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Smith, Martin was a native of Hialeah, Florida. He served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church and Bay Street Baptist Church, Eustis, 1971-1990. Smith and his wife, Janice served as missionaries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in South Dakota. They had two children.



Former pastors include the **Rev.** Creighton Oliver, 1954-56; the **Rev.** Claude McAdams, 1957-61; the **Rev.** Hugh Hawkins, 1961-66; the **Rev.** Thomas Ellington, 1966-71; and the **Rev. Martin Smith**, 1971-90. Richardson has been the pastor since June 1991.

Three people have entered the ministry

EUSTIS — Bay Street Baptist Church will observe its 45th birthday Feb. 1-2 with a former longtime pastor as the speaker.

The **Rev. Martin Smith** was pastor of the church for almost 20 years, from 1971 to 1990. He is now serving as pastor of a church in Tallahassee.

EUSTIS — Men of the Bay Street Baptist Church will meet for their monthly prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Lake Shore Acres Restaurant.

Rev. Martin Smith, pastor, said all men are invited to bring their sons for this time of prayer and fellowship.

Baptist pastor will retire

Smith, wife to start missionary work in South Dakota

By Bill Boyd

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

One of Lake County's longest-term pastorates will come to an end July 29 when the **Rev. Martin Smith** preaches his final sermon as pastor of the Bay Street Baptist Church of Eustis.

Smith came to Bay Street in June 1971 when the church had fewer than 350 members. Today the membership is nearly 1,100.

"Brother Marty," as he is affectionately known by the congregation, and his wife Janice are leaving the church to begin work with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as short-term missionaries in South Dakota.

The church will honor the **Smiths** with a reception at 5:30 p.m. July 29. All members as well as other friends of the **Smiths** are invited.

Smith, a native of Hialeah, was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church there for 11 years before coming to Eustis.

In Eustis, **Smith** has served in many capacities with the Lake County Baptist Association as well as two terms as president of the Eustis Ministerial As-

sociation. He also has given extensive time to minister at Eustis area nursing homes.

His wife served for many years as a teacher in the Lake County school system.

The **Smiths** have two children: Murray, a teacher in West Palm Beach; and Mary Catherine Greene, a teacher in Tallahassee.

■ FAMILY BIBLE SEMINAR

The Family Bible Church of Tavares will sponsor a seminar July 28-31 featuring Geof and Jan Jackson from the faculty of a church school in Tulsa, Okla.

A luncheon featuring Jan Jackson is scheduled July 28 at 11 a.m. Reservations may be made by calling 343-7774.

The seminar will feature Geof Jackson, director of the school. He will conduct sessions at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. July 29 and at 7 p.m. the following two days.

■ UMATILLA BAPTIST CONCERT

The youth choir of the First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach will present a concert at 7 p.m. July 28 at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

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Eustis church sets reception July 29 to honor 'Brother Marty' and his wife Janice.

Interim pastor

The **Rev. Martin Smith** is serving as interim pastor at Sioux Valley Baptist Church, 400 E. 41st St. He recently retired after serving 20 years as pastor at Bay Street Baptist Church in Eustis, Fla., and is serving Sioux Valley Baptist as a volunteer missionary with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday school classes at Sioux Valley meet at 9:45 a.m. Sundays with worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.