



**StagHorn Plantation Estates  
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**StagHorn Chapel History**

**Jack Holder** opened StagHorn Chapel to visitors on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2003 with a sunrise service. Jack created it to be a “private place to give thanks to God.”



*StagHorn Chapel 335 and Waterford Cove*

The idea of StagHorn Chapel began in 1999 and Jack found a builder from Nicholson who was enthusiastic about constructing Jacks “haven of rest.” It was **Walter Barnett** who shared the vision and as the general contractor followed the project from its initial grading through to the final completion of handicap parking.

In finalizing the design for the structure and surrounding space, Jack wanted a 30 feet x 40 feet courtyard that had access to the knave and sanctuary when the double doors are opened. The design has worked well for weddings, christenings, sunrise services, and Christmas events.



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StagHorn Chapel has been the site of hundreds of special events and a significant number of those events have been weddings. Some weddings have been followed by a reception at the StagHorn Recreation Center open to StagHorn residents who have paid their dues. Reserving the Chapel is discussed below.

## Interior of Staghorn Chapel

**Anthony Bennett**, Bennett Cabinet Manufacturing, was responsible for the purchase and installation of the black walnut wood used throughout the chapel interior. Much of the design is similar to that found in Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC.



*Staghorn Chapel toward Staghorn Lake*

The beautiful trinity windows shown here were salvaged from the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The altar was created by **Doug Tippens** and **Carlos Solares**. It is made of black walnut and measures 52 inches long, 18 inches wide, and 64 inches high. A marble ledge was also created on top to hold candles.

While in Rome in 2001, a crucifix was purchased that was blessed by Vatican priests and now hangs in Staghorn Chapel for visitors of the Catholic faith.

A stained-glass window with a Jewish Star of David also graces the chapel. The chandelier is of French Napoleonic design.

While in Italy, Jack's family visited the town of Amalfi, known for its handmade paper products. There Jack purchased the guest registration book made of fine paper.



*The Staghorn Chapel guest register is viewed here by **Katie and Gavin Pfeiffer** and **Trent and Zachary Gieler***

## Reserve Chapel for Special Event

Jack Holder wrote that, "Staghorn Chapel is a quiet sanctuary, set apart from the noise of the world, as a place for meditation and prayer." To reserve Staghorn Chapel for a special event such as a wedding, please contact Jack Holder at 704-361-5837. He will refer you to the person managing the calendar.

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