

## GREATER MACEDONIA, JACKSONVILLE



### The Chronology of Greater Macedonia

Jacksonville

Rev. Sam Jackson (1914-1918)  
Rev. Isaac Harris (1918-1920)  
Rev. J. B. Green (1920-1932)  
Rev. King (1932-1933)  
Rev. J. C. Rogers (1933-1968)  
Rev. W. Burgess (1968-1975)  
Rev. Landon L. Williams (1976-Present)

Dr. Williams was called to pastor Greater Macedonia Baptist Church at 3333 Franklin Street, Jacksonville, Florida in January 1976. Dr. Williams accepted the call and became Macedonia's seventh Pastor, February 1, 1976 to present.

Upon Dr. Williams' arrival, Macedonia had no parking lot. Property was acquired on all corners of Twenty-Fourth and Franklin and adjacent property was secured off of Twenty-fifth and Franklin. There was no transportation. Dr. Williams Secured a 60-passenger-seat bus and a 15-passenger-seat van. For the first time in the history of Greater Macedonia, a bus ministry was implemented to serve as a tool to increase church attendance.

Upon Dr. Williams' arrival, the church was not air conditioned, nor the fellowship hall, and there was a \$7,000 outstanding debt on the fellowship hall. Through Dr. Williams' leadership, the properties, bus, van, and air conditioning were acquired, and debt was eliminated. Under Dr. Williams' guidance, the church membership increased four-fold, and the congregation outgrew the Franklin Street location, and relocated to the present site, 1880 West Edgewood Avenue.

A new church and sanctuary were erected and dedicated to the ministry of the Word of God on Sunday, November 25, 1990. There have been over 1,000 commitments to Christ. Dr. Landon Williams, in a joint venture with Macedonia Agape Development Corporation and Picerne Development Corporation, constructed a 120-unit apartment complex (completed January 2003) for senior citizens 55 years old and above. The cost of this project is thirteen million dollars, and it is state-of-the-art housing for seniors. To God be the glory!

# Eden, Brooksville

in full and the members rejoiced, giving God the Glory.

As we celebrate the first 150 years, we look to God for guidance and pray that hearts, minds and spirit will continue to seek and follow His direction. We pray that we will be forever mindful of God's marvelous Grace.

Information in this report came from the minutes of the Alachua Baptist Association, newspaper articles and memories of many of our members.

**Past preachers are:** John Tucker, Daniel Simmons, R.G. Wooley, H. McGlon, J.B. Haroldson, McClammy, Fountaine Hazee, R.E. Bell, W.M. Bostick, W. j. Hughes, H.H. Strugis, George Frederick, Paul Willis, J.W. Brice, Hill, L.W. Simmons, J.C. Rogers, J.W. Tucker, M.A. Kelly, L.A. Webb, W.E. Kinmore, G.A. Martin, J.H. Patten, C.H. Calvin, Isom Beasley, H.A. Jordan, W.S. Wade, J.L. Hampton, H.J. Killibrew, E.D. McCollum, W.A. Rector, C.D. Garret, J.D. Bowen, J.P. McLendon, C.E. Simpkins, Carten McGinnis, John Henry, W. Stamey, Ray Woodard, Hubert Couch, Allen Taylor and Lerry Strickland.

**Pastor:** Larry Strickland, **Associate Pastor:** Bill Burris

**Present Deacons**

Keith Looper, Chairman

David Amsler

Tim Amsler

Tony Bailey

Carroll Cason

Harry Fehrman

Pittman Jernigan

Gene McCall

Ted Sprouse

# Altoona-FBC

## APPENDIX I

### HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALTOONA

The Church was organized under the name of First Baptist Church, Altoona on July 31, 1884. The following October the Church was built on land donated by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Shelton. There were 12 Charter Members and 3 Deacons as follows,

John H. Brantley	Deacons:
Laura Brantley	E. D. Dykes
C. H. J. Rogers	W. G. Shores
Willie Rogers	E. C. Getch
S. H. Brantley	
Lon Hinson	
W. G. Shores	
Mary Palmer	
E. D. Dykes	
D. Palmer	
Mollie Dykes	
Emma Murrhee	

Money was raised and a building was soon constructed and sufficiently furnished to hold services. A Missionary Society was soon organized and while Bro. Gorbet was Pastor a B.Y.P.U. was organized.

Four new Sunday School rooms were added in 1934 and in 1953 it was necessary to add four more.

During the Pastorate of D. Palmer, 1886 to 1900 Sunday Schools were held and also worship services at Norristown, Bayview, Linadale, Pitman and Sellers Lake. Mission work was started among the negroes at Pitman and a Church was organized at Cassia.

Three members of The Altoona Church were ordained and sent out. Bro's. Dave Blount, P. M. Yeargan, and M. E. Brantley.

New brick front added to church in 1962. Four new concrete block Sunday School rooms built in back of church, 1963.

### Pastors, Altoona Baptist Church

S. F. Gore	July 31, 1884	1886
D. Palmer	1886	1900
T. W. Spicer	Unknown	
D. B. Farmer	Unknown	
W. E. Tallant	Unknown	
J. M. Devanon	Unknown	
D. W. Glisson	Oct. 16, 1904	March 17, 1906
W.N. Kingsley	Sept. 9, 1906	Oct. 13, 1907
R. L. Gorbet	Nov. 1908	1915
G. W. Carrell	June 27, 1915	Oct. 5, 1915
<u>J. C. Rogers</u>	Feb. 13, 1916	Sept., 1916
A. A. Stanley	November, 1916	October, 1917
✓W. L. Martin	April 14, 1918	Sept., 1920
Bro. Crim	April 3, 1921	1921
D. L. Brainard	January 11, 1922	September 1, 1922
P. M. Yeargan	Sept. 26, 1923	Sept. 21, 1924
Rev. Yeoman	Dec. 3, 1924	June, 1925
T. J. Knight	Oct. 21, 1925	Unknown
B. C. Collins	Nov. 3, 1928	Oct., 1932
Rev. Vaughn	Dec. 28, 1932	June 11, 1933
Clovis Brantley	August 11, 1933	September, 1937
J. S. Casteal	Sept., 1937	July 23, 1939
✓Harold Green	Sept. 27, 1939	1940
✓Pat Arnold	Nov., 1940	March, 1943
✓Pat Hill	April, 1943	1944
Forbes F. Fuller	Oct. 4, 1944	Oct. 6, 1946
Cyril Garrett	Nov. 6, 1946	May, 1948
Roy Crosby	July 14, 1948	April 10, 1949
Perley Safford	July 30, 1949	Sept. 27, 1950
G. C. Eubanks	Jan., 1951	July 24, 1955
Tommy Parker	Oct. 9, 1955	Nov. 1961
Leonard Branton*	March, 1962	Present

Pat Arnold and Tommy Parker were ordained here while serving as Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Delos G. Bickal, Clerk  
Altoona Baptist Church

\*Allen Bunte served as  
Interim Pastor, Dec. '61-  
March '62.

Forty Fruitful years