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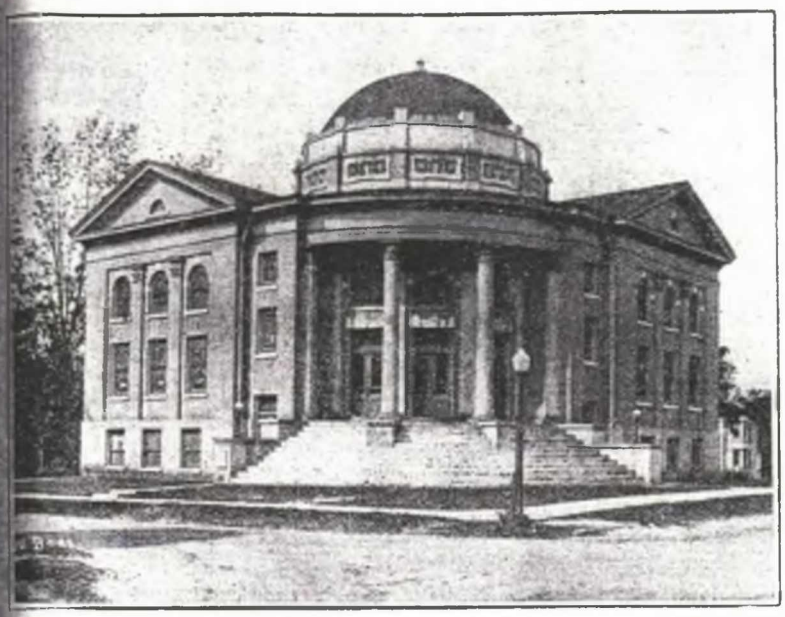
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Strickland, W. H. served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Quincy and New River Baptist Church, Brooker, 1864-1865.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, QUINCY, WHERE WEST FLORIDA B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION MEETS, NOVEMBER 28-29.



The First Baptist Church of Quincy has had a heroic history. Organized in 1893, with five members, it is the youngest of the white Protestant churches of the city. The charter members were Mrs. Farnum, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White, Mr. Clifford Kennedy and Mrs. H. J. Davis.

Mrs. Davis is the only surviving member of the original five now living in Quincy. She is one of the Saints of the Lord and her life has been a benediction to the church through the years.

This small group of earnest consecrated souls after worshipping in a residence, then in a room over the Quincy State Bank, succeeded by self-sacrificing devotion to the cause in erecting a commodious building which was dedicated in 1896. Other members having been added to the group in the meantime. The church now numbers 540.

The following pastors have served the church since its organization: Rev. A. P. Ashhurst, Dr. W. H. Strickland, Dr. A. N. Manning, Revs. Stephen Crockett, E. L. Wells, C. B. Wright, R. W. Lambert, W. A. Burns, R. T. Russell, S. T. Matthews and the present pastor, Dr. W. M. Vines.

The church is thoroughly organized with a board of twelve deacons as follows: G. H. Boring, D. A. Avant, R. H. Gee, M. A. Love, Dr. W. W. Massey, W. W. Johnson, W. N. Faircloth, George W. McKeown, Dr. R. H. Godard, C. W. Thomas, Blucher Blair, J. W. Rowan.

The Sunday School is an up-to-date standard school with some sixty officers and teachers. D. A. Avant has been the earnest, consecrated efficient superintendent for several years.

The W. M. S. is one of the best in the state, with Mrs. C. W. Thomas, the splendid president. Mrs. M. A. Love is the cultured and able superintendent of this division of the State W. M. U.

The Junior, Intermediate and Senior B. Y. P. U.s are among the most active organizations of the church.

The present handsome and commodious church building was erected during 1918-1925. The church has just completed one of the most attractive and desirable pastoriums in the state or in the entire South. The Baptists of Quincy are proud of their church building and beautiful new pastor's home.

Dr. W. M. Vines, the present pastor, has been on the field about ten months. During this period more than a hundred members have been added to the church and the new pastorium has been erected. Prior to coming to Quincy, Dr. Vines was pastor of some of the outstanding churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. Among them, First Church, Asheville, and First Church, Charlotte, N. C., and Freemason St. and First Church, Norfolk, Va. He was general evangelist of the S. B. C. on the staff of the Home Mission Board for two years, and was located in Greenville, S. C.

Our church in Quincy is growing and while the past is replete with courageous endeavor the church is steadily taking a larger place among the strategic Baptist churches of Florida.

W. H. Strickland

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PASTORS

John Tucker—1833, 1834, 1836, 1840, 1847

David R. Bryan—1835, called but did not serve

Fleming Bates—1835

Elias Knight—1839

James McDonald—1843, 1846

Moses Deas and Milliam Holingsworth— 1848

Paul B. Colson—1849, 1850

Alex Tindale—1851

No Pastor—1852—1857

Silas Weeks—1857-1864, 1866-1877

William Strickland—1864, 1865

John McKinney—1878, 3 months in 1880

A. Crosby—1879, 1880, 1894

W.F. Malphus—1882-1886, 1889, 1892, 1897, 1898, 1900-1905

J.J. Clark—1891

N.S. Wainwright—1893

L.W. Kirklighter—1895

J.W. Devenean—1899

B.H. Damon—1902

S.S. Proctor—1903

G.W.S. Ware—1906, 1907

F.B. Johns—1908-1911

G.A. Blount—1912

G.W.S. Ware—1913

W.S. Malphus—1914

F.B. Johns—1914 (elected 9-13-94) paid $75.00/year + expenses to and from church—total of $100.00/year

Blanchad Law—1917

Forest Jones—1917

J.W. Pinholster 1917

E.J. Dickens—1918-1920

S.S. Proctor—1920-1924

G.W.S. Ware—1924-1925

C.A. Crosby—1925-1927

S.S. Proctor—1927-1930

L.G. Hemingway—1931-1934

G.E. McGauley—1934-1935

L.G. Hemingway—1935-1936

C. A. Crosby—1936-1939

H.M. Tillman—1940-1942

Hugh Walters—1942-1943

Truby Parrish—1943-1955

L.L. Parker—1955-1960

Joe Roop—1960-1961

Rex Brookins—1961-1965

Charlie Redding—1965-1966

L.L. Parker—1966-1971

James R. Countryman—1972-1984

Randy Maycumber—1984-1985

Darrell Murray (Int. Pastor) 10/20/85 - 2/16/86

Boyce Taylor—1986

Darrell Murray (Int. Pastor) 1987

Cecil Turner—1987-1999

Henry Martin (Int. Pastor) 1999-2000

Frank Phillips (Int. Pastor) 2000

William Lee—2000

Henry Martin (Int. Pastor) 2000-2001

Dr. Jerry Gesell (Int. Pastor) 2001-2002

David Porter—2002-2003

Dr. Jerry Gesell (Int. Pastor) 2003

Jason Reid—2003-2007

Dr. Jerry Gesell (Int. Pastor) 2007—Present...

DEACONS

Wm. H. Waren—1834

Elijah O'Quinn—1835

C.R. Denison

Silas Weeks—1844

J.B. Cason—1850

J.O. Kelley—1859

Jacob Godwin—1871

I.W. Pinholster—1872

J. M. Smiley—1877, 1878

T.C. Carroll—1887

S.B. Cason—1891

R.H. Green 1908

W.E. Yarbrough—1914

F.L. Colson—1916

W.T. Turner—1916 or 1917

C.H. Walters—1931

Frank Tomlinson—1937 (1st mentioned)

R.R. Andrews—1941

Russell Green

Lee Green—1943

T.B. Edwards—

M.L.Johns—1963

Donald Welch—1963

Wilbur Andrews—1963

Thurston Henry—1967

C.J. Stalnaker—1968

N.G. Hayes, Jr.—1973

L.L. Parker—1973 (reinstated)

Kenneth Starling

Tony Stalnaker—1994

Drew Andrews—1994

Randy Starling, Chuck Parrish, Steve Preston, Bill Wall—1999

David Fussell, Dean Bennett—2006