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Welcome to the
Stewart Cottage
Renovation Dedication Ceremony

November 8, 2009

Thanks be to God for the original gift of J.W. Stewart of Fountain Inn, SC, that allowed for the construction of Stewart Cottage in 1951, and for the many other wonderful donors whose recent gifts have provided for a newly renovated home for the children of Stewart Cottage.

Stewart Cottage 1951

On May 22, 1951, the Stewart Cottage for kindergarten children was dedicated to the glory of God and the care of little children. This cottage, which housed 20 pre-school children, was given by Mr. J.W. Stewart of Fountain Inn, SC., and cost approximately \$28,000.00, including equipment. Mrs. Carrie Atkinson was the housemother on opening date. This new cottage greatly relieved the over-crowded conditions in the Mayes Cottage ...

~ A Profile of Love 1875 - 1980, Maxine S. Wickman

Stewart Cottage 2009

The 2009 Stewart Cottage renovation was made possible by the generosity of the following donors:

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Order of Service

<i>Invocation:</i>	Rev. G. Hayes Noble, Campus Pastor
<i>Welcome:</i>	Mrs. Becky Brown, Stewart Cottage Family Teacher
<i>Words of Thanks:</i>	Robert W. (Skip) Stansell, Jr., President
<i>Presentations:</i>	Nancy Lindeman, Vice President for Resource Development
<i>Prayer of Dedication:</i>	Rev. G. Hayes Noble, Campus Pastor

*****Cottage tour and refreshments to follow*****

Litany of Blessing

LEADER: Lord our God, who dwells in our hearts, bless this cottage. Protect our going out and our coming in; let all the children who will come to live in Stewart Cottage share the welcome of this house with all who visit that those who enter here may know your love and peace.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Bless the doorways and living room, O God. Give your blessing to all who share this room that they may be knit together in companionship. May all who live and visit here find peace and prayer as well as pleasure.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Bless the kitchen, O God. You fill the hungry with good things. Send your blessing on this cottage for all the meals that will be prepared and shared here. May all who break bread together here be ever thankful for their daily bread as they dine in your grace.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: Bless each bedroom, O God. Protect these beloved children. Watch over them as they sleep, that they may rest in Christ's peace.

ALL: Amen

Litany of Dedication

LEADER: O God, this building is a symbol of God's grace and delight in children:

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God. So, build us up in your love.

LEADER: As a place of love and nurture for children and staff,

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God. So, build us up in your love.

LEADER: As a place where children may grow, play and learn,

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God. So, build us up in your love.

LEADER: That this house may serve as a place for rest, shelter and laughter,

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God. So, build us up in your love.

LEADER: Because this house was made possible through the generosity of so many people—the life and witness of Mr. J. W. Stewart, Jr., the donors and churches, the sponsors, and the craftspeople,

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God.

LEADER: In thanks to you, Lord, for guidance and wisdom in this labor of love, and for the surprising ways you build us up in your love,

ALL: We dedicate this house, O God.