

TRUMAN S. SMITH  
Senior Family Consultant

**Born:** May 21, 1929, in Harnett County, N.C.

**Education:** Received the bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest (N.C.) College (now Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.), and the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

**Married:** Gladys Andrews who died in 1968. Married Gwen Powell in 1970 who is a native of Tunica, Miss.

**Children:** Susan Laine was born in 1971; Stewart Truman, 1973; and Sara Elizabeth, 1976.

**Prior experience:** Instructor in pastoral care for five years and director of student activities for three years at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He was also assistant director of field work. Prior to joining the seminary faculty he was chaplain assistant at Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N.C.; assistant pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; and chaplain intern and resident at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Previous Foreign Mission Board assignment:** Associate secretary for missionary personnel, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., 1964-71. Since 1971 he has served in Family Ministries at the board.

Served in Bangalore, India, in 1977 for a year to meet a special need in the Baptist Hospital there. He taught hospital counseling to doctors and pastors and served as chaplain.

**Current FMB assignment:** Senior Family Consultant, Missionary Health Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. He provides leadership in ministry to missionaries' personal and family concerns through pastoral and referral support, counseling and other professional means.

He also travels to some missions each year and conducts seminars and conferences for youth; families; husbands and wives and children as well as for single adults. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have conducted family life conferences as a team in churches in the Richmond area and overseas. Because of their great interest in family life, they are active in a national group known as ACME (Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment). He has also written articles for a number of our various Southern Baptist publications concerning missionary family life and missionary children.