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JOHN WAYNE STACEY

1944 - 2017

John W. Stacey, 73, was born August 31, 1944 in Aberdeen, Mississippi and died October 5, 2017 at home following a brief illness. He was educated in Escambia County public schools and graduated from University of West Florida and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. An ordained Baptist minister, he was pastor of Blue Angel Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida at the time of his passing to his heavenly home. He also served churches in Florida, Louisiana, and Alabama during his 48 years of pastoral ministry.

Left to carry on is his wife of 49 years, Cheryl; son, John Gerrit Stacey (Kim), Pensacola; daughter, Laura Stacey Freeman (Ray), St. Augustine, Florida; grandsons, Joshua Stacey, Austin Stacey, and Jared Stacey all of Pensacola; granddaughters Carson Freeman and Cate Freeman of St. Augustine, Florida, and bonus granddaughters through marriage Cory Nicolaus (Kyle) and Cassy Tacke (Shaun) with their children Averie and Everett Nicolaus and Jude and Zane Tacke; sisters, Marie Stacey Mead (Jim) and Janice Stacey both of Pensacola; nephews, Brian Mead (Sonya), Texarkana, Texas, and Paul Mead and Corey Mead, both of Pensacola; aunts, Earleen Perkins (Gaynor) of Pensacola and Ethel Carter of Tupelo, Mississippi and many cousins.

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Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1953)

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, organized in August 1856, is located at 4600 North Century Boulevard in Bluff Springs, north Escambia County, Florida. The church was established under the leadership of the Rev. James Lazarus Bryars and early settlers in the community. Among those were the Pritchetts, Crarys, Sturdivants, Bratchers, and Fillingims. (See *Volume I* for additional information.)

The church met first in a log schoolhouse and later in a wooden building erected in 1895 on land given by John and Leona Crary. That building stood for some 60 years. The building pictured here was constructed in 1953. Additions have occurred over the years; and on Sunday, August 27, 2006, the building was filled to capacity as over 100 members and guests celebrated the church's 150th anniversary and homecoming.

Pastors who have served include the Rev. Bryars, T. Bennett, N. Parker, Robert Warren Brooks, R.M. Guy, A.A. Sims, William Rabb, John E. Holley, Wiley Francis Martin, R.M. Hunter, Joseph J. Nelson, C. Myrick, D.W. Bosdel, W.O. Mann, A. Johnson Countryman, A.C. Shell, Charles Carey Eiland, C.M. Agee, T.G. Burgess, C.O. Stewart, R. Grover Key, Marvin H. White, Eli Wilson Adkinson, Bruce C. Chavers, E.P. Bush, James Andrew Wilson, F.O. Robinson, J.R. Beasley, Charles D. Rice, Charles Hamilton, John Stacey, Robert Halford, George Nall, Steve Brill, Leslie Adams, and Gene Trawick. The Rev. James Hughes, present pastor, has served since 1999.

Rev Hughes resigned abt spg 2007.
No pastor as of August 2007 Homecom

The First Baptist Church of Holt

The First Baptist Church of Holt began in 1888 as "The New Hope Baptist Church." During the pastorate of John Senterfitt attendance grew and a larger building was needed. Senator



First Baptist Church of Holt, 9/1993

Ebenezer Porter donated land, with members Callaway, Armstrong, and Senterfitt helping build the structure completed in 1901.

Subsequent pastors: Mapoles, Luke Henderson, Haygood, and Tom Anderson. The congregation was small and the building was lighted by kerosene lamps and heated with

wood. The congregation took turns furnishing wood.

Jim Quigley became pastor. Under his leadership attendance increased, a parsonage purchased, and a building program initiated. Reverend Quigley resigned in mid 1950's, replaced by David Johnson. Arnold McMillan was pastor 1955-1957. During his pastorate the sanctuary was started, but not completed until 1958 while G. H. McInnis was pastor. In 1961 Stanley Britton was pastor. Jim Parker was interim pastor until the church called Pastor Willie Carr. During his tenure, by-laws were updated and the church officially became "The First Baptist Church of Holt."

John Stacy was pastor from 1974-1979. He started a bus ministry. Stratton Colonna became pastor in 1979. Pastors since 1979: Charles Rempel, led in the completion of the Everett Brown Educational Building, Terry Floyd (1987-1995), and Russell Taylor (left 11/1999). Richard Martin served as interim pastor until 6/2000 when Pastor David Wheat, wife Jane, and two children arrived. Holt Baptist Church is looking forward to what God has in store as they strive to become a "Great Commission Church!"

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