



Rev. J.L. Jenkins, Former Pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, 1927 - 1952



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TRIBUTE TO A BELOVED FORMER PASTOR

Our Lord has given this church and community manifold blessings through the life and work of the Reverend J. L. Jenkins. During his pastorate which spanned a quarter of a century his strong gospel messages sounded forth, bringing men to faith in Jesus Christ, providing food for Christian growth, giving hope and comfort to a multitude of needy souls. After his retirement in 1952 he was led into wide and varied fields of service, preaching in many churches, teaching preachers at Fruitland Bible Institute,

counseling preachers and pulpit committees. His love for the church and his zest for preaching have increased over the years. His influence has been wide, his dedication deep, and his faith contagious. My own life has been deeply enriched through my association with him, and today I rise up with a wide throng to thank God for his beautiful life and ministry.

Preacher Jenkins is at home after a stay in the hospital with a broken hip. Long weeks in bed have not daunted his spirit. During this time he has found a closer fellowship with our Lord. As he looks forward to the day he can begin to walk you can be sure his mind is fashioned phrases to tell of the things he has learned through this experience.

The birthday of this grand preacher falls on July 16. I know some of you are thinking of different ways to express your love to him on that day. Wouldn't it be a good thing for many of you to write a personal note telling him something of the blessing he has been to your life? He has walked with a great number of you through baptism, through marriage ceremony, and through the funerals of your loved ones. He rejoiced with you over the birth and accomplishments of your children. He visited you when you were sick and counseled you in trouble. Tell him now how his ministry has blessed your life.

T .Max Linnens, Pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, 1970

(Rev. J.L. Jenkins died in 1973)