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Smith, Sharber W. served as pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church, Niceville, 1994-2010.

Rosemont, (aka Plnecrest), Niceville (Choctaw)

With resignation of Brother Throckmorton, Brother Rayford Duck became interim pastor for the first time at Rosemont. Brother Duck, who lives in his retirement in Crestview, endeared himself to the Rosemont congregation by his wisdom and wit, as well as his good preaching.

Reverend Albert S. Baker, Jr. - September 1989 to September 30, 1990.

Brother Baker came to Rosemont from a pastorate at Call Junction Baptist Church in Kirbyville, Texas. His brief ministry was hindered by problems with a degenerative hip, and surgery which became necessary. One outstanding accomplishment during his pastorate was the paving of the church's parking lot. Brother Baker resigned and Brother Rayford Duck became the Interim Pastor for the second time at Rosemont.

Reverend Clyde Risen - November 24, 1991 to June 1993

Brother Risen came to Rosemont from the First Baptist Church of Baker, Florida. He helped to initiate some property improvements which included the new sign out front. Plans were also underway to add a second story to the newest educational building.

Brother Risen resigned and Brother Jim Jordan become Interim Pastor. Brother Jim was a retired Southern Baptist Chaplain where he spent 28 years in the US Air Force.

Dr. Sharber W. Smith - May 15, 1994 to March 2010

Rosemont continued to grow under Brother Sharber's leadership. What a blessing he was to this church. He shared his gifts from God with his church family. He made a mission trip to Australia in 1997, with wonderful anticipation. Rosemont has had so many good things to happen here it is hard to name them all. Our Youth went on a mission trip to Chinle, AZ, Memorial Baptist Church, and were able to minister to the Navaho Reservation. God has been very good to our congregation. He has generously blessed us with many good experiences. An atmosphere of readiness to follow as the Lord leads continues here at Rosemont.

Reverend Doug Fannon – March 14, 2010 to Present

Brother Doug was called as Transitional Pastor on March 14, 2010. On June 19, 2011, Rosemont called Brother Doug to be our Senior Pastor. Since Brother Doug has been here, we've taken our first mission trip in ten years to Big Creek, Kentucky. We have also held annually Fall Festivals and Children's Christmas parties for our community. Brother Doug has also led us in two international mission trips to Haiti in November 2015 and October 2016. We also have held annually a "Shop and Sing" community yard sale every March. Rosemont have been very active every year is sending our shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. We are excited about the work God is doing through Rosemont and we look forward to what god will do in the future.

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