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Stewart, Jack L. (1922-2020) was born in Anna, Illinois the son of Hugh And Edna Jefferson Stewart. He graduated from the Baptist Foundation Bible College, Illinois. Stewart served as pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Ft. Pierce, 1950-1951, First Baptist Church, Geneva, Florida, 1956-1963, First Baptist Church, Center Hill, and Hardeetown Baptist Church. He and his wife, Etoile Stewart had three children.

Hardeetown

October 1, 1956. By May of 1957, the church had voted to borrow money to complete the second unit. The third unit was not completed until late 1958 or early 1959. The growth of all organizations of the church is clearly evident in the Associational Minutes. Beginning on October 1, 1959, the church started Sunday School at 9:55 A.M.

K. A. Graham was ordained a Deacon at Homecoming on October 20, 1957.

The Annual Meeting of Harmony Baptist Association was held at Hardeetown October 21, 1960. Beginning early in 1960, the people began talking of remodeling the church. The matter was brought before the church on Sunday, July 17, 1960. Once again the people set to work and the work was done. Rev. Hayman resigned on March 19, 1961.

Rev. Ewell Johnson served as interim pastor during which time a new piano was purchased.

Rev. Robert Byrd was called on July 23, 1961, arriving the first Sunday in September. On January 14, 1962, four lots from the estate of Mrs. Millie Thomas, joining the church property and on the corner of Lucille Avenue and Second Street, were purchased, and Hardeetown engaged in an attempt to promote a vigorous program. The Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Music Organization pushed ahead.

Rev. Byrd resigned as pastor in February, 1963, and the church was without a pastor until early 1964, when Rev. W. L. Rollins was called.

On November 12, 1964, the Associational Training Union Officer and Leaders Conference was held at Hardeetown. Under the guidance of Rev. Rollins, the church added an assembly room for the intermediates and young people, a church library, a baptistry in the chapel and air-conditioning and central heat for the chapel.

On April 21, 1965, the W.M.U. Associational meeting was held at Hardeetown. On July 19, 1965, the Associational Sunday School Meeting was held at Hardeetown. At Christmas, 1965, Rev. Rollins resigned.

Rev. Henry Powell served as Interim Pastor during this time and at other times when he was needed.

In 1966, the church called Rev. W. L. Cooley. The church added to the pastorium a bedroom, bath, dinette and a utility room. In 1967, one-half block of land completing the block on which the church stands, was purchased. On April 9, 1967, Joe Giglia, Raymond Ward, Raymond Allen and William S. Cason were ordained as Deacons. In 1968, a twelve foot by forty-eight foot Educational Building was added to the north side of the other Educational Building. Rev. Cooley resigned in the summer of 1968.

Rev. Hooter was Interim Pastor until December 4, 1968, when Rev. Jack L. Stewart was called. He remained less than a year, resigning on July 13, 1969.

In September, 1969, Rev. Glen Lawhon was called, who continued efforts to build a new church building, begun by Rev. Cooley. Work was started on a Constitution and By-Laws which were adopted in 1971. Under the guidance of Rev. Lawhon, the church went right on with its dream of a new church building, printing bonds for sale on December 1, 1972. In 1969, the pastorium was air-conditioned with window units, and in 1970, a carport and outside utility room were added. Bus Ministry was begun with the purchase of a first bus in January, 1970. A second bus was purchased in May, 1972, and under the guidance of Sammy Cason this program has reached many souls for Christ. The nursery was remodeled and air-conditioned in April, 1970. In 1971, one of the Sunday School rooms was converted into an office for the pastor, and another room into a library. One wall was removed in 1971, between two Sunday School rooms because of the increase of the 12-14 age groups.

(Harmony 1981)

The Orlando Sentinel (Orlando, Florida)
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The Tampa Tribune (Tampa, Florida)
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day at his home, will be held 3 P.M., Thursday, in the Center Hill Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jack Stewart officiating. Interment will follow in the Center Hill Cemetery under the direction of the Kurfiss Funeral

Jack Stewart Obituary

Rev. Jack Leon Stewart, 88, a resident of Lake City, Florida passed away February 24, 2010 at the V.A. Medical Center Lake City, Florida.

Rev. Stewart was a native of Anna, Illinois and had resided in Lake City for the past thirty-two years. He is the son of the late Hugh and Edna Jefferson Stewart. He graduated from the Baptist Foundation Bible College, Carbondale, Illinois and was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Lake City, Florida.

Survivors include his wife Etoile Stewart, Lake City, Fl. Two daughters: Cathy (D.C.) Berry, Lake City, Florida and Helen Edmonds, Lake City, Fl. One son: Mark (Sissie) Stewart, Live Oak, Florida. Seven grandchildren eleven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services for Rev. Stewart will be conducted Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with the Chaplain Donald Runyon and the Rev. Ron Thompson, officiating.

The Miami Herald (Miami, Florida)

22 Mar 1951, Thu

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Funeral for Charles Elliott, 85, who died March 15 following a heart attack, will be conducted at the graveside in the local cemetery at 4 p. m. Thursday with **Rev. Jack Stewart** of Park View Baptist church officiating and Yates Funeral Home in charge.

The Miami Herald (Miami, Florida)

06 Apr 1951, Fri

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The **Rev. Jack Stewart** has resigned as pastor of the Park View Baptist Church. He had held the post since November, having come here from Longwood. A committee has been appointed to recommend a successor. The **Rev. Stewart** said his plans at present are indefinite.

The Orlando Sentinel (Orlando, Florida)

18 Jan 1963, Fri Page 35

Bulletin: It is official **Rev. Jack Stewart** has accepted a call to the Center Hill Baptist Church. He will preach his farewell sermon here Feb. 3. It is hoped everyone will be there that day to honor the **Rev. Stewart** for his faithful service in Geneva for over seven years.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

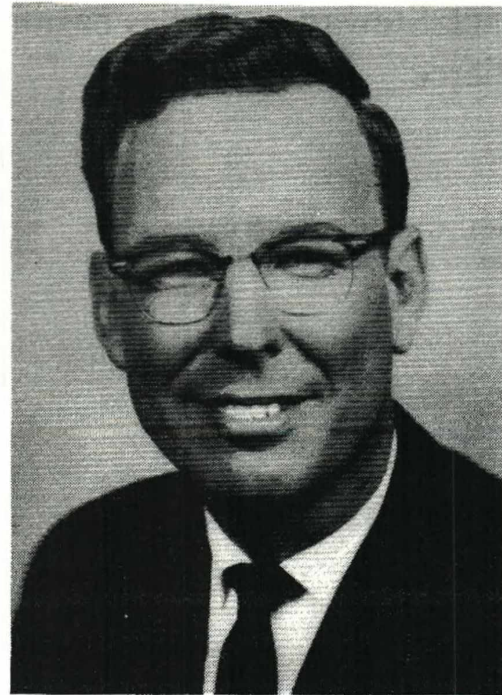
Geneva, Florida

Date	Pastor
Aug. 15, 1875	
George C. Powell	
Sept. 20, 1880	R.W. Lawton
Sept. 15, 1883	S.F. Guire
Sept. 4, 1886	T.J. Bell
Feb. 18, 1888	R.W. Lawton
Jan. - June 1896	Rev. Carpenter
June 1896 - 1898	Rev. Sheffield
1896 - 1908	Inactive
1909	Reorganized -
	Rev. George H. Sieg
1909	E. Lee Smith
1913	William Stones
1919	J.N. Thompson
1925 - 1926	J. Max Cook
July 1927 - Dec. 1928	J.M. DeVette
Mar. 1929	Clive McGuire
July 1930 - 1949	W.B. Kyzer
Oct. 1948 - 1949	Assoc. Pastor Julian
	Stenstrom
1950 - Aug. 1951	Leo D. Barnes
Oct. 1951 - Jan. 1952	D.A. Thomas
Feb. 1952 - Dec. 1952	Lyman Hall
June 1953 - Nov. 1954	Sam Stewart
Mar. 1955	W.A. Ellenwood
Dec. 1956 - Feb. 1963	Jack L. Stewart
Aug. 1963 - June 1964	Bennie Baker
Oct. 1964 - Apr. 1965	W.M. Grogan
July 1965 - Jan. 1968	R.G. Key
Feb. 1968 - Apr. 1971	Leo D. Barnes
June 1971 - Aug. 1971	Robert J. Boynton
	(Interim)
Dec. 1971 - Aug. 1972	W.M. Grogan
Sept. 1972 - Oct. 1978	Marvin Deese
Aug. 1979 - Sep 1988	Larry Sherwood
Dec 1988 - Jun 1991	JACK DAKLOW
Nov 1991 -	DARYL PERMENTER, SR.

Former Pastors *Parkview, Ft Pierce*



W. H. McGARRAHAN
March 20, 1949 — May 8, 1949



CLYDE DUNCAN
June 12, 1949 — October 7, 1950



JACK STEWART
November 1, 1950 — April 30, 1951



M. N. PEARSON
July 8, 1951 — April, 1953

Center Hill Lunch Fetes New Pastor

By HAROLD BROWN

CENTER HILL — The Center Hill Baptist Church welcomed its new pastor, the Rev. Jack L. Stewart, and his family into the community Sunday by serving a get-acquainted covered dish lunch at the Community Center. About 200 people from all the local churches attended.

The Rev. and Mrs. Stewart with their children, Mark, 13; Catherine, 11; and Helen, 18 months, moved from Geneva, Fla., where he was pastor over six years, to Center Hill Feb. 5.

Members of the church recently had been working hard to get some extensive remodeling finished in time for the Stewarts to move.

Stewart has been preaching since 1946. He attended Southern Illinois University and Southern Illinois College of Bible and Stetson University in DeLand. His home is Anna, Ill., and his wife, Etoile, hails from Gainesville.

Etoile Stewart Obituary

Mrs. Etoile Odessa Stewart, age 92, of Lake City, Florida died Sunday, February 4, in the Suwannee Valley Care Center, Lake City, Florida following an extended illness. She was born in Gainesville, Florida and resided in Jacksonville, Florida before moving to Lake City, Florida in 1979. She was a homemaker and member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed reading and sewing in her spare time. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Leon Stewart and her parents, Marquis and Catherine Fredricks Jackson. She is survived by her two daughters, Cathy (D.C.) Berry and Helen Edmonds both of Lake City, Florida: One son, Mark (Sissie) Stewart of Live Oak, Florida: Nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren also survive. A funeral service to honor the life of Mrs. Stewart will be held at 11 A.M. Thursday, February 8, in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald Thompson, Pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, officiating and assisted by Rev. Herman Hampton, Pastor of Southside Baptist Church. Interment will be in Bethlehem Cemetery, Columbia County, Florida.

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