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Smith, Henry J. (1899-1996) was born in Houston County, Alabama. He served as pastor of churches in Alabama and Florida including Hurricane Creek Baptist Church, 1948-1949; Bethel Baptist Church; Bethany Baptist Church; Mount Olive Baptist Church; Shady Grove Baptist Church; Darlington Baptist Church; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Olive Baptist Church, Malone; New Hope Baptist Church; West Pittman Baptist Church and Corinth Baptist Church most located in Holmes County. Smith and his wife, Cennie Holland Smith had seven children.

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Edgewood Ave.

REV. HENRY J. SMITH

The Rev. Henry Jefferson Smith, 96, of Lake Placid and formerly of Graceville, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 1995, following an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 17, 1899, in Houston County and lived the early years of his life in Holmes County. He attended Tabernacle Baptist Seminary in Columbus, Ga., before returning to Holmes County in 1944. He pastored more than 30 Baptist churches in the Wiregrass area, including Bethel, Bethany, Mount Olive, Shady Grove, Darlington, Bethel Baptist in Newton, Ala., Pleasant Grove, Olive Baptist in Malone, New Hope, West Pitman and Corinth. He retired in the early 1970s and had resided in Lake Placid for the past six years.

Survivors include: three sons, Donald Smith of Lake Placid, Prentice Smith of DeFuniak Springs and Harold Smith of Graceville; a daughter, Pauline Sinquefield of Pensacola; two sisters, Nola Bell of Columbus, Ga., and Lona Boyette of Ocoee; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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The Rev. Smith was predeceased by his wife, Cennie Holland Smith; two sons, Ralph Smith and Henry Smith Jr.; and by a daughter, Irene Rolling.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (Slocomb Highway) with the Rev. Jack Faircloth officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Byrd-Williams Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 p.m.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Louis Rolling, Henry J. Smith III, Wiley Whitaker, Andrew Bell, James Clifford Walker and Durwood Corbit.

1983	Established a cemetery memorial fund for maintenance of cemetery
1984	A new church sign erected in memory of Ella Rea Mott. Established funds to remodel Sunday School rooms for children department also a kitchen fund.
1985	Bought steel door for storage room.
1987	Church reroofed. Old attic fan given to Earl Castello.
1989	Mural on Baptistry wall. Air conditioner next to pastors study replaced. Church pews padded.
1990	Water cooler installed. Brick columns around cemetery. Carpeted front of church and front of fellowship hall. Baptismal robe purchased.
1991	Pump house purchased. Lighting for picnic tables.
1994	Church and Fellowship hall treated for termites. Inside Fellowship hall painted. New lights in church.
1995	Church reroofed. Sod laid in front of church.

PASTORS OF HURRICANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

1895-96	J. F. Register; Patton; Sims; Brooks; (Castello filled in); Anderson		
1927	T. J. Lawhorn	1927-32	P. M. Scott
1932-42	C. C. Williams	1942-43	W. L. Head
1943-45	E. F. Lewin	1945-48	J. R. Morrow
1948-49	Henry J. Smith	1949-51	Carl Parker
1951-52	Vernon Clyatt	1952-53	R. L. Rowe
1953-54	J. E. Pelham	1954-55	Theron Holliman
1955-56	James Barrett	1956-59	Carl Dunn
1959-60	S. S. Averitt	1960-63	Oscar DeLoach
1963-67	Jack Faircloth	1967-69	Ed. Gardner
1969-72	Earl Wise	1972-74	Raymond Cotton
1974-76	Delano Cantrell	1976-77	James Lawson
1977-79	Delano Cantrell	1979-89	Dr. Logan M. Thomas
1989-92	Delbert Canterberry	1993-94	Terry Campbell
1995	Randy Darley		

DEACONS ORDAINED

1931 Will A. Royals	1931 Quitman Vaughan
1939 Alva Andrews	1939 D. P. Stanley
1944 Glen Tadlock	1946 C. J. Clemmons
1947 Joe Pittman	1947 Cyrus Vaughan
1955 William E.(Dick) Zorn	1955 Bernice Amerson
1961 L. G. Johnson	1961 George Coley
1966 Billy Griffin	1974 Kendric Hutson
1975 Earl Castello	1975 Billy Retherford
1978 Drew Galloway	1981 Woodrow Vaughan
1982 Aurthur Flick	1984 Herman Andrews
1991 Lamar Zorn	1992 Johnny Lawson
1992 Billy Locke	1994 Larry Zorn