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Smith, Robert L. was a native of Bartow, Florida and his wife, **Barbara Richards Smith** was a native of Lee, Florida. They served as missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention to Indonesia.

This, That and the Other

First Church of Pine Castle Dedicates \$280,000 Sanctuary



First Church of Pine Castle, Orlando dedicated its new sanctuary on June 7. Charles Peterson, director of Promotion of the Florida Baptist Convention, brought the message. James Haskins, moderator of Weliki Association, assisted in the service. Doyle Mallory presented a golden key to the co-chairmen of the building committee and the church in behalf of Mr. Kelsey, contractor, and Mr. Geisley, architect.

The air-conditioned first unit on the new location of First Church, Pine Castle cost \$280,000. It was built in the middle of six acres of land on Lake Conway. The interim auditorium will seat 800 people. Thomas Ellington has been pastor for three years.

Moore Returns to Florida

O. D. Moore, pastor of Liberty Church, Apomattox, Va. since 1960, will return to Florida as pastor of First Church, Hastings, effective July 15.

Moore has pastored North Main Street Church, Jacksonville and First Church, Groveland.

Olivet Church Organizes

On June 7 Olivet Baptist Church, Milton was organized from a mission sponsored by Ferris Hill Church, Milton.

Assisting Pastor Neil I. Brohm with the service were: W. C. Carr, Jr., field secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention; Joe Bamberg, pastor, First Church, Milton; Lamon Reeves; Walter D. Townley, Jr.; Marvin Ates; Jack Clark, moderator, Santa Rosa Association; J. M. Ray, pastor, Ferris Hill Church; and Russell Sauls, pastor, Wallace Church, Milton.

Olivet Chapel was organized in June, 1961. A concrete block auditorium was entered in December, 1962, and a pastorial was purchased a year later. James Copeland and then Jack Harris were mission pastors before Neil Brohm became pastor in December, 1963.

The new church has 90 members, average Sunday school attendance of 110, and average Training Union attendance of 65. The annual budget is slightly over \$11,000.

BULLETIN

Word has just been received that Dr. Thomas Hansen, former pastor of First Church, Fort Lauderdale and Main Street Church, Jacksonville, died this afternoon, June 22. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday night and died at the Medical Center in Gainesville.

Revival Report

First Church, Babson Park, Evangelist W. B. Johnson, Singer Pastor Paul W. Murray, three for baptism, two by letter.

Claude E. Lucas, of Warner Robins, Ga., resigned as pastor of Fellowship Church, Hartford, Ala. to become pastor of Wright Southern Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach on June 21.

While serving the Alabama church, Lucas completed work on his three-year course at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville.

Mrs. Lucas was Virginia Stephens of Warner Robins. They have two children: Donna, 18; and Claude, Jr., 16.

Northwest Church, Miami has just completed its largest Vacation Bible School with 1,237 enrolled and an average attendance of 1,064. Homer G. Lindsay, Jr. is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Southern Baptist missionary appointees for Indonesia, expected to go to Indonesia from Japan June 16 (they assisted with English-language Baptist work in Japan while awaiting Indonesia visas). They may be addressed at Dji. Hegarmanah 41, Bandung, Java, Indonesia. Both are natives of Florida, he of Bartow and she, the former Barbara Richards, of Lee (she grew up in nearby Live Oak).

Jimmy Dan, fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Dutton L. Mills, Southern Baptist missionaries to Jamaica, was born May 25. Mr. and Mrs. Mills may be addressed at 9 Norbrook Terrace, Kingston 8, Jamaica, West Indies. He was born in Alabama, but grew up in Miami; she is the former Betty Frink, native of Miami.

Heart Attack Takes Wife Of Dade City Pastor

Mrs. Lamar J. Brooks, 41, wife of Pastor Lamar Brooks of First Church, Dade City, died suddenly of a heart attack on June 18.

A native of Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Brooks was a graduate of Mars Hill College and she attended Mercer University.

Funeral services were held at First Church, Dade City on June 20 with Earl B. Edington, pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, officiating. Interment was in St. Petersburg.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, Mrs. Cora B. Stone of St. Petersburg; one brother and seven sisters.

Homecoming Day

Hartville Church, Jacksonville, Charles Knight, pastor, will observe Homecoming June 28. Former pastor Clifford Maddox will preach at the 11:30 a.m. service, and O. J. Patterson at 2:30 p.m. Dinner on the grounds will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Former pastors, members and friends are invited to Homecoming and a basket dinner at Salt Springs Church, Salt Springs on June 28. I. W. Lamp of Tampa will be guest speaker. Grady A. Weeks is pastor.

Homecoming and anniversary services will be held at Eastside Church, Lake City on June 28. A basket lunch will be served. Friends are invited to attend.

First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Nebraska, which is adjacent to Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB just south of Omaha, would like to have the names and addresses of Southern Baptists living in this area. Please send this information to: Pastor Tommy R. Grozier, First Baptist Church, 23rd and Hancock Streets, Bellevue, Nebraska.

Florida Church Secretaries Invited to Institute

Church secretaries from Florida are invited to attend the fifth annual Institute for Church Secretaries at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to be held this year from July 6-10.

Purpose of the Institute is to give church secretaries practical information on how they may serve more efficiently in their church roles. Seminary professors and other qualified personnel will lead church secretaries in conferences dealing with record-keeping, relation of the secretary to pastor and staff, filing, improvement of efficiency, use of time, arrangement of office equipment, relation of the secretary to the church council, long-range planning and staff benefit programs.

The Institute is sponsored jointly by the School of Religious Education of Southern Seminary and the department of church administration of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Each secretary who wishes to enroll in the sessions should send a \$10.00 registration fee to the School of Religious Education at the Seminary. Other expenses for the week include \$10.00 for housing in campus dormitories and approximately \$2.50 per day for meals in the Seminary cafeteria.

Eight young people from the state of Florida have been elected to the staff council of Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. They will represent the 450 students who will serve on the staff.

Florida staff members are: Cecil Holladay, Tampa, enlistment chairman; Mary Sue Morgan, Tampa, secretary; Stanley Young, Tampa, music representative; Claire Underwood, Ft. Lauderdale, devotional chairman; David Hoppesetter, Dania, extension chairman; Bob Parrish, Tallahassee, drama representative; Buddy Keene, Arcadia, athletic representative; and Joanne Field, Jacksonville, editor of the assembly annual.

First Church, Tavares Uses Highway Signs Effectively



This 10' x 32' outdoor sign, used by First Church of Tavares, is located on the busy four-lane Highway 441 where it enters the city. There are also two other such signs on the other highway entrances to the city.

Smallwood Sign Co. of Tavares produced and erected this sign.