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Skinner, S. R. served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Haven, 1910 and First Baptist Church Panama City, 1913-1914.

Mission Department

Rev. S. B. Rogers, Secretary, Gainesville, Fla.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the State Board of Missions at the State Board's room, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday, April the 5th, 9:30 a. m. All Board members will please take notice and attend if possible. This is a very important meeting.

S. B. ROGERS,

Secretary.

FROM BRO. ROGERS TO PASTORS:

My Dear Brother: I cannot possibly face you now and talk to you face to face about the many things in which we are mutually interested, but I would be desirous to the great interest of our Home and Foreign Boards; should I not lay their burdens on your heart and leg in those last and trying days of their struggle, that you help them.

In obedience to the express command of our Southern Baptist Convention, these two great Boards projected the work on the Home and Foreign Field for 1909 and 1910, simply as our servants. They have carried out our wishes, not theirs, and we should not allow them to be

crushed by a heavy debt at the close of the year. The Home Board owes today approximately \$250,000.00; the Foreign Board \$150,000.00, and only forty days in which to raise it. Florida is today \$15,000.00 short in the appropriation as her share of this great work. Brother, please do your best. See your people personally, beg them to help, gather their gifts and remit to us at the earliest possible moment. April the 20th is the last day. Don't fail us, we are depending on you.

God has graciously blessed us, let us honor Him. Do not lay this aside and forget it. Praise don't, but for the sake of the Kingdom, committed to our care, do your best and DO IT NOW. And may God bless you.

Yours very fraternally,

S. B. ROGERS

"LAST CALL" FOR TAMPA-ALF-KENSVILLE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

A letter from Bro. Mabry tells us names are coming in for the Tampa School and we feel quite sure the northern part of the State will take advantage of the Jacksonville School. It is very gratifying indeed to see the Sunday school workers and pastors planning to take advantage of these meetings. We feel that we have done our part, and we appreciate the response from the pastors and workers, and, reader, if you haven't yet planned to attend, settle the question now, and don't miss such an opportunity to get the much needed help and preparation that you will get out of these meetings.

FROM BRO. S. R. SKINNER

I noticed in the copy of the Witness after the Convention you said that I had been called to the Winter Haven church and had entered on the work. This was a mistake at that time. However, on the first Sunday in February, the Winter Haven church did extend to me a unanimous call to become their pastor, and I have decided to accept. I spent the second Sunday with the people at Orleido and was a very enjoyable day. These people have their work well in hand and are a good people. They are looking for a pastor. On Tuesday I visited at the home of Rev. J. W. Wildman, pastor of the Sanford Baptist church. Bro. Wildman recently came to this church from North Carolina, and is getting his work well in hand. I am now on the ground here at Winter Garden, where Rev. E. Lee Smith has wrought so nobly for nearly four years. Bro. Smith closed his work here last Sunday, February 13, by what was called Wednesday in order to welcome me and introduce me to the brethren. I expect to preach for them next Sunday, the 20th, after which I shall return to Winter Haven to take up the work for half time and wait the leading of the Lord in further work.

Editor Witness:—I have accepted your invitation and expect your full time and begin work the third Sunday at Eva Gallie.

This move necessitates giving up my appointment at Hawthorne on first Sunday, which I am very reluctant after most pleasant relations with them. May the spirit speedily direct the right man to this field. I will take pleasure in "boosting" the Witness in my new field and issue a standing invitation to its editors to visit us at any time. I especially long command editorial on "Yellow Divinity." Wish every pastor in the State might read it from their pulpits and give it all the publicity possible. With prayers for "the paper that is worth the money," I am fraternally yours,

REV. F. M. ROSS.

Orlando, Fla., March 12, 1910.

Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Brother Witness:—Your notice in reference to the conflict of dates in the Florida State Sunday School Association and Normals in Tampa and Jacksonville to hand. I desire to say through my own paper, for I read the Witness and love it, that no one could regret the conflict more than I do. However, this seemed to be the only possible date for Dr. Pearce and Mr. Ellzey and Mr. Baker, who are to be among the more prominent speakers. Dates were arranged for this State Convention and a thousand circular letters sent out before I knew anything of the two normals. Personally, I should like to go to

both the Training Schools, but I shall not be able to go to Tampa at all and cannot get to Jacksonville till April the 1st.

The dates of the Florida Sunday School Association are March 29, 30, 31st. This comes between the Training Schools and I hope that those attending the Training School at Tampa will come to the Convention at the close of their school, and that the people of Jacksonville will come to the first part of the Convention. The World's Sunday School Convention is to meet in Washington May 19-24, just after the Southern Baptist Convention, and delegates will be appointed at the Convention. Plans will be laid for a great forward movement in organized work in this State. The State has made wonderful progress during the past year in Adult Bible Class work, in Teacher Training and in other special organized activities. Fifteen county organizations have been effected. From three to four hundred delegates are expected at the Live Oak Convention. Special railroad rates have been granted and all delegates are urged to take a receipt when they purchase their tickets.

Though this conflict is unfortunate, let us all do the best we can for the glory of His name. All good wishes. I am, Yours in the service,

R. R. RAY,

General Secretary for Florida.

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First Baptist Church
Winter Haven

PASTORS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. P. S. Crosier	1885-1892; 1895-1896
Rev. G. W. Robie	1893
Rev. O. J. Frior	1894-1897
Rev. M. Sloan	
Rev. J. H. Tharp	1902
Rev. Thompson	1903
Rev. Beck	1904
Rev. E. E. Sanford	1905-1908
Rev. S. G. Mullins	1909
Rev. S. R. Shimer . Skinner	1910
Rev. W. G. Law	1911-1915
Rev. F. J. Griffin	1916-1917
Rev. R. N. McNemer	1917-1918
Dr. J. Harrison Griffin	1918-1938
Dr. Arthur Stovall	1938-1947
Dr. James P. Rodgers	1948-1954
Dr. Albert L. Carnett	1954-1970
Rev. Jacob Gamble	1970-1984



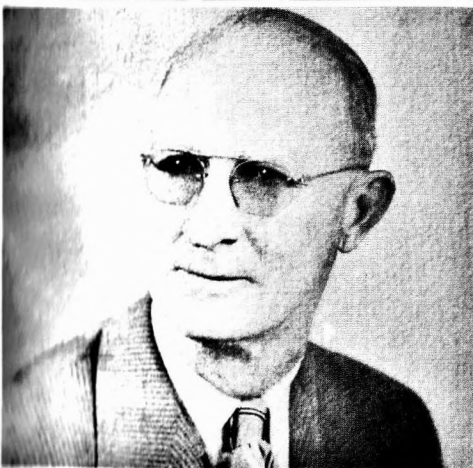
Three Former Pastors



← **REV. W. A. BURNS**
March 16, 1924 — November 6, 1929



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REV. W. FRANK MOORE
January 24, 1917 — September 1919



← **REV. E. D. McDANIEL**
July 1931 — May 31, 1949

FBC, Panama City

ROSTER OF PASTORS

While the early records available are inadequate as to the exact dates of the Pastors' length of tenure with this church, the following data seems to be correct:

- Rev. F. H. Poston—December 16, 1908, until some time in 1909.
- Rev. H. S. Howard—Beginning some time in 1909 and continuing until about May, 1910.
- Rev. John G. Black—Beginning about June, 1910, and continuing until about the end of the year, 1912.
- Rev. S. R. Skinner—January 13, 1913, to November 30, 1914.
- Rev. W. N. Swain—December 1, 1914, to December 31, 1916.
- Rev. W. Frank Moore—April, 1917, to September, 1919.
- Rev. J. P. B. Fieldman—About the dates of late 1919 to 1921.
- Rev. James L. Folsom—May 25, 1921, to November 30, 1923.
- Rev. W. A. Burns—March 16, 1924, to April 1, 1929.
- Rev. Cecil S. Wood—January 1, 1930, to April 30, 1931.
- Rev. E. D. McDaniel—May 4, 1931, to May 31, 1949.
- Dr. Julius H. Avery—June 1, 1949, to.....