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Smith, Malcom E. was a native of Bradenton. He graduated from Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Florida including Island Baptist Chapel, Anna Maria and Edgewood Baptist Church, Lakeland. He served as a chaplain Air Force Chaplain. Smith and his wife, Barbara Farrahar Smith had three children.



CHURCH MUSIC

W. G. STROUP, Secretary
W. H. MIKELL, Associate

FESTIVAL POSTERS BEING MAILED

Posters giving the date, time and place for your Associational Festival and the dates and places of the State Festivals are being mailed this week to all ministers of music or music directors. In case the church has no one in charge of the music, the poster will be mailed to the pastor.

Please open these brown envelopes and put these posters up in a conspicuous place in your church. This is the only copy that will be sent to any church.

HATS OFF TO THE PAST, COATS OFF TO THE FUTURE

We want to thank each and every officer in every association, every minister of music, director of music, pastor, singers, song leaders, instrumentalists, and all those who had a part in the Music Ministry in any way for their wonderful contribution to better music in Florida during 1963.

For 1964, let us not be satisfied with the accomplishments of 1963. Let us press forward to greater heights in the development of all our people in appreciation and participation in the music program. Let us make the best use of music in the worship services, in Sunday school, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood. It is up to you and to me what we do with this God-given instrument of music.

BAPTIST MALE CHORUS AT EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Dr. Paul Meigs, director of Evangelism, has again invited the Florida Baptist Male Chorus to sing on Tuesday Evening, January 14 at 8:00. The service will begin at 7:00. He is anxious to have the choir loft full of ministers of music, singing educational directors and pastors to lead in the singing for this first service.

There will be one special rehearsal at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday in Adult #1 department of First Baptist Church on the second floor of education building to prepare the special numbers to be used by the chorus. This is a special invitation to you to rehearse and to sing for God's glory.

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Someone has said, "Plan ahead or go behind." All of us want to be ahead and the way to be ahead is to plan for it.

The Church Music Department will furnish one summer worker for any church for one week to conduct a school of music. The department will pay the traveling expenses one round trip for the worker and pay an honorarium of \$50.00. The church will take care of the worker while on the field providing room, board and local transportation.

Application blanks for summer workers in schools of music will

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

PAUL A. MEIGS, Secretary

CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS CONFERENCE REACTIONS

"I have been happy to learn of the many phases of church-related vocations. Coming from a small-town church, I had not been aware of how many vocations there are. The importance that the speakers and conference leaders have put on preparation and a broad basic education has impressed me greatly."

"I have enjoyed this conference very much. Every part of the conference has been an inspiration to me. I know that I have found God's will for my life in the field of nursing."

"I have learned a great deal from this conference. It has been a great help to my personal and spiritual life. We have had some of the finest speakers I have ever heard."

"I believe during the Friday meetings, I found the Lord's will for my life. I came to this meeting curious, but not quite sure what the Lord wanted me to do for Him. I strongly feel that God has called me to do some kind of mission work, and I thank and praise God for it."

"These days have been helpful and inspiring days to my life. I have been in much prayer for this meeting and I believe God has worked a miracle in my life."

"When I came, I was still undecided what God wanted me to do. But now, I know for sure that God wants me to be a foreign missionary. I am going back home and start planning for that."

"I came to this church kidding myself about not becoming a nurse. I know differently now. Besides being a nurse, I want my life to count for God by doing His will. I only wish there were more conventions like this one, because it helps remove the confusion of the world."

"I think that the pageant last night was a great inspiration to me in helping me to find God's will for my life. Also, the testimony of Mr. Rhea was a great challenge to me and revealed more of the love of God and His concern."

"The conference has helped me to decide that I will do whatever God leads me to do with my life."

"I had already made a decision in my life before the conference, but being able to attend has given me firmer convictions that I have made the right decision. It has also opened my eyes concerning missions. I am already looking forward to next year's conference."

"The one main thing that made me feel God wanted me to serve Him was the tremendous need. After hearing Mr. Rogers Smith and Mr. Glendon McCullough, particularly, tell of the few people who are serving now, I know He wants me. I only wish I could go more than one place; live more

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than one life; and do more than one thing for my Lord."

"This conference has been one of the most pleasurable things I have ever experienced. The different group conferences have helped me to start to find what God is calling me to do and how to get ready for the call."

"I especially enjoyed Dr. Graves' message on preparation. It helped me tremendously in knowing God's will in my life."

"This conference has helped me to decide that I will do anything or go anywhere God leads."

"This meeting has been exceptional. I work with G.A.'s in my church. This meeting has inspired me to go back to my home church and emphasize missions more to my girls."

"I went to the Social Work Conference and enjoyed it very much. The people that I stayed with were very wonderful and very fine Christians and I am

grateful that they wanted us and gave us such a good time. The Social Work Conference influenced me into wanting to become a social worker."

"All the speakers we have heard have been very inspirational. I feel that God wants me to be a missionary nurse, a home missionary. Also, Mr. Rhea's messages in song have been very beautiful."

"I can truly say that this has been the greatest experience in my whole 14 years. The conferences have left a deep impression on me and have helped me to find the vocation I was most interested in. I plan to attend next year also."

"Each year during the conference, my eyes are reopened to the needs of our world today. I think the conference is an invaluable aid to the finding of future work. Each young person in our convention should be exposed to this type of vocational aid."

"This conference has opened up several new fields of services for me." Upon coming to this conference, I have felt led to medical missions. Now, however, I am considering religious journalism. The conferences and messages have helped and inspired me greatly."

Fresh from the Field... (Manatee Southern)

ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED WITH 162 MEMBERS

The Island Baptist Chapel on Anna Maria Island was constituted into the Island Baptist Church with 162 charter members on December 1, 1963. Frank Anderson of the sponsoring church presided, with W. W. White, chairman of the Missions Committee of the First Baptist Church, Bradenton, giving the invocation, and John H. Whitt, Field Secretary of District 11, reading the scripture and leading in prayer.

The reason for organizing Island Baptist Church was given by R. W. Hoard, Resolution to Constitution by Johnny W. Keeth and Ratification of By-laws by James Clark. Herb Parkinson led in the reading of the Church Covenant which was adopted by the church. Transfer of the deed of the property was made by Wheeler Leeth, chairman of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Bradenton. Lee Ratliff gave the charge to the church and the benediction was given by James B. Reynolds.

Lee W. Ratliff, who has been pastor of the Chapel since 1960, received a unanimous call from the new church.

In 1950, people on Anna Maria Island felt the need of Baptist work on this island of tourist people. They sought and obtained a sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Bradenton. Frank T. Anderson came with his choir, January 8, 1950, and began the work in the Anna Maria Community Hall. The actual organizational date of the Island Baptist Mission was April 23, 1950. The first building program was begun in the fall of 1950.

The construction of the present sanctuary was begun with ground-

breaking on May 28, 1950. The first service was held in the new building on December 3, 1950, at which time the corner stone was laid in a formal ceremony and the building dedicated.

For thirteen years the great missionary-minded First Baptist Church of Bradenton has given loving service and financial support, as well as encouragement to this fine Christian body.

The following have served the Chapel as pastors: A. D. Dawson, April-December, 1950; Eugene Baxley, December, 1950-June, 1951; **Malcom Smith**, August, 1951-May, 1952; A. J. Gross, June, 1952-October, 1953; Riemán J. Shaffer, November, 1953-October, 1954; Edward L. Jackson, October, 1954-December, 1959; Lee W. Ratliff, April, 1960.

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Islanders Hold Easter Sunrise Rites On Beach

More than 200 members of the three Anna Maria Island churches gathered Easter morning at the Public Beach to participate in a joint sunrise service.

As the Roser Memorial Church Youth Fellowship choir, assembled on the roof deck of the pavilion, sang "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today," the rising sun cast a golden glow through the surrounding trees and over the congregation. A loud speaker carried the voices far out over the throng.

Mrs. Arthur Simms, wife of the pastor of Harvey Memorial Church, Bradenton Beach, sang a solo and James Forrester led congregational singing. Mrs. Olivia Maskiell played the accompaniment on a portable organ.

The **Rev. Malcom Smith**, pastor of the Island Baptist Chapel, addressed the assembly and the **Rev. Mr. Simms** pronounced the benediction. Alfred Wells led in prayer.

Following the service, Mrs. Maskiell entertained the Youth Fellowship choir at breakfast at the Coquina Restaurant, Anna Maria.

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Six From Manatee County Will Receive College Degrees

Graduation exercises at various colleges will see several Manatee County men receiving degrees in different fields of study.

The **Rev. Malcom E. Smith**, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. **Smith**, 717 Twelfth Street, E., will graduate from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Thursday morning.

Relatives and friends of the young minister will see him receive his degree. The commencement speaker will be Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Bradenton, the **Rev. Mr. Smith** graduated from Stetson University with a B. A. Degree and

Thursday will receive his Th. B. from the Baptist Seminary.

He served as pastor of the Island Baptist Chapel at Anna Maria before entering the seminary. More recently he has been serving as pastor of the Point Lick Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ky., but has resigned the pastorate to enter the Navy as a chaplain next Fall. He and his wife plan to spend the Summer in Bradenton.

Receives M. D. Degree

Haskell Harris Bass, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell H. Bass, 1812 Manatee Avenue, W., will receive the M. D. Degree from the Tulane University School of Medicine, New

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tute.
Thursday, the **Rev. H. G. Wheeler**, pastor of Webster Avenue Baptist Church; Friday, the **Rev. Stephen L. Cloud**, pastor of Central Avenue Baptist Church; Saturday, the **Rev. Joe Speight**, pastor of Alturas First Baptist Church; and Sunday at 10 a.m., the **Rev. Dr. Malcom E. Smith**, pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church. The final service will be held that Sunday night with the speaker yet to be announced.

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ISLAND BAPTIST CHAPEL

The **Rev. Malcom Smith** will be
guest speaker at the Island Bap-
tist Chapel Sunday in the absence
of the pastor, the **Rev. Edward**
L. Jackson. He will speak at 11
a. m. on "This I Believe" and at
8 p. m. on "The Face of Christ."
The **Rev. Mr. Smith**, a local high
school graduate, recently has been
engaged in supply work. He will
become pastor of the Edgewood
Baptist Church, Lakeland, Oct. 9.

Baptist Church Is Formed

ANNA MARIA ISLAND (Spe-
cial)—The Island Baptist Chap-
el 8605 Gulf Drive, in Anna
Maria City, last Sunday was
constituted into a cooperating
Baptist Church with the South-
ern Baptist Convention, thirteen
years after it was organized.

The following have been
elected deacons: Joseph C. Du-
Bois, C. M. Bayless, James Clark,
Ronald Hoard, Herb Parkinson
and Johnzie Keeth.

During the thirteen year his-
tory of the chapel, seven min-
isters have served as pastor.
They are the **Rev. A. D. Daw-**
son, the **Rev. Eugene Baxley**,
the **Rev. Malcom Smith**, the
Rev. A. J. Gross, the **Rev. Rei-**
man J. Shaffer, the **Rev. Ed-**
ward L. Jackson and presently
serving since April 1960 is the
Rev. Lee W. Ratliff.

Included in the program will
be the dedication of the Bap-
tistry and remodeled chancel
area. This will be done in
memory of William J. Bayless, a
of charter member of the Chapel
a- in 1950 and designer of the
st present sanctuary, who was
n, killed in an air crash in Lima,
d Peru, Nov. 26, 1962.

Barbara Farrahar Smith

PANAMA CITY - Barbara Farrahar Smith was born in 1935 to John and Beatrice Farrahar in Stoneham, Massachusetts. She passed away peacefully July 16, 2024. Barbara's family moved to Florida when was a young girl. She met her husband, The Rev. Dr. Malcom E. Smith (deceased) in Bradenton and moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Later they moved to Lakeland, Florida. After Malcom became an Air Force Chaplain they lived in Missouri, Okinawa, North Carolina, England, Florida, Alabama and Arizona. Barbara graduated with a B.A. in Education from the University of West Florida in 1987.



Barbara was active in the Air Force Officer's Spouses' Club, Choctawhatchee Band Parents Association and the Huntingdon College Parents Association. At St Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church in Fort Walton Beach, she served on the vestry and volunteered in Fr. Jack's soup kitchen, was a member of the Daughters of the King, Episcopal Women of the Church and the Book Club. She served as President and Special Events Coordinator for the Center for Lifelong Learning. Barbara also served on the Okaloosa County Commission on the Status of Women and was a member of the League of Women Voters, Impact 100 and the Choctaw Bay Music Club.

Barbara is survived by three children: Cindy Belin (Jim), Cheri Smith (Mark Fitzhugh), John Smith (Kimberly); one brother, Larry Farrahar; seven grandchildren: Bonnie, Becky, Colton, Courtney, Carson, Emma and Ella; eight great-grandchildren: Adela, Micah, Caleb, Tomas, Mary Grace, Luke, Miles, Jordan and many special nieces and nephews.

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