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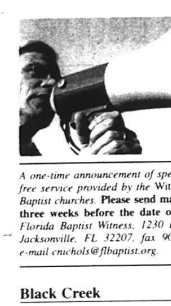
Smith, Samuel served as pastor of Tamiami Baptist Church in 2003. He had previously served as pastor and director of missions in Kentucky.



A one-time announcement of special events is a free service provided by the Witness *to Florida Baptist churches.* **Please send materials at least three weeks before the date of the event.** *to Florida Baptist Witness, 1230 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207; fax 904-346-0696 or e-mail cnichols@flbaptist.org.*

Black Creek

Highland First Baptist Church in Lawtey will celebrate its 93rd homecoming March 30. The Jeff Treece Band will sing in concert at 9:45 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served. Bill Clayton is pastor. For more information, call 904-289-9798.

Brevard

Eau Gallie First Baptist Church in Melbourne will host recording artist and songwriter Scott Krippayne in concert March 22 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 321-254-2339.

Florida

Crossway Baptist Church in Tallahassee plans an "old fashioned revival" March 26-30. Mike Strickland of Seminole Baptist Church will preach, and Jamie McCrary of Fellowship Baptist Church will lead in worship. Services begin at 6:45 p.m.

Greater Orlando

First Baptist Church in Winter Park will host speaker Peter Lord leading a men's retreat March 28-29. For registration or more information, call 407-644-3061, ext. 503. Twenty West Virginia pastors recently received computers from **Greater Orlando Baptist Association**. John Thomaston, pastor of **Plymouth Baptist Church**, headed the effort to collect the computers, all with e-mail capability. Florida and West Virginia began a partnership in January 2002.

Gulf Stream

First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale is hosting the workshop "Church Recreation: More than Fun and Games," March 27 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and again from 7-9:30 p.m. To register call Sports & Rec Plus at 800-251-4078 or go online to: www.sharelab.org.

Jacksonville

Edgewood Heights Baptist Church will meet in revival March 26-29 with evangelist Rick Baldwin. Services are 7 p.m. nightly. For information, call 904-387-2030. **Hogan Baptist Church** will meet in a "Revival of Praise" March 23-26 with St. Augustine evangelist Jay O. McCloud. Services are 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m Sunday and 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed. For more information, call 904-724-6200.

Lake County

First Baptist Church in Leesburg will host "The Road" Singles Conference 2003 March 21-22. The event will feature speaker Brian Hammond, pastor of Church at South Lake, Clermont; comedy improv by Third String Varsity; and music by The Rescued. Registration at the door begins at 5:30 p.m. For information, call Jenni at 352-787-1005.

Manatee Southern

Palm View First Baptist Church in Palmetto will mark its 45th anniversary in a homecoming service March 31 at 10:45 a.m. Blake Whisenant, charter member and farmer, will preach. Pastor Larry Pritchett has served as pastor 26 years.

Miami

Stanton Memorial Baptist Church will mark its 85th anniversary in a celebration May 3-4. The celebration will begin at a dinner May 3 at 7 p.m., at Miami Shores Country Club. The 11 a.m. Sunday worship service will feature Robert Knight, former pastor; Emmitt Ray, former interim pastor; Martin Bell, former associate pastor; and Margie Harth, former minister of music. For dinner reservations or more information, call 305-759-5769. **Tamiami Baptist Church** has called *Samuel Smith* as pastor. He most recently served as minister of administration and education of Faith Baptist Church of the Redlands in Homestead. He also has served churches in Kentucky and was director of missions of Shelby Association in Kentucky.

Middle Florida

Pine Grove Baptist Church in Madison is celebrating the renovation of its worship center and the history of the 147-year-old congregation. The month-long series of events will culminate March 30 when John Downing, pastor of College Road Baptist Church in Ocala, and 1965 Pine Grove building committee member, will speak on "Anticipation of Our Future."

New River

Hope Baptist Church, Starke, will meet in revival April 6-10. Evangelist Rick Coram of Ocala will preach and music evangelist Mark Shaw of Gainesville will provide music. Service times are Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., then 7 p.m. nightly.

■ Larry Cusick (center), pastor of Simmons Loop Baptist Church in Riverview, consults with Chester Gunn and John Martin, members of Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon, about the changes made to the nursery area at Simmons Loop. The nursery was moved and the former nursery area made ready for senior adults. Gunn and Martin, along with Floyd Carleton (in the background), are part of the Bell Shoals Senior Ministry Area Response Team. Bell Shoals provided labor for the remodeling as part of Project Jerusalem, a Tampa Bay Baptist Association plan in which larger churches help smaller congregations.

Northeast

Live Oak Baptist Church in Callahan will host the Pickerings in concert March 30 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 904-879-3400.

Pasco

Don Walton, former director of missions of **Pasco Baptist Association**, is available to lead conferences and revivals through Time for Truth Ministries. He may be reached at 352-238-1279 or www.timefortruth.org.

Peace River

Anderson

Murdock Baptist Church in Port Charlotte has called *Lee Anderson* as minister of music. He had served in a similar position with South Biscayne Baptist Church in North Port since 1992. He is a graduate of Baptist College of Florida, Graceville. Anderson and his wife, Laurie, have three children.

Santa Fe River

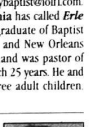
First Baptist Church in Waldo will host a banquet April 8 for anyone in the Gainesville-Ocala area interested in the work of the Florida Baptist Children's Home. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. For reservations and more information, call 352-373-5030 before April 4.

Shiloh

Bethany Baptist Church in Plant City will mark its 100th anniversary in a homecoming service March 30. Elvin Hall, who was licensed to preach and ordained at Bethany will speak in the 11 a.m. service. He is a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Pinecastle in Orlando and staff member of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. After a covered dish lunch, a gospel sing will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, go to bethanybaptist@iolfl.com. **Alafia Baptist Church in Lithia** has called *Erle McMichen* as pastor. He is a graduate of Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and was pastor of East Thonotosassa Baptist Church 25 years. He and his wife, Jimmie Sue, have three adult children.

Tampa Bay

Lake Carroll Baptist Church has called *Michael Jiminez* as its first full-time minister of music. He is a senior in choral music education at University of South Florida, and he has served churches in the area while in school. He and his wife, Charisse, have one son.



Jiminez

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Rev. R. Samuel Smith has joined the Tamiami Baptist Church. Smith has worked as a police officer, a director of missions, a Christian radio broadcast announcer and a minister of education. He has a bachelor of arts in Christian education and a bachelor's in theology.

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Smith attends conference

Rev. R. Samuel Smith, second from from left, director of missions, Shelby County Baptist Association, Shelbyville, recently attended the 1994 Alumni Conference at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville. Smith is a 1983 graduate of the college.