FBC Delray Beach

Our Former Pastors

Rev. Samuel S. Gibson	January 1912 - January 1920
Dr. J. M. Walker	January 1920 - April 1920
Rev. Robert H. Russell	October 1920 - October 1923
Rev. A. D. Woodle	June 1924 - 1926
Rev. P. C. Barclay	1926 - 1929
Rev. Perry T. Taylor	1929 - 1932
Rev. L. E. Dutton	1932 - May 1937
Rev. Marshall Mines	1938 - 1939
Rev. Ed P. Fendley	1939 - June 1, 1942
Rev. M. C. Gardner	August 1942 - November 1943
Rev. John R. Martin	February 1944 - July 1948
~~Rev. Edgar Stephen~~	~~October 1948 - May 1, 1950~~
Rev. Arthur W. Rich	November 1950 - November 1957
Rev. Charles C. Lemons	December 1957 - July 1, 1958
Dr. Henry E. Turlington	November 1958 - September 1961
Dr. D. Douglas Scrivner	March 1962 - July 1965
Rev. Carl E. Storey	October 1965 - 1969
Dr. Andrew M. Hall	February 1970 - April 1984
Rev. Thomas M. Clayton	May 1984 - November 1985
Rev. Neil T. Hickem	November 1986 - Present

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Under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Rich, we experienced our strongest period of growth. Sunday School grew to more than 500 members. All other phases of church work including the music ministry grew. During these years, First Baptist Church ordained two young men to the gospel ministry. These were William Self (September 14, 1952) and Kenny Sanders (April 7, 1957).

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These include, Central Avenue, Calvary, Dixieland, Edgewood and Westside Baptist Churches. Both the Southside and the Webster Avenue churches were formed of members of the First Baptist church and with their assistance both in leadership and by the donation of a lot. The church now has almost $10,000 in a mission account toward the purchase of a new mission site when deemed advisable. Last year the First Baptist Church ranked fourth in the Florida Baptist Convention in gifts to World Missions through the Cooperative plan.

Pastors who have served the First Baptist Church since its organization are: Rev. James G. McCasky, Rev. A. A. Keith, Rev. P. C. Drew, Rev. W. W. Bostick, Rev. A. C. Turner, Rev. W. B. Dye, Rev. J. C. Robey, Rev. O. J. Frier, Rev. L. D. Geiger, Rev. P. W. Corr, Rev. J. H. Tharp, Rev. G. W. Sheppard, Dr. W. D. Nowlin, Rev. R. S. Gavin, Rev. Wallace Ware, Rev. Louis Entzminger, Dr. W. J. Bolin, Rev. Porter M. Bailes, Rev. C. M. Crosswy, Dr. George R. Stair, Rev. James W. Jelks, Rev. T. S. Boehm, Rev. Byron M. Wilkinson, and the present Pastor, Arthur W. Rich, since November 1957.

As we face the future confidently we remember the words of our Living Lord in Revelation 3:8: "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."