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Smith, Mark served as pastor of Venetia Terrace Baptist Church, Jacksonville. He and his wife Kay had two children.

Pastors of Venetia Terrace

Rev. Nathan Modling - Founding Pastor		Feb. 7, 1965
Rev. A.J. Wimberly	March 28, 1965	Jan. 23, 1966
Rev. Charles A. William	Feb. 6, 19	Dec. 9, 1972
Rev. Chris Pappas	Feb. 15, 1973	Jan. 20, 1974
Dr. Charles A. Williams	Jan. 20, 1974	Dec. 31, 1976
Rev. John Langhorne	May 1977	Oct. 1977
Dr. Charles A. Williams	Dec. 1, 1977	May 1980
Rev. Worth Fulghum	June 1, 1980	April 1983
Dr. Charles A. Williams	April 23,1983	July 27, 1984
Rev. Mitch Butler	1984	May 1985
Rev. Paul W. Schlegel	May 1985	Dec. 31, 1990
Dr. Beldon D. Smith	July 3, 1988	Dec. 31,1990
Rev. Mark Smith	Jan. 1, 1991	Jan. 1992
Dr. Beldon D. Smith	Aug. 1992	Dec. 1994
Rev. H. Ray Justice Jr.	July 1, 1995	Present

Jacksonville

faithful member at Venetia Terrace.

Rev. Mark Smith came to Venetia Terrace in January 1991.

His desire to reach lost Souls started with the local community near Venetia. He used motivational and inspirational teaching to inspire the membership in this pursuit.

Attendance increased and souls were saved.

New Bible classes started for young Adults also that year.

His wife Kay, played the piano for the church and was nursery director.

After a year, Pastor Smith his wife, and two children, Jessica and Jason left Venetia.

Rev. Ray Justice Jr, came to Venetia in July 1995, from Lakeside Baptist church where he was pastor for two years.

He feels the Holy Spirit led him to Venetia. On his first visit he walked in the door of the church and felt he was home. Venetia is where he plans to stay.

Like the founding pastor, Rev. Modling, Rev. Justice also has a vision for Venetia. He has the desire to build Gods church. And to see every person saved.

He would like basic old fashioned biblical teachings and Christian values in the church. These teachings should start with the parents, in the home.

He envisions larger Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, better youth programs, larger choir and youth choir. Maybe, even a bus ministry and nursing home ministry in the coming years. The biggest dream of all is that Venetia will outgrow the present