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Smith, Harold F. graduated from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville. He served as pastor of Cluster Springs Baptist Church. He and his wife, Marie McDonald had two children.

CLUSTER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Early settlers in Northwest Florida discovered a "cluster of fresh water springs" near Liberty, thus giving one of the oldest churches its name, Cluster Springs Baptist Church.

Organized in 1845, the church joined Graves Baptist Association (Now Walton County) in 1891. Its first building was a one-room log cabin which doubled as a school. A second one-room church building constructed with split lumber was built in 1890 and used for services and community sings. The third, and present building, erected on the site dates from 1929. It is wood frame with five classrooms and a sanctuary. In 1973, a nursery, library, pastor's study and steeple were added. An addition providing four more classrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen and dining room was built in 1978.

The church, located almost two miles east of U.S. 331 on CR 1084, has a resident membership of 89, Sunday School enrollment of 58, 54 enrolled in Discipleship Training, 28 in choir and 14 involved in Brotherhood. The budget is \$42,000.

William T. Aplin served as pastor 1968-70 and returned in 1976 and continues. Other known pastors have been Charlie Alford, W. Alford, E.C. Lindsey, C.B. Powell, B.S. Shelley, R.M. McDonald, W.C. Carr, Rev. Young, George Thompson, **Harold Smith**, James Hobbs and Oree Thompson.

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d The Rev. Harold F. Smith of
s Miami, and Schenectady, N. Y.,
h became pastor of the Cluster
- Springs Baptist Church, Liberty.
n He had been interim pastor there
- since June, 1962.

e The church meets three Sun-
e days a month in a building shared
e with other denominations.

e Smith worked as a carpenter
e and brick mason in Miami before
o entering the ministry. He was
g a deacon in the Wayside Baptist
ts Church, and also was active in
" the Gideons and Christian Busi-
h ness Men's Organizations there.

e Mrs. Smith was Miss Marie Mc-
al Donald of Miami. They have two
s daughters, Diana, a Chipola Col-
n lege student, and Patricia, 14.
t The family will continue to live
here.