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Strickland, William Henry (1885 – 1887)

Pastors of First Baptist Shelby

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### Correspondence - Roland Leath & Mrs. Ollin J. Owens - 1965

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February 3, 1965

Mr. Roland Leath  
First Baptist Church  
Shelby, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Leath,

Thank you for your letter of January 29, asking for information on W. H. Strickland, one of your former pastors.

Rev. Strickland was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville in 1882 and 1883. A recently published history of the church carries his picture, complete with at least a foot of flourishing whiskers. I examined the church's records on microfilm for further information for you, but there is very little. It seems that late in 1881 while the church was seeking a pastor, Rev. William Henry Strickland, his wife, and son, W.H. Jr., moved their letters from Anderson, S. C. Just about this time the Greenville church received a letter of rejection from Rev. W. E. Hatcher of Virginia, to whom a call had been extended. For some reason, Rev. Strickland was serving as moderator of the church conference that heard the Hatcher letter. Somebody must have figured that Rev. Strickland would do and he was offered the pastorate by a vote of 55 to 14. He accepted on Jan. 8, 1882 and served for two years. \*

I have sent for our campus photographer and we will try to get you a picture of this dear brother. So hold the presses and we will send you something we hope you can use.

Cordially yours,

*Mrs. Ollin J. Owens*

Mrs. Ollin J. Owens  
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\* From Greenville he went to Edgefield.