop  
1914 ..... Rev. H. E. Parsons  
1915 ..... Rev. Ira Saunders  
1916 - 1918 ..... Rev. J. Frank Blalock  
1918 - 1919 ..... Rev. Paulson  
1919 - 1923 ..... Rev. Willie E. Lowe  
1923 - 1929 ..... Rev. William Stokes Walker  
1930 - 1933 ..... Rev. G. T. Hinton  
1933 - 1938 ..... Rev. E. G. Gatlin  
1938 - 1941 ..... Rev. G. Ashton Smith  
1941 - 1948 ..... Rev. E. Allen Burnette  
1948 - 1950 ..... Rev. W.K. Bean  
1950 - 1953 ..... Rev. James L. Horne  
1953 - Interim ..... Rev. Sam Henderson  
1953 - 1956 ..... Rev. A.E. Lightfoot  
1956 - Interim ..... Rev. Lester Huxtable  
1956 - 1958 ..... Dr. F. B. Feagins  
1958 - 1965 ..... Rev. L. L. Day  
1965 - Interim ..... Rev. Gerald Turner  
1965- 1977 ..... Rev. A. Darrel Murray  
1977 - Interim ..... Rev. John Woodhouse  
1978 - 1986 ..... Rev. Durward H. Davis  
1986 - 1990 ..... Rev. Gary I. Gates  
1990 - Interim ..... Rev. Vince Gaugler  
1990 - 1991 ..... Rev. William Pace  
1992 - 1999 ..... Dr. Ronald A. Hazlett  
1999 - Interim ..... Dr. Francis Stiles  
2000 - Present ..... Dr. Richard R. Behers

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visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Hudson.

Mrs. G. Ashton Smith and son, Ashton Jr., and Miss Lottie Warren motored to Camp Blanding Friday to see the Rev. G. Ashton Smith, who leaves this week-end for maneuvers in Louisiana.

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Navy.

The Rev. G. Ashton Smith left Monday for Camp Blanding to assume his duties as chaplain in the Army.

Dr. and Mrs. John Shahan and

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A letter has been received by friends from the Rev. G. Ashton Smith, former pastor of the Largo Baptist church, now a chaplain. Chaplain Smith has been made a captain and is at Camp Robinson, Ark. He spent a number of months in the South Pacific but was forced to return on account of his health. Mrs. Smith and their two children are at Monticello, Ga.

Mrs. Marion Maurice and Mrs.

## Hogansville Pastor Tenders Resignation

Special to The Atlanta Journal  
HOGANSVILLE, Ga., April 20.—

The **Rev. G. Ashton Smith**, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Hogansville for the past three years, has tendered his resignation as pastor to take effect May 1. The Rev. Mr. **Smith** has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Leesburg, Ga.

## **Rev. G. A. Smith**

### Batthey Chaplain

The **Rev. G. Ashton Smith**, pastor of the Leesburg Baptist Church, Leesburg, Ga., has been elected Baptist chaplain at Batthey State Hospital in Rome. Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, announced here this week.

The **Rev. Mr. Smith** will begin his work at Batthey around June 1, Dr. Garrison said. He follows **Rev. W. Frank Moore** in the chaplain's post. The **Rev. Mr. Moore** died in January after serving at Batthey for nine years.

## Rev. Smith Rites Today In Floyd

Constitution State News Service

ROME, Ga.—Funeral services for the **Rev. G. Ashton Smith**, 66, chaplain of Battey State Hospital for eight years, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Garden Lakes Baptist Church. The **Rev.** Robert Rutledge will officiate, with burial in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

The **Rev.** Mr. **Smith** also served as a major in the Chaplain Corps on New Guinea during World War II. He died Saturday in Rome.

**Henry Hayes**

hand.

## Rev. Smith Called

LEESBURG, March 16 — The Rev. G. Ashton Smith, pastor of the Leesburg Baptist Church will serve on active duty at the Staff Chaplain Contact Camp in Atlanta this week. The camp is sponsored by Georgia Military District. Mr. Smith will give two lectures on chaplains' equipment and supplies. During World War II Mr. Smith served four years as chaplain in the 31st (Dixie) Division of the U. S. Army.