

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Stewart Allen Jackson, B.S., M.Div., D.Min., L.M.F.T.

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Dr. Jackson is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University in 1971 and entered the Candler School of Theology at Emory University that fall. He was graduated from that institution in 1976 having received, with honors, the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Stewart is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church with retired status since 2014. For eight years he served churches in North Georgia and then came to Birmingham-Southern College as the College Chaplain in 1979. In 1982 he was additionally assigned to direct the College's Counseling Center. He directed the college's service-learning program from 1984 to 2004 and his work in service-learning has recently been endowed as a part of the curriculum. He has traveled and led service groups around the state, nation and world especially in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Brazil, Calcutta, Honduras, Bolivia, Johns Island, Vieques, and San Francisco. In 2000 he became the Dean of the Chapel and Clinical Director of the Counseling Center at Birmingham-Southern and began working one day a week with Dr. Charles Alexander at United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling as a therapist and seminar leader. He retired from the college in July 2007. In October of 2009 he founded and serves as the Executive Director of *First Counseling*, a pastoral marriage and family therapy practice. He practiced in United Methodist churches until January, 2014 when he was invited to join Independent Presbyterian Church's Counseling ministry.

Stewart is a Clinical Fellow of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and a licensed Marriage and Family therapist. He has done post-doctoral study in Marriage and Family therapy with Drs. Michael Kerr, Ed Friedman, and Peter Steinke. He was awarded a Sabbath Leave Grant by the *Center for Pastoral Excellence* in 2008. In 2008-09 he was a post-doctoral student in family systems theory at the Bowen Family Center in Washington DC. He has been a retreat and seminar leader for over 150 churches and organizations.

Stewart's book, *Quiet Thoughts for an Anxious Time: Talks in a College Chapel* collects some of his talks to students and was published in December 2009. Stewart is an active musician and played in a band, *The Dill Pickers*, from 2006 to 2019.

Stewart is married to Robin Jackson who is an artist and art teacher (retired). They are the parents of three adult children and grandparents to seven.