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Smith, Henry W. served as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Peace River Association, 1922, New Hope Baptist Church, 1924, and Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wauchula, 1929.

Oak Grove, Wauchula

PASTORS

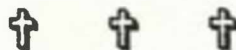
Jeremiah M. Hayman	1895 Organizer	Jim M. Hayman	1927
W. D. (Buddy) Payne	1895-96, 1899, 1903	Henry W. Smith	1929
A. Theodore Farabee	1897-98, 1907-08	J. Newell Hendry	1930-42
T. J. Sparkman	1900	Alton Roberts	1943-44
T. W. White	1901, 1911	George W. Dunn	1947-49
R. Y. Walden	1902	F. E. (Bill) Moffitt	1950
Eddie Todd	1903	Dwight C. Spillman	1951-54
J. W. Hendry	1904	W. B. Johnson	1955-57
E. C. (Ezra) Bostick	1905-06	Clyde Burke (interim)	1958
J. A. Atkins	1909-10	George E. Crowell	1959-68
H. C. Harris	1912	L. T. Fagan, Sr.	1969-70
Steve W. McClelland	1913-20, 1924	Cooper Marshall	1971-78
Sydney L. Albritton	1921-22, 1945-46	Perry Tomlinson (interim)	1978
R. Cannie Alderman	1925-26	Jimmy R. Williams, Sr.	1979-1999
		James R. Davis	2000 - present

DEACONS - 2015

Wendell Cole
Alan Lang

Steve Parsons
Duck Smith
Dan Smith

James Stark
Matt Warren



NOTE: Minutes of Oak Grove Baptist Church from 1895 to 1930 were destroyed by fire. We are thankful that through the years church historians have been able to put together the history from memories of Mrs. Elvie Williams, Aunt Vi Norris, and a consultation with the Florida Baptist Historical Society. The Historic Annuals reflect data from the church dating back to November 12, 1895. It has been concluded that Rev. Jeremiah M. Hayman was instrumental in leading and establishing Oak Grove as a constituted Baptist church and leading the people to call a Pastor.

In November of 1895, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist was received into the Manatee Baptist Association. In 1897, the Association was divided and the new Association was named Peace River Baptist Association. Around 1963, by request of the Southern Baptist Convention, the word "Missionary" was removed from the name, thereby establishing the name, "Oak Grove Baptist Church", and is now a member of the Orange Blossom Baptist Association.

Peace River 1922

NUMERICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor and P. O. Address	Clerk and P. O. Address	INC		
			Date Organized	By Baptism By Letter	
Alva	W. Ben Davidson, Olga, Fla.	Mrs. L. L. Ramsey, Alva	1921	19	1
Arcadia	Dr. A. J. Holt, Arcadia	T. P. Wyatt, Arcadia	1890	69	4
Athens	O. O. Roberts, Ft. Meade	P. P. Pollard, Ft. Meade	1911	7	1
Bethel	Henry W. Smith, Zolfo	T. W. Albritton, Zolfo	1911		
Bethany	W. C. Miller, Sarasota	E. Corbitt, Verná	1888		
Boca Grande		D. J. Lewis, South Boca Grande	1911		
Bowling Green	S. W. McClelland, Lakeland	W. M. McEwen, Bowling Green	1906	5	2
Brownville	S. L. Albritton, Limestone	H. S. Sjoblom, Arcadia	1919	9	1
Dry Prairie	S. F. Durrance, Zolfo	S. A. Chancey, Ft. Green	1888	19	
Eden		R. L. Martin			
Edgewood	F. W. Nolte, Moore Haven	J. H. Johnson, Ft. Myers	1916	9	
Felda X	W. D. M. Hays, Zolfo	Mrs. E. L. Stallings, Felda	1923	3	
Ft. Green	J. N. Hendry, Wauchula	W. E. Rich, Ft. Green	1917	3	
Ft. Green Springs*		A. E. Abbott, Ft. Green Spgs.	1902		
Ft. Myers	J. A. Ansley, Ft. Myers	J. B. Cox, Ft. Myers		4	2
Ft. Kissimmee*			1911		
Ft. Ogden	N. E. Norwood, Arcadia	L. B. Neese, Ft. Ogden		14	
Gardner	S. L. Albritton, Limestone	C. P. Hartsfield, Gardner	1903	11	1
LaBelle	W. D. M. Hays, Zolfo	R. E. Edwards, LaBelle	1912	2	
Lake Buffum X	C. Vickers, Ft. Meade		1922		
Lake Stearns X	J. L. Moore, Lake Stearns	T. J. Bates, Lake Stearns	1922	2	
Lake View*			1922		
Limestone		A. K. Albritton, Limestone	1915	3	
McCall*			1913		
Mill Creek	W. C. Miller, Bee Ridge	W. O. Edwards, Manatee	1915	1	
Moore Haven		W. E. Daniel, Moore Haven	1917	3	
Mt. Ephraim		Frank Amarine	1884		
Mt. Pleasant		M. R. W. Albritton, Pine Level	1869		
Myakka City*			1885		
New Hope	W. M. McDonald, Plant City	S. L. Griffin, Wauchula	1879		
New Zion	J. N. Hendry	C. H. Roberts, Ona	1866		
Nocatee	P. C. Schillings, Nocatee	Fount Kelly, Nocatee	1892	5	1
Oak Grove		Q. H. Cochran, Wauchula	1895		
Oak Hill		John F. Bates, Arcadia, R. F. D.	1882		
Olga X	W. B. Davidson, Olga	Mrs. L. H. Fitzgerald, Ft. Myers	1923	18	1
Osprey	W. C. Miller, Bee Ridge	V. A. Saunders, Osprey	1910	2	
Ona*			1914		
Punta Gorda	W. N. Swain, Punta Gorda	W. E. Bell, Punta Gorda	1888	6	
Samville X		R. H. Howell, Samville	1923		4
Sandy	B. M. Pack, Myakka City	Mrs. Precilla Johnson, Myakka City	1904		
Sebring	P. T. Taylor, Sebring	Perry Smith, Sebring	1922	2	1
Shady Grove	S. F. Durrance, Zolfo	C. C. Skipper, Zolfo	1897		
Sweetwater*			1902		
Tasmania*			1914		
Union*			1888		
Wauchula	R. J. Mincey, Wauchula	John McEwen, Wauchula	1882	5	3
Zolfo	W. D. M. Hays, Zolfo	E. O. Sawyers, Zolfo	1904	1	1
TOTAL				215	30

* No Report.
X New Church

Arbuckle, Mt. Moriah, Union Grove and Whidden Creek have made no report

TWO MEN ARRESTED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

WAUCHULA, June 28. — (Tribune News Service.)—Two men who gave their addresses as Tampa and Miami are being held in the county jail here awaiting trial on a charge of of being drunk and of driving while under the influence of liquor, after an automobile crash near here in which their car and another was demolished.

The men, who gave the names of James B. Hull and Philip Coleman, ran into the car of Rev. Henry W. Smith on the highway between Wauchula and Avon Park. County Judge H. D. Garrison set their bonds at \$500 and \$300 to appear in county court Friday. They are being held in default of bond.