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Smith, George served as pastor of Leonia Baptist Church, 1952-1955 and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1953-1955; 1957-1961, both in Holmes County.

Leonia Baptist Church (Holmes County) 1989

September 5, 1920 J. W. Baker was called as Pastor.

January 1, 1921 J. F. Register was called as Pastor. Brother Register resigned September 3, 1921. It is said that Brother Register wished out loud for a stained glass window. Mr. Green had a stained glass window imported from overseas and placed in the church. The window cost \$50.00.

Minutes go from December 1921 to July 29, 1923 on the same page. D. F. (or T) Arrant is listed as moderator and Luther Jones was Sunday School Director. December 2, 1923 Clayton Smith Clerk.

April 17, 1949 Question as to weather to change the Budget or leave it as it was. Vote to leave it as it was. May 1, 1949 Rev. Chance resigned. July 1, 1949 R. E. Owens called as Pastor. Brother Owens, Pastor of Leonia Baptist Church, passed away September 11, 1951.

Minutes go from December 1951 to August 1952. Closing of revival by George Smith. "The last Revival ever held at Leonia."

December 1952 Voted to go full-time. **George Smith** agreed to serve as Pastor for \$100.00 per month.

September 6, 1953 Pastor Smith tendered resignation. Resignation rejected by Church. Brother Smith apparently continued to pastor the church. November 22, 1953, "Owing to the fact that Brother Smith has accepted a call to preach halftime at Pleasant Grove and preached there November 22, 1953, Rev. Carlton Riddle, preached at Leonia." November 29, 1953 The church voted to go halftime.

September 29, 1955 Rev. George Smith resigned and the church accepted. October 23, 1955 P. W. Lett called as Pastor.

April 1959 Leonia Baptist Church held revival in cooperation with The Southern Baptist Convention's Simultaneous revivals.

February 5, 1961 Called C. M. Leverett as Pastor.

July 5, 1964 "Church on 65% basis for pastor and voted to call pastor each year. September 6, 1964 George Smith Called Pastor. October 11, 1964 Without Pastor. November 1, 1964 John C. Vice called Pastor. Budget: 751 for Pastor. November 29, 1964 Voted to put down a pump.

January 3, 1965 Brother Vice suggested that his pay be cut from 75% to 70%. The church voted to do so. 1966 Voted that deacons be rotated on a 3 year rotation. Voted to licence Roger Smith as a preacher.

May 1, 1966 Rev. Lamar McCullough called Pastor.

July 1968 Rev. H. Clifton Black called Pastor.

May 4, 1969 Mentioned drawing up bylaws for church. November 2, 1969 Rev. Williams called Pastor. Sunday School Teachers Meetings suggested.

May 17, 1970 Voted to licence Doyle Brake to preach. August 2, 1970 Church drafted a letter of approval for Doyle to enter Baptist Bible Institute. November 1, 1970 Doyle Brake called Pastor. Voted to suspend deacon rotation.

July 5, 1924 Jennie Jones and Bessie Helms were appointed Organist. J. F. Jones was appointed to fill the lamps and see that the lights were lit. September 7, 1924 D. F. Arrant was called as Pastor.

February 28, 1925 Arthur Gillman Sunday School Director. Minutes go from 1925 to May 1931 on the same page.

May 2, 1931 Fred Miller and Angus Arrant appointed to see Store Owners and ask them to close their stores on Sunday. May 2, 1931 D. M. Woodhall Moderator.

June 24, 1934 voted 27 to 1 to move from the Graves Association to the Holmes Association. September 1934, There was talk of building the Pastor a home. "The talk went extinct." Revival Services were held each year. There were services at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

September 13, 1936 The Pastor was not present. There were no services, just conference, "Sunday School officers and teachers elected. Calling of pastor for another year, and there being only one nomination, Brother P. M. Scott, he was unanimously elected." J. A. Gillman Moderator and Mrs. M. D. Harrell Church Clerk

July 1937 Revival, 21 received, 20 for baptism and 1 under watchcare of church.

February 1938, 156 members, 113 Resident members, average attendance 50. December 1938 "Being without Pastor Brother W. L. Head was invited and elected unanimously as Pastor."

February 13, 1939 Brother Fred Miller and J. D. Dunn were elected Deacons.

September 8 1940 Brother Bill Oswald tendered his resignation as Pastor, resignation accepted by church. Brother H. M. Givens and Brother M. G. Morrison named. H. M. Givens received majority. Then it was made unanimous.

September 4, 1944 E. F. Leivin called Pastor. November 26, 1944 W. L. Strawn called Pastor.

September 1945 a committee was appointed to raise funds for rebuilding church: M. D. Harrell, J. D. Heath, Homer Harrelson, Mrs. H. H. Spears, Miss Lanie Padgett. October 27, 1945 Question of remaining halftime or going full-time? Voted on October 28, 1945 to start full-time work on January 6, 1946.

May 16, 1948 Horace Chance Called Pastor.

PASTORS OF PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 1903-JULY 2001

Defuniak Springs (Walton County)

September 1903 - August 1907	Daniel Anderson*
August 1907 - September 1907	T. F. Ward (Thomas)
January 1908 - September 1908	Daniel Anderson
September 1908 - August 1909	C. U. Alford
August 1909 - September 1914	Daniel Anderson
September 1914 - September 1915	T. F. Ward
September 1915 - September 1917	Daniel Anderson
September 1917 - October 1918	J. W. Baker
October 1918 - March 1920	W. T. Martin
May 1920 - September 1920	Daniel Anderson
September 1920 - September 1921	D. J. Hattaway
September 1921 - September 1922	T. F. Ward
September 1922 - September 1923	D. T. Arrant
September 1923 - September 1924	Daniel Anderson
September 1924 - October 1924	D. T. Arrant
October 1924 - October 1928	B. J. Castello
October 1928 - April 1929	R. M. Woodall
April 1929 - September 2, 1933	T. F. Ward
September 5, 1933 - September 1936	George C. Williams
October 1936 - December 1936	R. M. Coates**
January 1937 - August 1937	J. W. Hough
December 1937 - September 1938	Thomas J. Anderson
February 1939 - December 1939	W. L. Head
December 1939 - February 1942	George C. Williams
January 1943 - December 1945	F. M. Pickern (Frank)
December 1945 - September 1950	J. L. Harris
December 1950 - September 1951	Thomas J. Anderson
October 1951 - August 1952	R. M. McDaniel
August 1952 - October 1953	C. E. Loveday
October 1953 - June 1955	George Smith
March 1956 - February 1957	J. C. Shell
October 1957 - September 1961	<u>George Smith</u>
November 1961 - October 1962	Eugene Abernathy
November 1962 - May 1963	Malcom M. Harris
August 1963 - June 1964	Freeman B. Smith
August 1964 - May 1969	Floyd Garrett
September 1969 - June 1970	Webster Hand