

Names of Deacons from 1888-1957

FBC, Oviedo (Greater Orlando)

During the seventy years of recorded history of this church, the following have served as deacons.

J. T. Wheeler	R. F. Cooper
A. P. Farnell	F. A. Pierson
Andrew Aulin, Sr.	W. T. Walker
Robert Lawton	P. H. Brown
T. W. Lawton	B. F. Wheeler, Jr.
B. F. Wheeler, Sr.	T. H. Daniell, Sr.
E. A. Farnell	L. A. Hardy
J. W. Martin	G. W. Alford
B. F. Ward, Sr.	J. I. Beasley

The following have been clerks:

Needham Jelks	R. L. Wheeler
J. M. Jones	J. I. Beasley
H. B. McCall	A. R. Metcalf, Jr.

CHURCH TRUSTEES

B. F. Ward
W. J. Lawton
A. A. Myers
Milton Gore

OUR PASTORS

The Rev. W. G. Powell was the first pastor of The First Baptist Church of Oviedo. We have no record of how long he served or of the subsequent nineteen years. Other pastors are as follows:

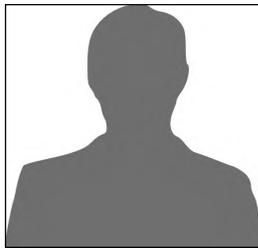
1888-89 R. W. Lawton
1890 A. C. Turner
1891-92 **J. A. Richardson**
1893 S. C. Dorsey [Feb. To June]
1894 R. W. Lawton
1896 S. W. Sheffield [Few Months]
1897 No pastor, no minutes
1898 No pastor [Richardson supply]
1899 R. W. Lawton called, but resigned in few months
1900-01 No pastor
1902-03 T. J. Bell
1904 F. C. Edwards [Oct. to Dec.]
1905-06 J. G. Black
1907-09 J. B. Rogers
1910 E. Lee Smith [or 1911]
1912 No minutes from Jan. 1911 to Sept. 1913
1913-18 Wm. Stones
1919-25 J. N. Thompson
1926-28 J. Max Cook
1929-30 C. J. Broome [resigned in June]
1930-35 R. W. Dickert
1936-41 J. S. Day
1941-49 H. H. Link
1949-53 F. C. Morgan
1953-57 L. L. Day
1957 J. T. Bryant

Winter Garden's First Baptist Church Pastors

The Spirit of the Lord God is on Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive, and freedom to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance, to comfort all who mourn.

Isaiah 61:1-2

In the early years the pastors divided their time among multiple churches. Services were held at our church on only one Sunday a month ... and the monthly business meetings were conducted the day before. It wasn't until 1921 when services began to be held every week. In the early days, whenever a man was called to be the pastor of the church, his call was for one year only ... and then he would either be approved to stay for another year or he would move on and the church would begin searching for new pastor. In 1930, when John Evans was called as pastor, he came with the understanding that his call would be indefinite. So began the practice we enjoy today of our pastors staying as long as they feel God is leading them to remain with our congregation.



**Images Not
Available**

J. A. Richardson (1888-1889 / 1891-1895)

Served as the first settled pastor of Oakland Baptist Church (1887-1888, 1891-1895) and the First Baptist Church, Oviedo (1891-1892).

T. J. Bell (1895-1897)

Served for 30 years as a pastor in Florida. In addition to Winter Garden, he also pastored churches in Kissimmee and Barberville. He and his wife had been married 51 years at the time of his death.

L. Doury (1889-1890)

Lived in Apopka.

J. S. Geiger (1897-1899)

Lived in Owanita. Also pastored Albion Baptist Church in Archer, Florida, Eau Gallie Baptist Church, Oakland Baptist Church, and Williston Baptist Church.

D. B. Farmer (1900-1901)

Was born in Maine and died in Massachusetts in 1905. He worked in Florida for 25 years as a pastor and evangelist. Farmer also pastored churches in Blue River, Parkersburg, Olivet Baptist Church in Ocala, and Anthony.

He had an extensive library and was known for his great doctrinal preaching.

J. H. Richardson (1905-1906)

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1887-97. Defunct. Oakland, Orange County.

Constituted 1887. The same year the congregation borrowed money from the State Mission Board with which to erect a white, rectangular, frame building. When the railroad shops moved to Sanford the church was razed and the material shipped to Miami to be used in building another church. First pastor, Rev. J.A. Richardson, 1887-88, 1891-95. Last pastor, Rev. J.B. Geiger, 1897.

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