

## **Harmony Church (1965)**

**Marker #: 9882**

### **Small Marker Text (original marker):**

Stewards Mill people -- Bonners, McCrerys, Watsons, Robinsons, Stewards, others -- after 20 years of worship in homes in 1876 built for all faiths Harmony Church.

Texas Presbytery, A.R.P., was founded here Dec. 9, 1876.

### **Large Marker Text (updated marker):**

This historic sanctuary is one of the oldest church buildings in Freestone County. People of the Stewards Mill community held church services in private homes or in the schoolhouse prior to its construction. On Oct. 7, 1876, the Awalts, Bonners, Robinsons, Stewards, Watsons and others met to form an organization to erect a church building to be used by different denominations on different days. On Dec. 9, 1876, Rev. Thomas Joel Bonner preached the first sermon in the newly built church, and afterwards the Texas Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church organized here. The front-gabled rectangular plan church features board and batten siding and paired entry doors with transom lights. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark-1965

**NOTE:** The church is locally known as the Stewards Mill Church. There are two other historical markers near Stewards Mill: The Stewards Mill Store and the Bonner Cemetery. A complete history of the area is on file at the Freestone County Historical Museum.

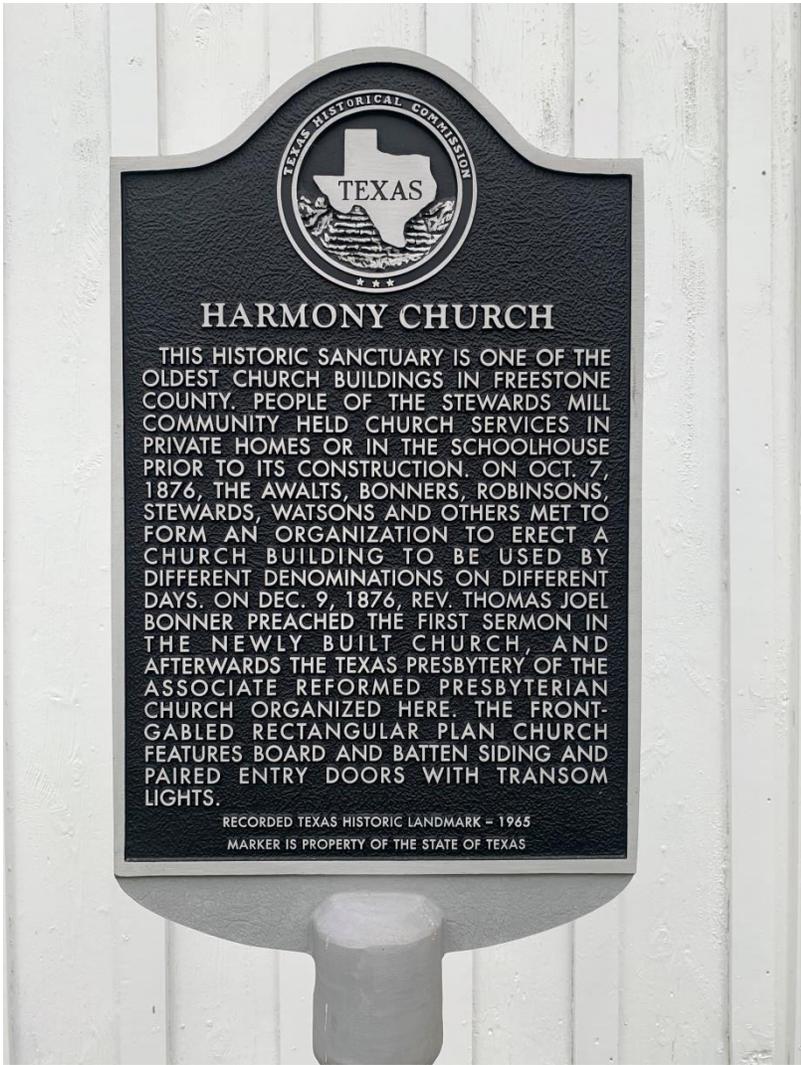
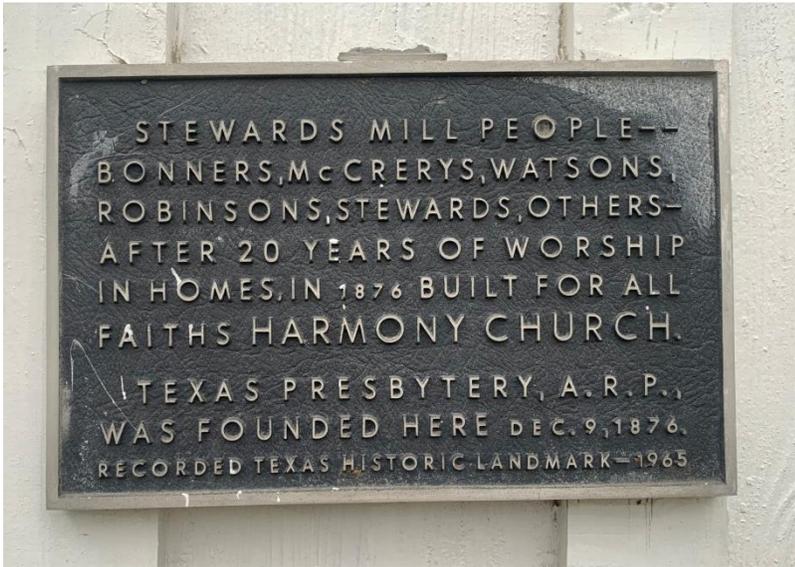
**Directions:** From Fairfield, take Hwy 75 north. In two miles, turn right onto FM 2547, continue for about 5.4 miles. The church and Stewards Mill Cemetery are located just before the intersection of FM 833 on the right hand side of the hwy.

**Address:** Intersection of FM 833 and FM 2547

### **GPS:**

N 31° 49.301 W 096° 12.218

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