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Smith, Oscar Lee (1918-1971) was a native of Davidson County, North Carolina. He graduated from Baylor University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Smith served as pastor of Turkey Creek Baptist Church, Plant City, 1953, McIntosh Baptist Church, Orlando and Buchanan Baptist Church, Tampa. He and his wife, Mary S. Smith had two sons.

The Tampa Tribune · 16 Oct 1971, Sat · Page 37 · (Tampa, Florida)

SMITH, REV. OSCAR LEE — Rev. Oscar Lee Smith, 53, Pastor of the Buchanan Baptist Church, Tampa, and a resident of 703 Leisure Avenue, Tampa, passed away Wednesday evening. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Buchanan Baptist Church, 803 Bearss Avenue, with Rev. William R. Moyle, Superintendent of Missions of the Tampa Bay Baptist Association, officiating. Pallbearers will be Present and Past Deacons of the Buchanan Baptist Church and Honorary bearers will be members of the Tampa Bay Baptist Association. Interment will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

The Tampa Tribune · 06 Feb 1964, Thu · Page 16 · (Tampa, Florida)

RAWLINS, WALTER—Funeral services for Mr. Walter Rawlins, 83, of Rt. 1, Box 803, Lutz, will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Northside Chapel, Duval Funeral Homes, 10520 Florida Ave., with the Rev. Oscar Lee Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lutz, officiating. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The Orlando Sentinel · 27 Jun 1958, Fri · Page Page 12 · (Orlando, Florida)

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The wedding will take place at 4 p. m. Sunday at the McIntosh Baptist Church with the Rev. Oscar Lee Smith, pastor, conducting the ceremony. A reception will fol-

The Tampa Tribune · 08 Jul 1973, Sun · Page 97 · (Tampa, Florida)

STEPHENS-SMITH

Julie A. Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stephens, 145th Avenue, to Terry S. Smith, son of Mrs. Mary S. Smith, Leisure Avenue, and the late Rev. Oscar Lee Smith. Wedding, Sept. 22, Buchanan Baptist Church.

The Tampa Tribune · 15 Oct 1971, Fri · Page 19 · (Tampa, Florida)

REV. OSCAR L. SMITH

Rev. Oscar Lee Smith, 53, Pastor of the Buchanan Baptist Church, Tampa, and a resident of 703 Leisure Avenue, died Wednesday. A native of Southmont, N.C. he had lived in the Tampa Bay area 20 years. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary S. Smith, Tampa; sons, Lee Smith, Clearwater, and Terry Smith, Tampa; mother, Mrs. John D. Smith, Gadsden, Ala.; brother, Mr. Dewey Smith, High Point, N.C. and sister, Mrs. Sadie Whaley, Gadsden, Ala.

Rev. Smith New Pastor In McIntosh

McIntosh—The Rev. Oscar Lee Smith recently accepted the pastorate of McIntosh Baptist Church and moved his family here from Plant City.

The Smiths have two children, Lee, 18, who will enter the University of Florida, and Terry, 4.

REV. SMITH was educated at High Point College in North Carolina, Baylor University in Texas, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

He served in the army air corps in World War II, completing 35 bombing missions.

The new pastor is a native of Davidson County N. C. His hobby is fishing.

Turkey Creek,
Plant City

P A S T O R S

T.H. Jaudon	1878	Irvin Walden	1917
R.Y. Walden	1893	G.W. Messer	1928
W.M. McDonald	1895	W.W. Pace	1938
T.H. Jaudon	1897	F.A. Delk	1940
J.W. Johnson	1899	Henry Locklear	1942
R.Y. Walden	1900	F.R. Rightmire	1949
S.C. Sloane	1902	Oscar Lee Smith	1953
Irvin Walden	1903	Harry E. Dawkins	1957
R.T. Cadden	1906	Fred E. Richardson	1960
E. Sanford	1908	James A. Fortinberry	1962
W.M. McDonald	1910	Thomas A. Steele	1972

This, That and the Other

13 Floridians Receive Degrees from Southern Seminary

Thirteen students from Florida are included in the 135 scheduled to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., at commencement exercises May 29. Dr. K. Owen White, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the commencement address.

Florida graduates are, first row from left: Grace L. Ballou, Miami, M.R.E.; William D. Cooper, Miami, B.D.; William M. Garrett, DeLand, M.R.E.; E. Max Hall, Haines City, B.D.; James E. Harris, Hollywood, M.R.E.

Second row: Kenton C. Hofmeister, Orlando, B.D.; Andrew D. Lester, Coral Gables B.D.; James A. Lewis, St. Petersburg, B.C.M.; Daniel Mattox, DeLand, B.D.

Third row: Mallory S. May, III, Chipley, B.D.; Herbert D. Maynard, St. Petersburg, M.C.M.; Clarence W. Shelton, Jr., Boynton Beach, B.C.M.; Charles D. Wilson, Miami, B.D.

Lake Shore Church to Build

Over 600 people participated in groundbreaking services at Lake Shore Church, Jacksonville on May 17. The people outlined the foundation of the new sanctuary and each family was given a small shovel to help break ground.

Special guests included Rodney Porter, president of Westside Atlantic Bank; Julian Warren, County Commissioner; Orrin Stites, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention; Foster Ellis, contractor; and James E. Haddock of Gospel Films, Inc. Joe J. Martin is pastor.

George A. Durham, Sr., pastor of First Church, Sebastian for six-and-a-half years, was recently called to Salem Church, Tampa. The Durhams were honored at a reception following the evening service on May 3.

Booth Ordained to Ministry

Johnny M. Booth, pastor of Ferndale Church, Ferndale, was ordained to the Gospel ministry on April 26.

H. Clyde Harless, field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, was moderator of the examining council.

Participating in the ordination were: Paul Middleton, Astatula, Scripture and prayer; Wallace Register, Groveland, ordination sermon; Mr. Lamp, ordination prayer; and Charles Ragland, Leesburg, presentation of Bible.

Two organizations left Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, better equipped for visual aids next year.

J. Fred Stephens of Tampa, ministerial association president, presented Dr. James E. Southerland a $200 check for a new opaque projector during a May chapel program.

James L. De Fee of Montgomery, Alabama, class president, presented the senior class gift, a rolling projector table for use with various visual aids equipment.

The Institute graduated 34, including two women, May 12. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the Florida Baptist school.

As the school year ended, there were 144 men enrolled. There were 28 women enrolled, all but one being student wives. The men were serving 100 churches in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia, as pastors, and five as ministers of music.

Lakeside Church, Lakeland Calls Davis as Pastor

Cornelius B. Davis has resigned as pastor of First Church, Live Oak to accept a call to Lakeside Church, Lakeland.

A native of Elberton, Ga., Davis is a graduate of the University of Georgia and Southern Seminary, holding the B.D. and Th.M. degrees. He has served as assistant pastor in Elberton, Ga. and Gregory Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md. Before going to Live Oak in September, 1959, he was pastor of Brushy Fork Church, Madison, Ind. and Second Church, Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Davis, a native of Orlando, is a graduate of Florida State University and Carver School of Missions.

Storey Joins Staff at First Church, Delray Beach

Carl E. Storey, pastor of First Church, Bushnell for the past two years, will become associate pastor of Christian education at First Church, Delray Beach on June 7.

During Storey's ministry at Bushnell, the church paid the indebtedness on the pastorium and mission property, organized Panasoffkee Church, departmentalized the Sunday school adding 50 per cent more workers, and started a ministry of music.

Storey has been active in community affairs, served two years as Sunday school superintendent of Alachua Association, and two years as president of South Sumter Ministers' Association.

Mrs. Storey, the former Elaine Howell, is an accomplished musician. They have three children: Carlene, David and Cathy Ann.

Homecoming Day

Ferndale Church, Ferndale will observe Homecoming Day on June 7 with C. Wyman Copas of Kentucky preaching at the morning service. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend the special services and dinner on the grounds.

May 31, Homecoming Day at First Church, Lutz, has been proclaimed as Baptist Jubilee Fellowship Day. Former pastors, members and friends are invited to the special services and dinner on the grounds. Oscar Lee Smith is pastor.

First Church, Hypoluxo will observe its 5th anniversary with Homecoming Day on May 31. Former pastors, members and friends are invited. George E. Moulton is pastor.

Former pastors and members are invited to Homecoming on June 7 at First Church, Dover, where Lewis D. Gourley is pastor. Dinner will be served at the church.

New Minister of Education At First Church, Sebring

First Church, Sebring recently called James R. Hodsdon, Jr. as minister of education.

A native of Portland, Maine, Hodsdon is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary. For the past two years he has been minister of education and youth at First Church, Apopka.

Mrs. Hodsdon is the former Sara Durden of Panama City. They have one son, Bobby, 11.

Revival Reports

First Church, Alford, Evangelist Fulton Thomas, Singer J. P. Davis, three for baptism, Pastor J. B. Rouse.

Friendship Church, Perry, Evangelist Barney Andrews, Pastor Mason Simmons.

James A. Sawyer, pastor of First Church, Cocoa since 1940, will be baccalaureate speaker for Stetson University's graduating class. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 31, at 8:30 p.m. in First Church, DeLand.

On June 1 Waldo E. Wood of Gainesville will complete seven months as interim pastor of First Church, Hallandale and Northwest Mission, sponsored by Southwest Church, Ft. Lauderdale.

On May 10 J. B. Miley was ordained as a deacon of First Church, Waldo, where C. E. Rentz is pastor.

Miss Peggy Pemble, Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil, is returning to the States for furlough. A native of Leesburg, she may be addressed at P.O. Box 446, Leesburg, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from East Africa, have moved to 1503 N.W. 16th Terrace, Gainesville, Fla.