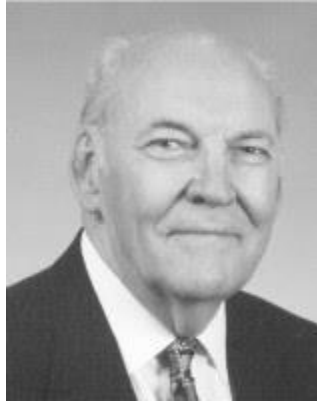


## Reverend Dr. Loyce S. Estes



Ordaining Presbytery: Cherokee Presbytery

Ordination Date: March, 1944

Churches Served: Locust Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1943 to 1946; Marlow Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1946 to 1949; Longview Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1949 to 1952; Hampton First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Arkansas, 1952 to 1953; Lubbock Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1953 to 1959; Austin First Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1964 to 1974; St. Luke's Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1975 to 1979; and the Marshall Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was called out of retirement to pastor the Jefferson Cumberland Presbyterian Church and took a congregation with five attendees to a congregation of over 100.

Offices Held: Dr. Estes earned the reputation of preaching more revivals than any other Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, and his records demonstrate that he preached 110 revivals. Dr. Estes contributed much as a camp leader and preacher during his career as a minister. He served on the Mission Board in various presbyteries. He served on the Board of Christian Education in Oklahoma and the Missions Board of Arkansas Senate. He served on the Board of Finance for Texas Senate from 1958 through 1960. Dr. Estes was elected Moderator of the General Assembly in 1968. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home from 1952 through 1955. His service outside the church included briefly teaching school and serving as a football coach. He was honored to represent a Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a preacher at the Presbyterian military chaplains retreat in Germany, and was blessed to be invited by the same group another time later. He prayed the opening prayer for Congress in 1968. Dr. Estes enjoyed writing. Some of his efforts included a devotional guide titled *Homage to Him*, published in 1958, and several published articles for the Cumberland Presbyterian magazine. He was a minister who took the ministerial association in his community very seriously, and held various offices in each organization where he was a member. He belonged to the Odd-Fellow Lodge, the Civitan Club, where he served as chaplain, the Lions Club, and the Colonics. Dr. Estes served the Lord through the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for 70 years and loved every minute of it. He once remarked, "When I hear someone say they are burned out serving the Lord, it makes me wonder if they had ever been on fire." Fire burned bright in his heart, with love for the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live, and he tried his best to influence others to love him, too. Now, since June, 2010,

Dr. Estes bows at the feet of the same Jesus he proclaimed as Son of the living God, ready to welcome his friends and loved ones when they join him in their heavenly home. Praise God for his life well lived.

Information provided by the donor: When Dr. Estes came under the care of Presbytery as a young man, he told them he was called to be an evangelist. The older ministers explained that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was not able to support an evangelist. They were trying to build churches. He answered, "Then I will build churches." And he did. He inspired nearly every congregation he served to build a new building or improve the one they had. When I asked once how he was successful in building a congregation so fast, he answered, "I invite everyone I meet, from the postman to the young lady who makes coffee at McDonald's, to come to church, and I tell them I will meet them at the door. And sometimes they come," Dr. Estes had an uncanny ability to memorize scripture. He memorized most of the New Testament and much of the Old Testament and never used a note to preach. He always quoted a sermon text before he offered his sermon. His wife teased him saying he might should at least hold the Bible open with a quote in Scripture.

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