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Smith, Williams served as pastor of Stump Springs Baptist Church, 1965-1967.

STUMP SPRINGS

1950- not listed
1951- not listed
1952- not listed
1953- Rev. Rhodes
1954- not listed
1955- not listed
1956- Earl Merritt (21 mems)
1957- Earl Merritt
1958- Earl Merritt
 Amos/Mary Cabaniss, Tr/C1k
1959- Earl H. Merritt
1960- Earl H. Merritt
1961- none listed
1962- Earl H. Merritt
1964- none
1965- Williams Smith
1966- Williams Smith
1967- Williams Smith
1968- Earl H. Merritt
1969- Earl H. Merritt
1970- Earl H. Merritt
1971- Earl H. Merritt
1972- Earl H. Merritt
1973- Earl H. Merritt
1974- John D. Nelson
1975- Earl H. Merritt
1976- Earl H. Merritt

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1978- Earl H. Merritt
1979- Earl H. Merritt
1980- Earl H. Merritt
1981- Earl H. Merritt
1982- Earl H. Merritt
1983- Earl H. Merritt
1984- Earl H. Merritt
1985- ~~Earl~~ Troyer (Hugh)
1986- Hugh Troyer
1987- Hugh Troyer
1988- Hugh Troyer
1989- Hugh Troyer

1990- Curtis Joiner
1991- Curtis Joiner
1992- Curtis Joiner
1993- Walker Goad
1994- none listed
1995- Ed Carrington
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Stump Springs Baptist Church

Stump Springs Baptist Church was named for a landmark, a fresh water spring that flowed from under an old pine stump, south of present-day Highway 4. In the 1880s, services were held in the Stump Springs schoolhouse. Fire destroyed that building, and the congregation met in a house until the new school, also known as Sullivan School, was built. Some pioneer members of Stump Springs Baptist Church were W.E. Phillips, W.L. Cooley, D.O. Bass, G.C. Collins, D.M. Sullivan, W.H. Jones, D.H. Hart, C.D. Thompson, A.O. Cooley, and Charles W. and Cassie T. Simmons.

About 1890, James G. and Abigail Thompson gave two acres of land for a cemetery at the site of the present church on Three Notch Trail, east of Munson and north of Highway 4. Frank Gay, a turpentine operator, led in building a church next to the cemetery about 1909. A windstorm blew the building off its foundation in 1922, and services were again held at Sullivan School. The school was destroyed by fire about 1924.

For about 30 years the church was inactive. In 1950, Earl H. Merritt, pastor of Valley Grove Baptist Church, led prayer meetings in the homes of Stump Springs members and baptized others in the community. The church became active again, and another building was erected in 1959.

Pastors include Theophilus Harvey Perry, John E. Deer, John Thomas Mapoles, A.C. Johnson, Rev. Rhodes, Earl H. Merritt, Williams Smith, John D. Nelson, Hugh Troyer, Curtis Joiner, Walker Goad, and Ed Carrington.

Stump Springs Baptist Church was a member of Elim Baptist Association and Pensacola Bay Baptist Association. It joined Santa Rosa Baptist Association in 1908.

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Sources: Association and church records; onsite research