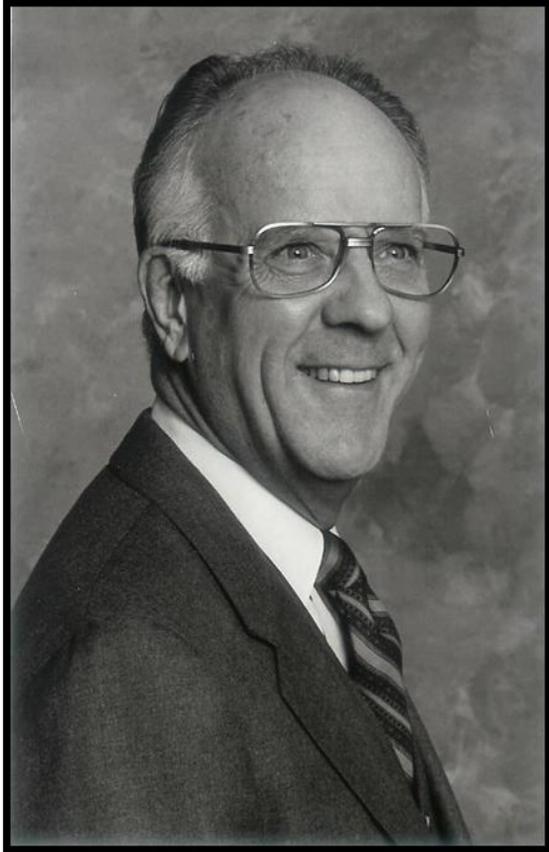


## Rev. Ace Leonard Tubbs, Ed. D.

**Ace Leonard Tubbs** was born on July 19, 1922. He was the eighth child of William Johnston Tubbs and Ruth Churchill Rennie. His father was from Rome, Georgia, and his mother from Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Tubbs spent four years at King College in Bristol, Tennessee, before graduating in 1948 from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.



### Walhalla, SC

1948 – 1952

When he accepted the call to the Walhalla Church, he was informed that the previous ministers went to the Bethel Church on fifth Sundays to keep the church alive. He agreed to go. At the very first Sunday service he announced he would be there every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., so that he would be able to get to the Walhalla Church before the 11:00 a.m. service. On one cold, windy, rainy day, only one farmer showed up at church. Rev. Tubbs greeted him on the front porch and asked him if he wanted him to preach just for him. He told Rev. Tubbs that when he went to feed the cows and only one cow came, he would feed that cow. Rev. Tubbs went right to the pulpit and preached the sermon he had prepared, the sermon he would reuse for the Walhalla service and for other occasions later on. On the porch after the sermon he asked the farmer

if he got the message. He replied, “Yes, Reverend, but I failed to tell you that when I went out to feed the cows, and only one cow came, I did not give that cow all the feed.”

Bethel Church had a cemetery in as bad a shape as the cemetery at the Roberts Church. He challenged them to clean up the cemetery, and they did. A “Lord’s Auction” was held each fall under the direction of a Presbyterian friend, Walter Moore, in Walhalla. The farmers brought all kinds of farm produce to be auctioned. Country hams were the best and brought the highest price per pound. Honey sold well, too. So did the “liquor beans.” These canned green beans were in quart jars that the “boot-leggers” used for their “moonshine” liquor.