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Stewart, James was a native of Ireland. He moved to the United States in 1930 and served as pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Kentucky and Florida including Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, 1947-1955. He served as a professor at Stetson University and the University of North Carolina.



This, That, and the Other

Dr. **James Stewart**, pastor Riverside Church, Jacksonville, was one of the guest speakers for Furman University's annual Religious Emphasis Week, February 13-17.

Dr. Stewart, a native of Ireland, attended University of London and Irish Baptist College, Dublin, Ireland. He served one year as professor of theology at International College in Christo, Cuba.

He has lived in the United States since 1930 and has held pastorates in Oklahoma, Mississippi and Kentucky. In addition to his regular pastoral duties at Riverside Church, he teaches a course in philosophy at the Junior College of Jacksonville.

First Church, Williston, H. H. Link, pastor, has just closed revival services in which Dr. T. V. McCaul, Gainesville, did the preaching.

Harrison Crews and C. C. Elsey concluded a two weeks meeting with South Side Church, Sebring, with 12 additions to the church. All attendance records were broken in Sunday School and Training Union. Mr. Elsey will remain in Sebring to do visitation for the church until called out to assist in meetings.

"Tuesday night, February 7, we had Miss Mike Evans present in our church a program of sacred music and songs, in the same style as her radio program, The Spirit of God was present, youth were inspired, sinners were convicted, Christians wept for joy, and I know saints and angels rejoiced in Heaven. This young Christian has a great message for any church that will invite her for a program and to give her testimony. Miss Evans was converted in a revival conducted last fall by E. J. Daniels. She has given up every type of entertaining except her radio program, which is clean morally and is always concluded with a hymn. However, the devil never quits. Night spots and places of amusement are begged for her services. If you invite her to tell her story, your church will be richly blessed. Address Mike Evans, Radio Station WWO, Orlando, Florida."

G. W. Kinard, pastor
First Baptist Church,
Webster, Fla.

DR. HENDERLITE SPEAKS AT CHAPEL

Dr. Rachel Henderlite, professor at Presbyterian Training School, Richmond, Virginia, told Stetson University students today in chapel that the imperative of God is not a bunch of rules for living, but a rule for life. "As a Christian, we are not promised privileges, but we are promised eternal life." "The world is not anxious to see what we as Christians will discover in life, but are more interested to see what we do with what we have discovered."

Most folks know how to say nothing, but few of them know when.

With great reluctance Pine City Church, St. Petersburg, accepted the resignation of their pastor, Clarence K. Byerley, Sr., which became effective on January 8, 1950, because of illness. During his ministry numerous improvements were made: an organ was purchased, new lights installed in church auditorium, ceiling installed and insulated, Sunday school auditorium ceiled and painted, and additional property purchased for future expansion. Best of all, many souls were won to Christ from his steady Gospel messages.

THE COW STORY UP-TO-DATE

It doesn't make any difference whether you are a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent, the following article from the Bernice, La., News-Journal is good for all to read who wish to see our American system of representative government survive.

Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Socialism: If you have two cows, you give one of them to your neighbor.

Communism: If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you milk.

Fascism: If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the government.

New Deal: If you have two cows, you shoot one, milk the other, then pour the milk down the drain.

Fair Deal: If you have two cows, you let them starve so you can buy milk in cans, thus making business better.—Selected.

Harvey Churchwell, of Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, was guest speaker at Brookier Church, January 29, at which time a special offering was taken for the school.

I. E. Enlow has resigned First Church, Belle Glade, to accept the pastorate of Hopewell Church, Plant City, beginning his work there on January 21.

During his ministry at Belle Glade, membership increased from 387 to 584, gifts from \$4,534 in 1944 to \$21,843 in 1949, Sunday school enrollment from 214 to 528, Training Union enrollment from 84 to 118, W.M.U. organizations from 1 to 7, V.B.S. enrollment from 67 to 300. One unit of their building has been completed, and the second (38 by 90 ft., 2 stories) is now under construction; and several pianos have been purchased and numerous other improvements made to the property. An average of fifty souls per year have been won and baptized.

OVIEDO CHURCH DEDICATES BUILDINGS

On January 8th, First Church, Oviedo, Dr. Frank C. Morgan, pastor, dedicated its auditorium and newly constructed educational building. Dr. John Maguire, Executive Secretary Florida Baptist Convention, was guest speaker both morning and evening. At the evening service the prayer was offered by Pastor John Adams of the Methodist Church, which had cancelled its own services to be present as a group.

The dedication proper was held at 11:00 a.m., at which time Dr. Maguire spoke on the subject "To What End Do We Dedicate This Church?" Also taking part in this service were Mrs. James S. Day, the beloved wife of the late Dr. James S. Day, pastor of this church from 1936 to 1941, E. W. Dickert, pastor from 1930 to 1936, led the responsive reading. Pastor J. Max Cook, First Church, Lilesville, N. C., who was pastor here from 1925 to 1928, led the dedicatory prayer. Pastor Frank C. Morgan read the Scripture Lesson. Benediction was pronounced by J. N. Thompson, pastor from 1920 to 1925.

The buildings, worth \$90,000, are clear of all debt. The church proper, was constructed in 1926 under the pastorate of Dr. Cook. The new educational building was completed in June, 1949, under the pastorate of H. H. Link, at First Church, Williston. Dr. Frank C. Morgan, present pastor, accepted the work August 21, 1949, having served for six years in First Church, South Miami.

First Church, Oviedo, was organized in 1869 under the leadership of Pastor W. G. Powell. R. W. Lawton, the next pastor of whom there is any record, also had the unusual distinction of being pastor of this church at three different intervals. His work was outstanding and two of his sons, T. W. Lawton and W. J. Lawton, are actively engaged in its program today.

"It was our privilege on a recent Sunday evening to have Dr. Charles Weigle, who resides at Sebring, to bring our message. During a revival meeting, and later a vacation period at Sebring, I became acquainted with Dr. Weigle. At that time I invited him, upon any occasion bringing him to Jacksonville, to visit with us. This good servant of the Lord has spent his life in evangelistic work. For many years most of his work has been in the north and east. For that reason, although he lives in Florida, he is not as well known to us as I feel that he ought to be.

Dr. Weigle brought one of the most helpful sermons ever heard from our pulpit. Earnest in delivery, his message was very practical, and gave our hearts wonderful preparation for our coming revival meeting. All of our people, children and adults, expressed deep appreciation of our brief fellowship with him.

Florida Baptists should use this preacher in both supply work and in revivals. If we would keep him in the home state, helping us in our work, it would be a great advantage to our churches. We will always be grateful for our contact with him, and are looking forward to another opportunity of such rich preaching and fellowship."

John S. Rasco, pastor
Avondale Baptist Church,
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. James Stewart

Will Speak at Morningside Church

Dr. James A. Stewart, pastor of Riverside Baptist Church here from 1947 to 1955, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Morningside Church, 3019 St. Johns Avenue.

A native of Ireland, **Dr. Stewart** came to the United States in 1927. He presently is professor and chairman of the Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Asheville.



Dr. James A. Stewart formerly was dean of chapel and professor of philosophy at Stetson University in DeLand. He recently was chairman of an institutional self study for the Southern

Association of Colleges and Universities.