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An Amazing Church
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One of the strongest small-membership churches in the Alabama-West Florida Conference is the Stewart United Methodist Church located in rural Hale County, approximately 10 miles southwest of Moundville. The church was conceived on July 31, 1884 when Charles and Sarah Stewart donated an acre of land on which to build a church. Mr. Stewart was a farmer, and during his spare time, he worked on the church building. That one-room structure is now part of the much enlarged Stewart United Methodist Church today.



A visit to Stewart reveals that the faithful members have taken great pride in maintaining their property through the years. There have been expansions, renovations, and improvements all along the way, including the building of a new Fellowship Hall, kitchen, large Sunday School classrooms, and handicapped accessible bathrooms in 2007.

The Stewart Church has a heart for missions! Their church members have assisted in building homes for Hab-

itat for Humanity, as well as building and providing furnishings for a church in Honduras. They have sent mission teams to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky and to the Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina. All the while, they have continued their hands-on local mission projects, ranging from yardwork to repairs of homes. It is not surprising that this very active church received the award for the "Most Outstanding Small Membership Church" in the whole Alabama-West Florida Conference in 2000.



**The Reverend Bill
and Stephanie Curtin**

Several months ago, the Reverend Bill Curtin, pastor of Stewart, invited Dr. Karl K. Stegall, President of the Scholarship Foundation, to speak about the critical need our United Methodist Church faces in encouraging more and more effective young men and women to enter the ordained ministry, as well as our great need to provide financial support for these same individuals throughout their three years of seminary. The amazing members at Stewart responded with gifts that totaled over \$5,000! What a huge difference their gifts will make in the lives of our seminary students, many of whom are married with young children.

Needless to say, the members at Stewart take seriously their stated mission, "to seek God's will, serve others, shape lives, show love for God and others, and share the good news in accordance with the Great Commandment and the Great Commission."

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AUGUST 11, 2016

ANNUAL BANQUET TO HONOR DONORS

The Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation is a 501(C)(3) non-profit foundation, and all gifts are tax deductible. Gifts for our Seminary students should be mailed to Dr. Karl K. Stegall, Seminary Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 241661, Montgomery, Alabama 36124-1661.

ARTHUR MCCOY CARLTON: LEAVING A LEGACY FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "If there is any greater measure of a man than by what he does, it is by what he gives!" The Reverend Arthur M. Carlton, who died on April 28, 2016, achieved greatness by this measuring stick, not only by what he did, but also by what he gave!" Born the son of a Methodist minister in Eufaula in 1920, Arthur was reared during The Great Depression. Following his graduation from Clayton High School in 1938, Arthur followed in his father's footsteps and enrolled at Birmingham Southern College. There on the "Hilltop," Arthur became a roommate of a little known freshman from Tusculumbia named Howell Heflin. While Arthur was preparing himself to become a minister within our Alabama-West Florida Conference, Howell was preparing himself to one day serve as the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, and later, a United States Senator. With an excellent academic record, Arthur graduated from Birmingham Southern in three brief years. He then moved out in faith and enrolled at Duke Divinity School, where he graduated in 1944. He returned home to the Alabama-West Florida Conference and received his first appointment to Ramer. As a faithful itinerant minister, Arthur was later appointed to Columbia, Dothan, Mt. Vernon, Hurtsboro, Opp, Atmore, Demopolis, Brewton, Hartford, Wetumpka, and the Selma District.

In 1946, Arthur met and fell in love with Evelyn Hughes from Slocomb, and they were married in Dothan on June 24, 1946. They celebrated 24 wonderful years of married life before she was killed in a tragic automobile crash in 1970. Following the loss of Evelyn, Arthur later married Mabel Caley Kelly of Marion Junction, and they made their home there for the majority

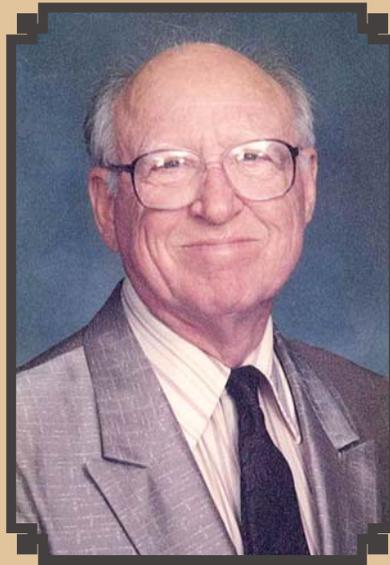
of the next 42 years. In their retirement, Arthur and Mabel did so many wonderful things for others. They were the founders and organizers of the Wesley Heirs, a group for retired clergy and spouses of our Conference.

They faithfully supported with their time, talent, and financial resources the Sunshine Camp for intellectually and physically challenged adults.

The last years of the lives of Arthur and Mabel were characterized by generosity. They endowed scholarships at Birmingham Southern, Huntingdon College, Auburn University, the University of Montevallo, Blue Lake Camp, and Africa University.

Several years ago, Arthur became very much interested in doing something special for our seminary students. Perhaps, it was because he was a child of the Great Depression and knew firsthand the financial struggles that

seminary students face. Perhaps, it was because we now have a record number of seminary students at Duke Divinity School, his alma mater. However, the main reason Arthur chose to support very generously our seminary students in both his life and his death can be traced to some simple words of the Apostle Paul that Arthur took very seriously, "To whom much is given, much will be required!" We are grateful that Arthur took the initiative to establish not only an endowment fund for our seminary students during his life, but he also took the initiative to write out specific instructions that our seminary students be remembered at the time of his death. As a result, our seminary students from now until the end of time will be forever grateful for the great generosity of this good man. There will never come to an end the good that he has done!



Reverend Arthur M. Carlton





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STUDENTS TO BEGIN SEMINARY JOURNEY IN FALL

You are invited to partner with these seminary students in not only providing financial support, but also, in undergirding each of them with prayer during these summer months. Some of these and other new seminary students will be uprooting families, moving to new locations, adjusting to the rigorous demands of academic institutions, and seeking to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.



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