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John Franklin Rorex

Birth 3 Jan 1870 Fackler, Jackson County, Alabama, USA

Death 21 Mar 1951 (aged 81) Arkansas, USA

Burial Atkins City Cemetery Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas, USA

Eld. J. F. Rorex made his first appearance in this section of the state in 1899 when he came to be the first principal of Ouachita-Maynard Academy. He gave the young institution excellent leadership and made many friends for the school by his personal appearances before churches and associational meetings. He led in the erection of the main brick building in 1904.

He was born in Fackler, Alabama, January 3, 1870. He was converted near Russellville in 1883 and was baptized in Illinois Bayou by Elder E. D. Landers. He was educated in Ouachita College and Southern Baptist Seminary. (He holds the A. B. degree from Ouachita.) He was ordained by the Pottsville (Arkansas) Church in 1897. He married Claudia B. Marsh in 1900. They have one child – a daughter, Lucile, who is married to the Rev. Arthur C. Kruer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Maryville, Missouri.

He served the following churches in Arkansas: Witt's Chapel, Eudora, and some rural churches. He served several churches outside the state and was at one time president of the New Mexico Baptist College. He was elected moderator of State Line Association in 1902 and preached the sermon that year. He preached the sermon for Current River Association that same year. He retired from the ministry July 1, 1941 and makes his home in Atkins, Ark.

--A History of the Current River Baptist Association (1947), by Leroy Carson Tedford

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FBC Williston

The old brick sanctuary was dismantled on April 10, 1989, after the congregation encircled it in an emotional service led by Rev. Travis Hudson and Rev. Edwin Douglas. The service included prayer, interspersed with testimonies and personal witnessing of the church had meant to families within the congregation.

Pastors who have served our Church:

Daniel Edwards	G.T. Leitner	J.M. Sullivan
A.M. Geiger	N.E. Norwood	Ray Smith
F.C. Edwards	J.M. Morris	J.L. Bobo
J.J. Kirkland	G.S. Daughtry	W.M. Burns
Frank C. Johnson	J.C. Collum	Ed McCollum
W.W. Williams	J.B. Boney	W.W. Lavender
J.H. Greaker	H.M. Long	James McKeithan
R.F. Marlowe	W.E. Entzminger	H.H. Link
J.H. Tomkies	J.F. Rorex	James Shelton
Lamar Bryant	G.G. Mullins	T.R. Harvell (1952-1963)
W.J. Hews	H.L. Chapin	M.D. Durrance (1964-1971)
Z.A. Crumpton	J.B. Webb	Ray Newcomb (1971-1975)
N.A. Bailey	E.A. Burnette	Bill Courington (1976-78)
J.S. Geiger	C.L. Berry	Travis Hudson (1980-1988)
A.H. Damon	J.G. Gunter	John Jarrard (1990-1995)
A.A. Keith	E.Z. Golden	Tony Clubb (1997-present)
J.C. Porter		

Assistant Pastors:

James Corbin	Ray Jenkins
Jerry Hayes	Edwin Douglas

Music Ministers:

Don Galameau (1966-1969)	Ronald L. Robert (1982/83)	Don Stark (1989-2000)
Gerald Linton (1969-1973)	Jim Shelton	Bill Bush (2003-2005)
Joe Ray Wheat (1974-1979)	Jack Screws, Jr.	Nick Start (interim 4/05-2/06)
Mitch Marsh (1980-1982)	Wesley D. Lawson (85/88)	Jack Screws, Jr. (2/06-10/06)
		Mario Martinez, III (10/06-present)

Youth Ministers:

Larry Limbaugh (1982 - 1984)
John Ridley (1999 - 2002)
Steven Phillips (2003-2005)
Steven Refowich (2005 -2007)