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## DEATH COMES TO MINISTER

The Rev. B. G. Smith, Aged 51, Succumbs to Heart Attack; Was on Faculty of Bible Institute Here

The Rev. Byron G. Smith, aged 51, member of the faculty of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute for the last nine years, died of a heart attack Saturday at 9:15 p.m. at his home, 4026 Arlington Avenue. He had not been ill until stricken about 10:30 a.m. Saturday while at the Bible Institute.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Missionary Church, with the Rev. J. O. Mosier, retired Evangelical minister of Van Wert, O., officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, president of the Bible Institute, and the Rev. Howard Paschal, pastor of the Old-Time Religion Tabernacle. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be the Rev. B. F. Leightner, the Rev. C. L. Eicher, Prof. C. A. Gerber and the Rev. Loyal Ringenberg, of the Bible Institute faculty; the Rev. S. A. Witmer, pastor of the First Missionary Church and also of the institute faculty, and the Rev. Jonas Ringenberg, a trustee of the institute.

The body was returned to the residence Sunday afternoon from the McClellan Funeral Home at Avilla.

The Rev. Mr. Smith served in the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical Church for 23 years, remaining in the conference while on the faculty of the Bible Institute.

He began his ministry at Celina, O., and later served Evangelical churches at Wabash, Kokomo, Linn Grove, Avilla and Columbia City, in the order given. He was instructor of homiletics and Bible exposition at the institute and was chairman of the institute's radio program committee. The Rev. Mr. Smith gave radio addresses on numerous occasions in connection with his work at the institute.

He instructed a Bible class at the Old-Time Religion Tabernacle, for several months.

The deceased was born in Denver, Colo., May 3, 1883, but spent most of his boyhood in Cleveland, O. He came of a long line of ministers on both his mother's and father's sides.

Surviving are widow, Mrs. Effie Irene Smith; two daughters, Mrs. Esther Gerig, of this city and Miss Margaret Smith, at home; a son, Wade Smith, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Scheuermeyer and Miss Lois Smith, both of Chicago; Mrs. Grace Royal of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Dora Wright of Portland, Ore.; and a brother, Albert Smith, of Freeport, Ill.

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