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Shook, Clayton J. graduated from the University of South Florida and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida including Fairlawn Baptist Church, Fort Pierce and Celebration Community Church, Fort White. Shook and his wife, Linda Elaine Shook (b. 1955; d. 2018) had two children. He married Diane Shook in 2019.

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Recreational Softball League.
Mark Mansour is manager of the
church team.

Fairlawn Baptist

Fairlawn Baptist Church has a
new pastor, the **Rev. Clay Shook**.
He, his wife, Linda, and son, An-
dy, have come from Warren
Plains Baptist Church in Warren-
ton, N.C. **Shook** recieved his
bachelor of arts degree from the
University of South Florida in
Tampa and his master of divinity
from the Southeastern Baptist
Theological Seminary in Wake
Forest, N.C. The **Shooks** occupy
the newly refurbished parsonage.

The congregation invites
everyone to come and meet the
Shooks Sunday, after the evening
services in the fellowship hall.

The Sunday school department
has made some changes by in-
stituting a mixed adult class for
ages 18 and older to be taught by
Clinton Buchanon. Other adult
and children's classes are at the
same time Sunday.

**SOUTHERN
BAPTIST
CHURCHES**
in
St. Lucie Co.

FAIRLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH **LAK**
3003 Rhode Island Avenue
Rev. Clayton J. Shook

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Candies take back seat

BRANDON — Heart-shaped boxes of chocolates took a back seat as expressions of love as 11 couples celebrated Valentine's Day by renewing their marriage vows at Lakewood Baptist Church.

With the Rev. Clayton Shook, pastor, conducting the ceremony, wife Linda videotaped it. The couple have a special reason to mark the holiday honoring love: Clay and the former Linda Sturgill were married at First Baptist Church of Riverview on Valentine's Day in 1975. Now living in Brandon, they have two children.

The ceremony was doubly sentimental for Richard and Rebecca

Marlene Boggs Neighbors



Burns Dial of Mango, who married Sept. 18, 1982, in Tampa, and Robert and Donna Premier Burns of Tampa, who wed June 18, 1955. The Burns' daughter, Rebecca, wore her mother's wedding dress for the renewal service. The Burns have two children; the Dials have one.

Although the ink is hardly dry on their marriage certificate, James "Steve" and Katherine Martinez Davenport of Tampa participated in the service. Married on May 14, 1988, in Tampa, they have one child.

Gerald and Anna Mae Davis Hughes took the honors as the couple married the longest. They wed July 12, 1953, in New York. The

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Acting as witnesses for the couples were Walter Hughes and Lucille Beaubien. Virginia Shook, the pastor's mother, provided organ music.

<https://www.celebratefortwhite.com/page/pastor-staff>

Rev. Dr. Clay Shook earned the following degrees from these fully accredited institutions:

B.A. - University of South Florida, Tampa

M. Div. (Master of Divinity) - Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

D. Min. (Doctor of Ministry) - Drew University Seminary, Madison, NJ

CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), Martin Memorial Hospital, Port St. Lucie, FL

As led by our Lord, Pastor Clay has served churches in NC, SC and Florida as a full-time minister for many years. He has led medical, construction and teaching mission teams both domestically and internationally to Africa, Asia, Russia, Central and South America, Alaska and numerous other US states.

Clay was widowed after 45 years of marriage but then found love again with Mrs. Diane Shook. They've been married since 2019. Pastor Clay has two adult children, Andy and Laura Lee, and three grandchildren. He enjoys golf, hunting, corny jokes and chicken wings.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/195068153/linda_elaine-shook
Linda Elaine Shook

Birth

15 Oct 1955

Fort Bragg, Cumberland County, North Carolina, USA

Death

30 Nov 2018 (aged 63)

Saint George, Dorchester County, South Carolina, USA

Burial

Saint George Memorial Gardens

Saint George, Dorchester County, South Carolina, USA

Linda Elaine Shook, 63, wife of Rev. Dr. Clayton J. Shook, entered into eternal rest at her home on Friday, November 30, 2018.

Linda was born on October 15, 1955, at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, NC. She was the foster daughter of Eldridge and Barbara Miller of Riverview, FL who added her to their family of six when she was 16 years old. She was a 1973 graduate of East Bay Senior High School, attended Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, FL and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC. She was an active member of Memorial Baptist Church and was an expert at crafting, quilting, and crocheting. Linda was also a lover of all things Christmas, decorating their house brightly each holiday season. She was an avid flower grower and kept the Memorial Baptist parsonage yard looking beautiful. Serving churches with her husband since 1982, Linda provided much counsel and care to women who were survivors of sexual abuse. Linda also participated in mission trips with the churches where she and her husband served including to Romania, Alaska and several US states. She also homeschooled their two children.

Surviving is her husband of 44 years, Rev. Dr. Clayton Jay Shook, St. George; a son, Andrew Jay (Amanda Bradstreet) Shook, Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Laura Lee (Joseph) Watts, Lugoff; two grandchildren, Avery Grace Shook and Chase Jackson Watts; sisters, June (Dale) Stephens, Diane Taylor, all of Riverview, FL; Janice (Michael) Shook, Lake City, FL; a brother, Roy (Barbara) Miller, Riverview, FL; nieces and nephews, Asha-Ayana Faith Taylor, Clayton Taylor, Thomas Bourcy, Miah James, Devon James, Joseph Shook and David Rodgers. She is pre-deceased by her much loved biological mother Frances Nan Day.

Special thanks and appreciation is expressed to Pastor Clay's Aunt Peggy Couch, of Lithia, FL, who helped him care for his wife across the past few months during her illness and until her death. Special thanks and appreciation is expressed to the people of Memorial Baptist Church, the deacon body and the St. George, SC community.