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Strickland, Johnny W. (1924-1983) died of a heart attack after serving as pastor of Park Avenue in Winter Garden for six days. He had previously served the church from 1959 to 1973. He also served as pastor of Dixie Highway Baptist Church in Auburndale, and First Baptist Church of Rock Springs. He and his wife, Betty Strickland, had two children.

Florida Features



Donald Edwards Jr.



C. H. Goodwin

Donald Ray Edwards Jr. became minister of music at First Church, Palatka, on Aug. 1. A graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he goes from Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Ala. He has also served churches in Kentucky and Florida.

C. H. (Shunny) Goodwin was recently ordained by Mayo Church, Mayo, where Roy Lee Saint is pastor. Goodwin is available for interim or supply and may be reached at Day, Fla. 32013, (904) 294-1511.

Charles Whiddon was recently called as minister of music and youth at Central Church, Fort Myers. He served in a similar capacity at Liberty Church, College Park, Ga. He has also served at Pleasantview Church, Crowley, Texas; and Miami Lakes and South Miami Heights Churches, Miami. Whiddon is a graduate of Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University, Miami; and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Homecomings

Concordia Church, Concord: Sept. 11; Harold Johnson, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; special music; former pastors, members and friends invited; Larry Demakowski, pastor.

Magnolia Church, Altha: Sept. 10-11, 110th anniversary; special music; drama; dinner on the grounds; former members and friends invited; Olin Brock, pastor.

First Church, Nocatee: Sept. 11, Wendel Witt, guest speaker; dinner on the grounds; former members and friends invited; Rick Hill, pastor.

A broken character doesn't knit easily.

Florida Pastor Dies Of Heart Attack

Johnny W. Strickland died July 1 after a heart attack. He was 59.

Tom Draper, retired director of missions, Greater Orlando Association, conducted funeral services at Park Avenue Church, Winter Garden, on July 5. Erle McMichen, pastor, East Thonotosassa Church, Plant City, assisted. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Orlando.

Strickland had accepted the pastorate of Park Avenue on June 26. He had also served the church from 1959-1973. Other pastorates include Dixie Highway Church, Auburndale, and First Church of Rock Springs (formerly Kelly Park), Apopka.

Survivors include his widow, Betty; a daughter, Wanda Guastella of Plant City; a son, Robert of Apopka; and six grandchildren.

FIRST CHURCH, LAKE CITY, recently burned the mortgage on the church building 18 months early. Participating are (from left): David Maxwell, chairman of deacons; Vernon Vinzant, church trustee; M. T. Byrd, stewardship chairman; and Robert K. Davis, pastor.



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NEW HOPE CHURCH, WAUCHUCA, FLA., recently honored the teaching staff of the church with a banquet. Mrs. Ouida Roberts (left) and Mrs. Virginia Simmons were honored for 50 years of teaching. Others were honored for more than 20 years. Glen Lanier is Sunday School director and Warren Nubern is pastor.

Northside Church, Okeechobee, called **Jim Hardaker** as pastor, effective Aug. 1. A graduate of Trinity College, Dunedin, he is former pastor of Coppitt First Church, Key West.

H. Clyde Harless of Ocala began an interim pastorate at Eliam Church, Melrose, on Aug. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harless (Bermuda)—1233 Stephens St., Smyrna, Ga. 30080.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Lynn Groat (Ethiopia)—P.O. Box 5539, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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