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Speight, Gene (1942-) graduated from Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida (1974), Mississippi College (1976, MS), and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1980, MRE). He served as pastor in Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee. Speight was pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Westville, 1973 and First Baptist Church, Madison. He was a Navy veteran and married Allene Edenfield Speight and they had one son.



Pleasant Ridge, Westville

Brother Ike Steverson	1970-1973
Brother Gene Speight	1973-1973
Brother Donnie Murphy	1973-1974
Brother Glynn Adams	1974-1975
Brother Thomas Miller	1975-1976
Brother Jimmy Snell	1976-1977
Brother Terry Smith	1978-1981
Brother Mack Moore	1981-1983
Brother Jim Tillman	1983-1985
Brother Wiley Owens	1985-1987
Brother Wayne Allen	1987-1988
Brother Greg Kirk (Ordained Jan. 29, 1989)	1988-1990
Brother Robert T. Haney	1990-Present

At the present time the resident church membership is sixty-six (66), non-resident twenty-three (23). Sunday School enrollment is thirty-two (32) and Discipleship Training twenty-six (26) and the Choir enrollment is twenty-one (21).

Mrs. Edith Paul, Church Clerk and Mrs. Carlene Paul, Music Director are members of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and responsible for compiling this information for this history.

Holmes County
Asso. 1990

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gene Speight

Birth: Cottondale, Florida, August 10, 1942

Education: High School Diploma, (GED)
Diploma Theology, Florida Baptist Theological College (BBI), Graceville, FL, 1974
B.A., Mississippi College, Clinton, MS 1976; Masters Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1980
Doctor of Ministry, Bethany Theological Seminary, Dothan, AL, 1991

Pastoral Experience: Antioch Baptist Church, Sneads, FL
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Westville, FL
First Baptist Church, Sattalia, MS
First Baptist Church, Sunbright, TN
Faith Baptist Church, Madison, FL

Licensed by: Circle Hill Baptist Church, Sneads, FL 3/16/69

Ordained by: Antioch Baptist Church, Sneads, FL 2/1/70

Family: Wife, Allene
Son, Thomas

Military Experience: Navy, Vietnam Veteran

Secular Experience: Auto Mechanic; Foreman; Fireman

Middle Florida 1992

New pastorate
GRACEVILLE—Rev. Gene

E. Speight of Sneads has resigned at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Westville, to become pastor of the Satartia, Miss., Baptist Church on June 9.

Before moving here to enroll at Baptist Bible Institute in 1970, **Speight** was shop manager for an automobile company. He will graduate with the 1974 class, May 31.

He will enroll at Mississippi College as a junior in September, he said.

Mrs. **Speight** was Alleene Edenfield of Sneads. They have a son, age six. The family will move to Satartia around June 1.



Speight transfers

GRACEVILLE — **Rev. Gene E. Speight** of Graceville and Cottondale is the new pastor of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Route 2, Westville.

Speight expects to graduate at Baptist Bible Institute here next May with the Diploma in Theology. Pleasant Ridge is his second pastorate.

He has had four years in the U. S. Navy, and has been as automobile mechanic for seven years. He still works part-time at the trade to help put himself through school.

Mrs. **Speight**, who was Allene Edenfield of Sneads, is enrolled in night school at BBI. They have one son, age 5. They will continue to live at 206 Alabama Street here, he said.