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Strickland, John was born in Grandin, Florida. He was ordained in 1938 by both Orange Heights Church and Gadara Church of Keystone Heights. He was a part time pastor to both churches. Strickland served as pastor of Paran Baptist Church, Grandin (1950), Hollister Baptist Church, Edgar Baptist Church, Romano Blvd Baptist Church, Ridge Blvd Baptist Church, Garden City Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Shiloh Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Railford, Lemon Heights Baptist Church and Faith Baptist Church. He and his wife Louise Bailey Strickland had five children.

St Johns River 1978

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF MINISTERS

Beginning this year a new feature of our Annual Minutes is to include biographical sketches of ministers in our association. The following pages contain information on the ten ministers who have served in this association for the longest period of time.

R. V. HOGARTH 1935



Rev. R. V. Hogarth was born in Green Cove Springs, Florida. He has been in the St. Johns River Baptist Association since 1935. Bro. Hogarth was called to preach July 1933 and preached his first sermon July 1933 in the little Greenhouse Mission in Sunnyhills. This later became Calvary Baptist Church. He was called to be the first pastor of Francis Baptist Church in July, 1935 when it was organized in a tent. Bro. Hogarth was ordained October, 1936 at the annual meeting of the association, at Lemon Heights Baptist Church when Bro. C. M. White was moderator of the association. Prior to the time that he was ordained, he worked with the Camp Pauline Mission, 1933-1934, which is now the New Hope Baptist Church. In 1935 he supplied at Beulah Baptist Church of Fruitland. He assisted Bro. W. S. Mathney in tent meetings in Putnam, Clay, and Alachua counties. Bro. Hogarth has pastored the following churches: Francis Baptist Church, Palatka; East Palatka Baptist Church (now First Baptist Church of East Palatka); Hope Baptist Church of Starke; Woodlawn Baptist Church of Johnson; Old Hollister Baptist Church, Decoy Baptist Church, Clay County; Trinity Baptist Church of Palatka; Satsuma Baptist Church; and presently serving the Providence Baptist Church of Palatka. Bro. Hogarth met his wife, the former Lucille Chase, at Lemon Heights Baptist Church and married her July, 1932. They have three daughters. Bro. Hogarth preached the associational sermon in 1953.

WARREN FREDERICK 1942



Rev. Warren C. Frederick was born in Lakeland, Florida where he attended schools up through junior high. His family later moved to Starke, where he attended Bradford High School 1938-40, where he graduated in absentia in 1946. He was licensed to preach by Palatka heights (Hillcrest) Baptist Church, June 1941. Bro. Frederick was called as pastor of Francis Baptist Church, September, 1942 where he was ordained in November of 1942. He resigned as pastor of Francis April, 1944 to be drafted into the US Army. He was discharged from the army, May 14, 1946. He married Pauline Mae Hedgebeth of Petersburg, Virginia on June 1, 1946. Bro. Frederick was called as pastor of Midway Baptist Church July 1946. He attended Stetson University the fall and winter quarters of 1946-47. He then attended Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina, September, 1947-1951. He was recalled to Midway Baptist Church February, 1953 and resigned March, 1954 to go to the McDowell Baptist Church of St. Augustine, where he is presently serving. Bro. and Mrs. Frederick have three boys and three girls. He served as moderator of this association 1957, 1958.

V. J. MAJOR 1943



Rev. V. J. Major was born in Arcadia, Indiana where he played basketball in high school. He attended Ball State Teachers College and graduated from Central Norman College. Before entering the ministry, he was Assistant County Agent for Putnam County, and was an elementary school principal in three different schools in Putnam County. He was ordained October 12, 1943 and was pastor of Paran Baptist Church of Grandin, and then the Old Hollister Baptist Church. He was called to the East Palatka Baptist Church (First Baptist Church of East Palatka), May 20, 1947, and pastored there for twenty-five years. He pastored Providence Baptist Church for twenty-seven months. He supplied at Calvary Baptist Mission (First Baptist Church) of Welaka, and later served as its pastor, leading it to organize into a church. Bro. Major served as Moderator of the association 1955-1956, and again in 1967, and has also served as Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, Clerk, and Associational Sunday School Director. On September 4, 1924 he married Mabel Alice Scott of Arcadia, Indiana. They have three sons and a daughter, and six grandchildren.

JOHN STRICKLAND 1953



Rev. John Strickland was born in Grandin, Florida on May 17. He has been in the St. Johns River Baptist Association since 1953, although he pastored Paran in 1949. He was called to preach in 1934 and was ordained in 1938 by both the Orange Heights Baptist Church and the Gadara Baptist Church of Keystone Heights. He was part-time pastor of both churches. Bro. Strickland pastored the following churches: Hollister Baptist Church, Edgar Baptist Church, both part-time; Romano Blvd. Baptist Church; Ridge Blvd. Baptist Church; and Garden City Baptist Church; all of Jacksonville. He was called to Shiloh Baptist Church in 1948, Paran Baptist Church in 1949, First Baptist Church of Railford in 1950; and Lemon Heights Baptist Church of Palatka in 1953. During his pastorate at Lemon Heights, work was started on their present sanctuary. Bro. Strickland has pastored Faith Baptist Church since 1964. He married the former Louise Bailey in 1941. She passed away March 1973. They have five children. Bro. Strickland was moderator of the association in 1963. He preached the associational sermon in 1957.

HARVEY HOWARD 1956



Rev. Harvey Howard was born in Loughman, Florida. He was ordained December 18, 1955 at Midway Baptist Church of Palatka. This was done at the request of the Diniland Baptist Church near Kissimmee, Florida where he had preached a revival and had been called as pastor. In 1956 he was called to Lunda Baptist Mission which is now the Southside Baptist Church of Palatka. In 1957 he was called as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church of Palatka, and in 1960 he served as Interim Pastor of Satsuma Baptist Church for six months. In 1962 he served as Interim Pastor of Florahome Baptist Church. Bro. Howard has been at Midway Baptist Church since 1967, although he had pastored there before. While not in the active pastorate, he was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Palatka. Bro. Howard is married to the former Bernice Roberts. They have seven children and sixteen grandchildren.



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Rev John Edwin Strickland

BIRTH	17 May 1908
DEATH	22 Oct 1993 (aged 85)
BURIAL	Paran Baptist Church Cemetery Putnam Hall, Putnam County, Florida, USA
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The Rev. John Edwin Strickland, 85, died Friday at Palatka Health Care Center following a long illness.

He was born in Grandin and had lived in Putnam County since 1953. He was a Baptist minister for 42 years. He was a graduate of Melrose High School and Faith Temple Seminary in Jacksonville. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1936. He served as pastor of Lemon Heights Baptist Church in Palatka from 1953-1963. In 1963 he started Faith Baptist Church in Palatka and was pastor until his retirement in 1978.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Elizabeth Randal of Willis, Texas, and Martha Louise Thomas of Glen St. Mary, Fla.; sons, Chester Lamar "Bud" Strickland of East Palatka and Thomas Edwin Strickland of Leesburg; brother, Clyde Strickland of Palatka; sisters, Hazel Giddings of Palatka and Mabel Leslie of Middleburg; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church in Palatka with the Revs. Jimmy Stallard and Harry Varnadoe officiating. Burial will be in Paran Cemetery in Grandin. Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka is handling arrangements.

(Palatka Daily News Obituary dtd 25 Oct 1993.)

Family Members

Parents



Thomas Jackson

Spouse

Effie Louise *Bailey*



Strickland
1875-1930



Strickland
1916-1973



Maggie May Joyner
Gornito
1880 - unknown

Siblings



Ben J Strickland
1910-1979



Harry Joyner
Strickland
1912-1992



Hazel Elizabeth
Strickland Giddings
1915-2012



Clyde Tower
Strickland
1917-1993



Robert Lee
Strickland
1920-1988

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Fellowship Baptist Church, Raiford

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Becky, Cathy, and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Guinn and Wendy; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Crawford and Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. Don Newmans, Gordon & Donna; and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dobbs and Monette. Church services were held in the fellowship hall until the sanctuary was finished.

Rev. John Davis served as the first pastor until October 1980. Rev. John Strickland followed him. On June 5, 1982, Rev. Bobby Register became pastor, staying for 13 years. It was during this time that the church decided to purchase a three-bedroom manufactured home for the use of Brother Register and his family.

During Brother Register's long tenure, the Lord used him to grow a church full of dedicated Christians committed to the task of serving the Lord. Many people came to know the Lord and were baptized during this time.

In October 1992, the church voted to pave the parking lot, which was really appreciated when it was completed. During this time, the Lord was dealing with Brother Register, as he was being led to move. It was a sad time when Brother Register resigned in August 1994.

The church next called Rev. Herb Young on December 3, 1995, to serve as pastor. Brother Young served for ten months, and although he had a short tenure, he created excitement among the young people of the church and many new families joined.

On June 23, 1997, the church called Rev. Michael Fox as pastor. The Lord was really working in the life of the people of Fellowship Baptist. In September of 1998, Brother Mike accepted a call from another church.

About this time, the property next door to the church was put on the market. The owners offered it first to the church at an exceptionally good price. After much prayer and discussion in the church, the members decided to go ahead and buy the property. The house would be used for a parsonage in place of the mobile home presently being used. The land would offer room for expansion in the future as well as other uses.

Since the manufactured home was no longer in use as a parsonage, the church decided to use it for one of the Sunday school departments. Eventually, we decided to use it only for the youth department. Having their own separate building seemed to appeal to the youth, and the department has really grown in number as well as in excitement.

Fellowship Baptist celebrated their 20th anniversary at their Homecoming in March 1999. The church is presently seeking the man the Lord has for them to serve as their pastor. Although the church does not have a full-time shepherd for their congregation, it is busy doing the Lord's work.



Groundbreaking at Fellowship Baptist Church, Raiford

Paran, Palatka

PASTORS

1856 TO 1956

E.B. Timmons.....	1856....	1862
Richard M. Perry.....	1862....	1864
Samuel Timmons.....	1864....	1866
William Johnson.....	1866....	1868
M.N. Strickland.....	1868....	1875
E.B. Timmons.....	1875....	1878
M.N. Strickland.....	1878....	1879
E.B. Timmons.....	1879....	1880
B.W. Becks.....	1880....	1882
G.W. Hall.....	1882....	1883
E.H. Robinson.....	1883....	1884
B.R. Mosley.....	1884....	1891
E. Trices.....	Dec. 1891....	Oct. 1892
B.R. Mosley.....	Oct. 1892....	Oct. 1894
W.E. Stanton.....	Nov. 1894	
N.T. King.....	Dec. 1894....	1895
B.R. Mosley.....	1895....	1903
W.M. Simmons.....	1903....	1904
G.W. Riles.....	1904....	1905
W.M. Simmons.....	1905....	1906
Marshal Strickland	Mar. 1906	Sept. 1906
W.M. Simmons.....	1906	July 1907
B.F. Green.....	Nov. 1907..	July. 1908
M.N. Strickland	Aug. 1908	Sept. 1909
B.R. Mosley.....	1909....	1910
Frank Strickland.....	1910....	1911
B.R. Mosley.....	Aug. 1911	Apr. 1914
S.S. Proctor.....	1914....	1915
J.F. McBride.....	1915	Jan. 1916
T.E. Waldryp.....	Feb. 1916	July 1916
F.M. Strickland....	Oct. 1916	May 1918
A.M. Yarbrough.....	May 1918	Dec. 1919
W.R. Wilkerson.....	Dec. 1919	July 1921
Ivan Bohannon.....	Aug. 1921	Nov. 1922
W.G. Doyle.....	Dec. 1922....	
R.D. Bevis.....	Mar. 1925....	
T.D. Denman.....	Aug. 1931....	
L.R. Brothers.....	Dec. 1935	Sept. 1936
Dan Smith.....	Oct. 1936	Oct. 1937
F. Warren Capell	Oct. 1937	Aug. 1939
C.R. Robinson.....	Sept. 1939	May 1942
J.P. Sullivan.....	June 1942	April 1944
V.J. Major.....	May 1944	Sept. 1949
Bro. Squires.....	Oct. 1949	Dec. 1949
John Strickland....	Jan. 1950	Aug. 1950
R.C. Gray.....	Aug. 1950	May 1954
C.E. Underwood	June 1954	To Date

Orange Heights Baptist Church

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ORANGE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1913--. Orange Heights, Alachua County.

Constituted in 1913--. Prior to organization services were held in a former Methodist Church and the school house ♦ mile east of present site. Present, white, rectangular, frame building was erected before the church was organized and dedicated in 1913. Present membership, 44. Active organizations, Sunday School, Baptist Training Union. First pastor, Rev. L.A. Rawls, 1913-15. Present pastor, Rev. J.E. Strickland, 1938--., Gradin.

CONVENTION CHURCH RECORD, 1921-38, 1 vol. Showing pastors, moderators, membership roll, baptisms, deaths; financial records.

PARAMOUNT ♦ Treasurer♦s Record, 1923-28, 1 vol. Showing record of individual accounts of church; receipts and disbursements. Custody of J.N. Hayman, Orange Heights.

(SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD), c1916--., 12 vols., 1 bundle. Title varies: CONVENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD, 1916-36, 12 vols.; BLUE HORSE NOTEBOOK, undated; CLASS CARDS, undated, 1 bundle. Showing pupils, officers, teachers, attendance; financial records, 1923-26, 2 vols. Custody of J.N. Hayman, see supra.

(BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES UNION SECRETARY♦S RECORD, 1922--., 4 vols. Title varies: BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES UNION SECRETARY♦S RECORD, 1922-34, 3 vols.; SECRETARY♦S RECORD BOOK, 1934-36, 1 vol. Showing membership roll, attendance; financial records.