

Rev. John “Jack” Lovett Stevenson

1976 – 1983

Following the departure of Rev. Chasteen, the church was supplied by **Rev. Dr. John “Jack” Lovett Stevenson**. Jack was born on January 26, 1928, the son of Paul Eugene Stevenson and Dorothy Lovett, and raised in Huntington, West Virginia. Jack arrived at Davidson College in 1948 after having served two years in the United States Navy. After graduation he married Phyllis “Phyl” Smith on August 20, 1952, also from Huntington. They have four grown children, two boys and two girls, and five wonderful grand-daughters.

From Davidson, Jack went on to Richmond to study at Union Theological Seminary, now Union Presbyterian Seminary, receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1955 and the Master of Theology in 1957. He was the founding Director at Camp Calvin, now the Calvin Center, in 1960 for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. He next studied at Indiana University, where he was awarded his Masters of Arts in Education in 1967 and his Doctorate of Philosophy in 1968. Jack and Phyl moved to Clemson, South Carolina, in 1968 where he was professor of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management at the university for twenty-four years, while also engaged part-time in counseling at Redfern Health Center. He was Tentmaking Pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Walhalla, South Carolina, from November 1976 – December 1983.

