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Smith, L. N. led in a revival meeting in Brewster in 1927 and thirty people were baptized and twenty joined by letter. Many of the men saved were middle aged railroad men. The church at that time was without a pastor and they called Smith to serve as pastor of the Brewster Church. Smith also served as pastor of Ferndale Baptist Church, Apopka, 1928; First Baptist Church Sulphur Springs, 1931-1945; Branchton Baptist Church, Tampa and East Lake Baptist Church, Tampa.



Fern dale , Apopka *Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Hobbs*

this minister was Rev. Willard Boman. This was in the years 1958-59.

A roster of the pastors and the years in which they served, since the organization of the Lake County Baptist Association is as follows:

- 1924-Rev. W. E. Murphey, Taft, Florida.
1925-1926-1927 - vacant.
1928 - Rev. L. N. Smith, Bradley Junction, Florida.
1929-Rev. D. R. Hickman
1930-Rev. W. W. Forbes
1931-Vacant
1932-Rev. J. L. Yoemans
1933-Rev. R. J. Blackmon
1934-Rev. R. J. Blackmon
1935-Rev. Clovis A. Brantley
1936-Vacant
1937-Rev. J. W. Canes
1938-Rev. W. W. Forbes
1939-Rev. W. W. Forbes
1940-Rev. R. J. Blackmon
1941-Vacant
1942-Rev. V. A. Higgs
1943-Rev. T. F. Osteen
1944-1945-1946-1947 - Vacant
1948-Rev. W. Greer (Church reinstated into L.C. B.A.)
1949-Rev. Jessie Turpin, Ocoee, Fla.
1950-Vacant
1951-Rev. Dean Gatch, Winter Garden, Fla.
1952-Rev. Jewell V. Long, Winter Garden, Fla.
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1954-Rev. Bill Hamilton, Stetson
1955-Rev. Lloyd A. Cornell, Orlando, Fla.
1956-Vacant
1957-Rev. Wilford Manley, Stetson
1958-Rev. Willard Boman, Lake Mary, Fla.
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1960-1961-1962 - Rev. James Curry, Kilarney, Fla.
1963-Rev. Johnny Booth, Groveland, Fla.

Forty Fruitful Years

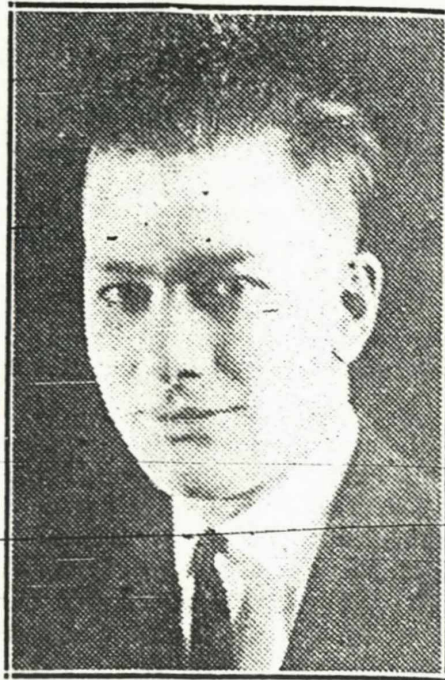
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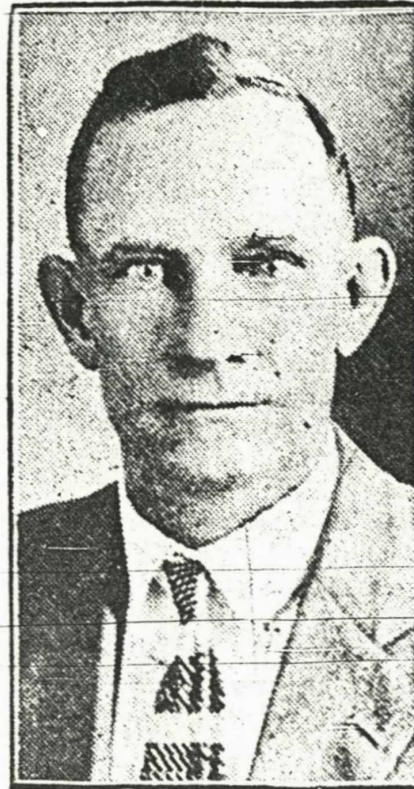
*Be ye doers of the word
and not hearers only 1-22,
James*
P. V. Nelson

HISTORY
LAKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
of
BAPTIST CHURCHES
1924 - 1964

August 18, 1927



REV. JOHN PAGE JONES



REV. JOSH BROWN



REV. L. N. SMITH

NEW PASTORS AT CLEARWATER

Rev. John Page Jones is a son of Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, D.D., of Nassawadox, Va.; is a grandson of the late distinguished J. William Jones, D.D.; a nephew of Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D.D.; of Rev. Ashby Jones, D.D.; and of the late Howard Lee Jones, all distinguished Baptist preachers. He was born in Havana, Cuba, April 9, 1894, educated at Newberry College and the S. B. T. Seminary and graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in February, 1927. Was lieutenant of artillery in France during the World War. Formerly pastor at Danville, Va., and Waynesboro, Ga. Married a daughter of J. Calvin Moss, of Lynchburg, Va. who is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate.

BREWSTER BAPTIST CHURCH

The South Florida Baptists are rejoicing with the Brewster Baptist church because a great salvation has been wrought there through the able preaching of Rev. L. N. Smith. During the meeting held by Brother Smith, assisted by Rev. William Forbes of Bradley there were thirty for baptism, many of them railroad men of middle age. Twenty came by letter. The church at the time was without a pastor and they immediately secured Brother Smith as their pastor. Brewster church is now seething with Christian activity, with baptisms at almost every service.

Rev. L. N. Smith, while still young is one of the ablest and most successful evangelists in our part of the state. He has baptized more men, we believe, than any other preacher of his age.

Sulphur Springs Baptist in 50th Year

Sulphur Springs First Baptist Church celebrates its 50th Anniversary this weekend with dinner on the grounds at noon and special services.

The Rev. D. S. Smith and the Rev. L. N. Smith, former pastors, will speak at the 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. services respectively. Rev. L. N. Smith served from 1931-1945 and Rev. D. S. Smith from 1952-1964. All former pastors will attend the services.

The history of the church will be read by Deacon Dan Smith at the 2:30 p.m. service. The Royal Ambassador Quartet and

Spence Memorial Quartet will furnish music.

Sulphur Springs had its beginning late in 1913 or earlier, as a Mission Sunday School, which

met in the Sulphur Springs School. The earliest written records found, were in the Florida Baptist Witness, on July 13, 1916.

On Oct. 24, 1917, a council of Churches was formed at Sulphur Springs Mission to organize the mission into a church. A building had been constructed by March 15, 1917.

In 1940, two lots at the corner of Ninth and Fairbanks Streets were purchased. The present church is still located here, but the first building was made of cypress poles with slab siding and a dirt floor.

The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida)

15 Aug 1961, Tue

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PADGETT, LAFETTE — Mr. Lafette Padgett, age 72 of 610 Selma, passed away Sunday afternoon in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the chapel of the F. T. Blount Co. Funeral Home with the **Rev. L. N. Smith**, pastor of East Lake Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Orange Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be W. H. Blizzard, D. M. Prescott, Tom W. Padgett.

The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida)

01 Aug 1953, Sat

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32nd St. & Wilder Avenue
Branchton—**Rev. L. N. Smith**
2 Miles N. Morris Bridge

The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida)

10 Aug 1930, Sun

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Belmont Heights Baptist church
Thirty-second street and Moffett avenue, the **Rev. L. N. Smith**, pastor;
morning the **Rev. S. W. McClelland**

PREACHER SAYS NAME FORGED TO MARRIAGE PERMIT

The **Rev. L. N. Smith**, a Tampa Baptist minister, testified yesterday that someone forged his name to a marriage certificate which figured prominently in the annulment suit of Mrs. Virginia Branch Hargrave and Lt. Winston Wayne Hargrave in circuit court.

Mrs. Hargrave, who asked for the annulment on grounds that Hargrave already had a wife at the time of the purported ceremony performed in Sulphur Springs and also because Hargrave hadn't obtained a marriage license, produced during her suit a marriage certificate signed by a **"Rev. L. N. Smith."** That, she said, was given to her by the **"Smith"** who performed the fraudulent ceremony in a house on Mitchell street in Sulphur Springs on June 3, 1944.

Yesterday the real **Rev. L. N. Smith** testified before Special Master W. T. Martin that he didn't perform the ceremony, that the signature on the certificate was not his and that he hadn't lived on Mitchell street since Dec. 8, 1942. He added that he did officiate at a prior marriage of Mrs. Virginia Branch Hargrave, but that he hadn't seen her since.

Martin, who recently recommended that Mrs. Hargrave be granted the annulment she asked, was ordered by Circuit Judge Sandler to hear the real Mr. **Smith's** testimony. Judge Sandler has not ruled on the master's recommendation.