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The United States had just experienced the decade of the Great Depression. The people needed some stabilizing force to lift them out of their despondency.

During this time Euclid Avenue Baptist Church had two great evangelistic pastors: Dr. B.R. Lakin and Dr. Paul Roberts. The church grew rapidly and the facilities of the church became insufficient to handle the great crowds. God was blessing the evangelistic efforts through outreach and dynamic preaching of the Word of God.

Rev. Garrett Graham became pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in the beginning of the forties. This was the time when the world was caught up in the terrible conflict of World War II. Then there was the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese on December 7, 1941. This infamous act swept the United States into the divesting conflict. After a few terrible, heart-rendering years of sacrifice and bloodshed, peace treaties were signed with Germany and Japan bringing to an end this global war. The service men were coming home, but the great trauma the whole world had experienced was still a great burden and heartache on everyone.

Euclid Avenue Baptist Church began to look for ways they could reach out and minister to the whole community of Bristol. With a deep conviction for the need of a Southern Baptist Church in West Bristol, they began to look for a suitable location to begin a mission. Mr. E.B. Cox and Mr.



J.B. Denton, deacons of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, found that suitable property at 2218-2220 Bradley Street. On the property was a two-room garage-like apartment--20 ft X 20 feet, cinder block construction. Back of the house was a 10 ft X 12 foot coal shed. The two rooms of the apartment with a small upstairs and the two-room shed made available space for five Sunday School classes. (Appendix I - "Cinderblock Garage Building")

In the spring of 1948 a group of workers from Euclid Avenue Baptist Church began a Mission Sunday School in this available space on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 P.M. It was not long before a goodly number were attending regularly. (Appendix II - "Bradley Street Mission with workers in front")

Because more and better facilities were needed, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church elected a building committee. Plans were drawn up and the church voted to build. Construction was started in the spring of 1949. The building was to be a one story building of cinder block, plastered on the inside. The auditorium consisted of a main assembly with two wings divided by folding doors into four class rooms. There was a balcony in the auditorium having two rooms underneath, one on each side of the main entrance that could be enclosed by use of folding doors for Sunday School Classes. When all of the auditorium was opened there was a seating capacity of

approximately 350. In back of the main auditorium there were seven Sunday school rooms, two rest rooms and a baptismal pool.

The building was completed and ready for use in November 1949. All of this construction was above ground except one small basement room that housed a coal-fired steam boiler and a coal room. There were steam radiators in the auditorium and in each of the rooms. All of the floors were concrete except over the basement boiler room.

(Appendix III - "New cinderblock church")

Rev. Raymond Smith became pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in October of 1949. Euclid Avenue Baptist Church decided that there was a need for someone to lead the work at the Bradley Street Mission. The pulpit committee of Euclid Avenue and Pastor Raymond Smith went to Damascus, Virginia to talk to Rev. E. W. Ely who was the pastor of Damascus, First Baptist Church. Rev. Ely was a former member of Euclid Avenue Baptist church, a junior deacon, Sunday School teacher, church training worker, member of the choir and special singing groups. He was still conducting the Sunshine Prayer service at 6:00 am each week day morning over Radio Station W.O.P.I. This program was donated by Mr. Wilson, president of W.O.P.I. Radio Station. Rev. Ely became chaplain of the Radio Station.

Rev. Ely had been ordained by Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in 1942 to become pastor of Riverbend Baptist church



in the Holston Association of Tennessee. He pastored Riverbend Baptist Church for five years during World War II, moving to Damascus in September of 1947.

Euclid Avenue Baptist Church extended Rev. Ely a call to become Assistant Pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, and to assume the leadership of the Bradley Street Mission. After much prayer and consideration Rev. Ely accepted the call to become Assistant Pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church to devote full time to the work at Bradley Street Baptist Mission. (Appendix IV - "Rev. E. E. Ely in the earlier years)

Rev. Ely moved his family to Bristol in January of 1950. There was no parsonage, so he and his family moved into the 20 ft by 20 ft mission building. One of the rooms was made into a kitchen with a shower stall in the corner. As there was no bathroom, the toilet facilities in the church were used. The other room in the mission building was made into a living room/bedroom. Rev. Ely and his wife Reva had two children at home: Laura Jean 12 and Elbert Jr. 2-1/2 years old. Jimmy, an older son, was married to Sue Overstreet and lived in Bristol, Tennessee. Jimmy worked as a salesman for the American Thread Company.

There was a great group of people at Bradley Street Baptist Mission. There were also several members of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church who continued to help with the mission work. Haggy Clayman led the singing until the

Bradley Street Baptist Church was organized, then he returned to Euclid Avenue Baptist Church where his wife Ida was hostess of the church.

Rev. Ely led a revival meeting at Bradley Street in the spring of 1950. There was good attendance at the meeting--many decisions were made to accept Christ as Saviour and several joined the mission. Each of those coming was received as a member of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church and was taken there for baptism. There was a baptistry in the new mission building; however, since the two rest rooms were attached to the small septic tank, it would not accommodate the 900 gallons of water that were necessary for the baptismal pool. In 1952, sewer lines were installed in the west Bristol area. When they came through Bradley Street, the church was hooked up to the new system which made it possible to accommodate the baptistry.

The auditorium had cement floors and seating was of straight-backed cane bottom chairs. The choir would accommodate twenty people, the floors of the choir and the pulpit area were uncovered wood floors.

A house-to-house survey was taken in the west Bristol area on the Virginia side. The area covered was from Commonwealth Avenue west to Gate City Highway, and from State Street north to Island Road. There were many prospects found in this survey, and a program of visitation and



enlistment was developed to reach and enlist these prospects.

Mrs. T. L. Cates, a widow of a former Baptist pastor, was visitor for Euclid Avenue Baptist Church and devoted two days a week visiting for Bradley Street Baptist Mission. Mrs. Elbert Taylor from Bradley Street visited with her. Mrs. Cates rode the bus nine miles daily from Blountville, Tennessee and met with Mrs. Taylor who lived at 2401 Bradley Street. They visited the whole area systematically on foot-- finding many spiritually needy folk. When they could not effectively deal with the people and lead them to a personal faith in Jesus Christ, they immediately called Pastor Ely who followed up their request and won and enlisted many of them to a faith in Christ and membership in the Bradley Street Baptist Mission. These two ladies cannot be praised enough for their faithfulness and dedicated lives.

The mission was financially self supporting from the tithes and offerings. The membership and financial support continued to increase.

In June 1951, a letter of intent was sent to Euclid Avenue Baptist Church asking that Bradley Street Baptist Mission be organized into a church. July 29, 1951 was set for the Bradley Street Baptist Church to be organized into a cooperative, self-supporting, southern Baptist Church. The following pastors and deacons met at Bradley Street at 2:30



..M. as a council to examine and consider the organization  
of Bradley Street Baptist Church.

E.B. Cox, Deacon Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, and  
moderator of Lebanon Baptist Association.  
H.L. Clayman, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church  
J.D. Cross, Deacon, North Bristol Baptist Church.  
Charles Dorton, Deacon, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church.  
Sam Smith, Deacon.  
Oscar Rather, Deacon, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church.  
Clifford Haynes, Pastor, Virginia Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
George Ainslie, Deacon, First Baptist Church, Bristol.  
J.M. Cotrell, Deacon, Calvary Baptist Church.  
C.C. Harmon, Deacon, Calvary Baptist Church.  
E.E. Whitson, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
Carl H. Emmert, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
Vernon McCroskey, Deacon, Grace Baptist Church.  
J.B. Denton, Deacon Chairman, Euclid Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
Charles A. Godsey, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
Charles G. Stewart, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
Neal Asbill, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
W. Malcolm Fuller, Pastor, First Baptist Church.  
George C. Poole, Deacon, Virginia Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
Homer D. Weaver, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
William H. Graves, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
H.B. Stevens, Deacon, North Bristol Baptist Church.  
J.T. Tipps, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
B.C. Pearson, Pastor, North Bristol Baptist Church.  
John W. Faulkner, Deacon, North Bristol Baptist Church.  
Isaac D. Eggers, Deacon Chairman, First Baptist Church.  
H.W. Martens, Deacon, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
C.F. Greene, Deacon, Calvary Baptist Church.  
Raymond Smith, Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.  
W.C. Grigsby, Deacon, First Baptist Church and Chairman  
of Lebanon Baptist Assn Executive Committee.  
J.F. Hodgson, Dir of Mission, Lebanon Baptist Assn.  
Sherman B. Johnson, Deacon, Grace Baptist Church.  
Clyde Stevens, Deacon, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church.  
Frank Rutherford, Deacon, Virginia Avenue Baptist  
Church.  
E.M. Collier, Pastor, Abingdon Baptist Church, and  
chairman of the new church committee of the  
Lebanon Baptist Association.



The council met and the subject of organization was introduced by Rev. Raymond Smith who then explained the desire of those at Bradley Street Baptist Mission to organize as a self-supporting, cooperative, Southern Baptist Church. A copy of the proposed membership qualifications, the New Hampshire Declaration of Faith, and the proposed church covenant were presented. (Exhibit A - "Church Covenant")

The council voted to continue in the presence of the congregation, who were gathered in the main auditorium of the church. Rev. Smith read the request for the organization and the basis on which it was made. The basis included the New Hampshire Declaration of Faith as set forth in Pendleton's Manual. Each member present had a copy in hand. A motion was made that the declaration not be read at this time, that is, unless specifically requested. There was no request to read the declaration.

Rev. Smith then read the recommendation of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church--that the organization of the Bradley Street Baptist Church proceed as requested. The council then voted upon a motion made by Mr. W.C. Grigsby and seconded by Rev. J.F. Hodgson to accept the request and proceed with the organization. One-hundred-thirty-nine letters were granted by Euclid Avenue Baptist Church on July 22 and five letters were granted on July 29 to those



requesting to become charter members of the newly organized Bradley Street Baptist Church.

Rev. E.W. Ely, associate pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist church, and pastor in charge of Bradley Street Baptist Mission, read the list of names of those letters granted by Euclid Avenue Baptist Church with the addition of the names of Mrs. Mamie Jenkins and Mr. John Cowden who presented themselves today to become charter members. All of those on the charter member list voted unanimously to accept the conditions formerly set forth, and to become the charter members of the organized Bradley Street Baptist Church. (Exhibit B - "List of Chartered Members")

Malcolm Fuller, chairman of the council, called for nominations for a temporary chairman to transact business for the newly organized church, A temporary clerk, Mr. Ray Phillips, was elected temporary chairman; and Homer Weaver, clerk of the council, was elected to serve as clerk of this meeting. The church then proceeded to organize and elect a pastor.

The members present voted to recognize as charter members all those whose names had previously been presented for charter membership. The church voted to request membership in the Lebanon Baptist Association of Virginia at their next monthly business meeting. The church also voted to recognize a committee previously appointed to nominate deacons and trustees for the church. This committee was



composed of Lee Cowan, E.E. Whitson, Charles G. Stewart, E.B. Cox, J.B. Denton, and the Rev. Raymond Smith.

Committee member Charles Stewart brought the following recommendations for deacons. J.D. Ball, Kenneth Glover, Orville Greene, C.V. Jessee, and William Melvin. The committee also nominated for trustees: J.D. Ball, Ray Phillips, and Robert Herndon. It was stated that each of those nominated had been interviewed personally, and that each one was in full accord with the program, organization and purpose of the church. Through a motion by J. O. Commer, the church voted to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee and unanimously elected them.

Orville Greene was elected as chairman of a church nominating committee to present other officers for the church. At that time he recommended that the church call Rev. E.W. Ely to be its pastor. His salary would be the prevailing rate of \$80.00 per week, subject to revision at a later date as to what would be considered as expense money.

The committee also recommended that all those who were officers in the Sunday School, Training Union, and serving in other positions retain their positions. It was also recommended that others be elected to take positions and offices created by organization of Bradley Street Baptist Church. E. Sam Bernard would remain as church treasurer; H.H. Mosier, church clerk; W.M. Melvin, Training Union Director; and C.V. Jessee, Sunday School Superintendent.



The church voted unanimously to accept the nominating committee's recommendation.

Rev. Ely, who had retired from the room during the nominating committee's report, returned to the room and was informed that he had been called as pastor. He accepted the call and included remarks of appreciation for the fine work done by all in the past year and one half and for their work and prayers in leading many souls to Christ during this time. He pledged his complete cooperation and untiring efforts in carrying on the work. At the close of his remarks, Rev. Ely asked that an offering be taken for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative program. An offering of \$32.39 was received.

The meeting closed with the members present standing around the walls as the council and friends greeted and congratulated them as members of the newly organized Bradley Street Baptist Church. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Raymond Smith.

The church, at the time of the organization, had very little parking area. The majority of those attending the church came from the immediate neighborhood--walking and bringing their children with them. Mrs. Vesta Pippin had a large family, but she also saw the need for bringing her neighbor's children to Sunday School and church. Every Sunday she loaded her station wagon to more than double



capacity with eighteen to twenty children. She really began the first bus transportation to the church.

Work was immediately begun getting the church building in a more useful and beautiful condition. The cement floors in the auditorium were covered with brown asphalt tile. Oak pews were purchased from the Clear Creek Baptist Church, Pineville, Kentucky. The students there worked in the furniture factory making pews which assisted them with their tuition. They delivered and installed the pews and pulpit furniture, adding a wonderful addition to the beauty and comfort of the church.

In March of 1952, a tract of land immediately west of the church was offered for sale by Mrs. Lila Wolfe. The lot, 133 ft by 160 ft, ran the same depth as the church property and was priced at \$1,450.00. The church voted to purchase it. A fifty feet section of this was immediately graded, and crushed rock applied for parking area.

In September of 1952, the church sponsored a tent meeting with Evangelist Larry McGill and musician Al Illic. Their tent and equipment were placed on a vacant lot on Euclid Avenue to the west of Peters Street and just across the street from Nineteenth Street. Afternoon services were held to reach the school children from Stonewall Jackson School. Many adults and children were won to faith in Jesus Christ.

After the meeting closed, the organ that was rented for the tent meeting was moved into the church auditorium. Mr. Lawson from the music shop agreed to come play it on Sundays for the next month. The church voted to buy the organ.

There was a pressing need for more Sunday School space. Rev. Ely and the building committee, consisting of the deacons and trustees, drew up plans for a new addition. This would be attached to the main church building on the east side and to the two-room mission building in which the mission Sunday school began. In the April business meeting the church voted unanimously to begin construction of a one story addition using the members as labor and to be directed by Rev. Ely. At the same time the church voted to construct a seven room two-story brick parsonage on the lot to the west side of the church.

The work on the Sunday school rooms was started in May. This building was overall 40 feet by 40 feet of cinder block construction. There was an assembly room 20 feet by 40 feet with eight Sunday school rooms around it. The floors were cement, insulation tile was on the ceilings, and the walls plastered. The roof was flat top covered with built up roofing and asphalt with small river gravel on top. The construction was such that another story could be added when additional space was needed.

When the block work on the Sunday School addition was completed, work started on the parsonage. This work was



also done by the members of the church--contracting only for work which they could not do themselves. The parsonage was completed in March 1953 at a total cost of \$16,000.00. The pastor and his family moved in from the two-room mission building in which they had been living since January 1950.

The house had two bedrooms and bath upstairs; two bedrooms, study, living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast room, and a bath on the first floor. There was adequate closet space throughout the entire house. There was a full basement under the house with an oil, thermostatically controlled furnace with heat ducts and returns to every room. There was also room for a one car garage in the basement. (Appendix V - "Parsonage")

In May of 1953, the small hand-fired coal furnace was taken out of the church and a larger oil-fired, hot water boiler was installed. The larger furnace was very adequate for heating the church and the new addition with enough extra for additional building space later. There was a great deal of maintenance and the cost of oil was almost prohibitive the first winter. So, after three years, in 1956, the oil burner was taken out and a coal stoker was installed, which reduced the cost of operation about one half and produced hot water for all the building with minimum maintenance.

In April 1955, the church voted to purchase the 132 feet of property adjoining the church on the east from Mrs.

Roy Whitson. This was the full length of the church property. It had a garden on the back, with two small two-room houses fronting Bradley street. One was cinder block construction and the other a pre-fab, plywood house brought there from the shell plant after it closed. In 1957 the prefab house burned down. Two small boys playing with matches set it afire. It was too far gone when the fire department arrived--so it burned to the ground.

The church voted to grade the one lot where the house burned down for parking area along with the garden space behind. This was immediately graded and crushed rock applied for parking area.

A thirty-six passenger yellow coach bus was purchased to reach out to those having no transportation to the church.

The church voted in 1957 to construct a vestibule with steeple on top at the front of the church auditorium, and to brick veneer the entire church. The carpentry work on the vestibule and steeple was done by Bill Ayers and assisted by Rev. Ely. When the steeple was completed, Harkleroad Sheet Metal Company covered it with copper and installed a ball on the top. Mr. Bill Hamilton, Bristol Virginia Fire Chief, brought the mobile fire ladder truck and men to install a ground to the steeple. (Appendix VI - "Finished Church")



Vacation Bible School was conducted in June while this construction on the front of the church was being done.

(Appendix VII - "Vacation Bible School")

The church voted to have all the parking area black topped. The R.G. Pope Paving Company completed the topping and donated the completed job as a gift to the church. Mr. Pope received a grateful thank you letter from the church and the pastor.

In the fall of 1958, all the remaining floors in the church were covered with vinyl tile. In the winter of that year, the church voted to complete the kitchen in the original mission building--installing additional cabinets and work tables. They also voted to make a nursery out of the other room in the building next to the kitchen.

Also approved by vote was the extension of the pulpit area and enlargement of the choir. The wall in front of the choir was torn out and the choir area was enlarged to accommodate another row. The pulpit was extended forward the same depth as the choir. The front of the pulpit area and the front of the choir were finished with natural oak tongue-and-groove material.

The church, during the time since organization, had added a total of four hundred and thirteen (413) members--removing those who had moved away and lettered out to join other churches. The membership in October of 1958 was three

hundred and fifty two (352). The church was now operating on a \$15,320.00 budget which was adequately met that year.

Two successful revivals were conducted each year with great results. Notable outside speakers were used and God blessed with many souls making professions of faith.

Another census was taken of the west Bristol area on the Virginia side of town and 480 unenlisted and unenrolled people of all ages in the community were discovered.

Visitation plans were made to reach these people.

The church voted to purchase new Baldwin organ and matching piano. The second-hand organ was traded in on the new oak-finished organ and piano. Mrs. James O'Dell, from Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, came and played the organ for several weeks to help our organist.

There were many growing pains during the time of building and expansion. In a business meeting, one of the members made a motion that the pastor's salary be reduced because he was receiving over one half of the budget. When the matter was voted upon, his was the only assenting vote.

One man and his wife, who were both adult Sunday School teachers, were not teaching the Bible to their classes on Sunday. They were only relating to their respective classes the events of their lives during that past week while they were traveling on the road. Because of the objections of their class members, they were approached about this matter by the pastor and two deacons who requested that they alter



their teaching and present the Bible in teaching their classes. Later, they visited many homes in the area and told the people not to come to Bradley Street Baptist Church--that if they did, they would be sorry. The couple were asked to stop this outlandish procedure, but they kept on doing the same, and were subsequently notified by the chairman of the deacons to be at the next business meeting of the church. At that meeting they were excluded from the church with the stipulation that, if they sent a letter to the church and the pastor confessing their wrong doing and repenting, they would be received back into the fellowship and membership of the church at their request. They refused to comply and moved to another church in the area.

In 1962, the Sunday School average attendance was 220 with a great spirit of the presence of the Lord moving in the services.

A Bible conference was led by Dr. Doug White, brother of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. This conference opened to many the truth and fact of the infallibility and inerrancy of God's Word. One of the church members got up at the next business meeting after the great Bible conference and asked for time to present some material he had in hand for the purpose of bringing condemnation against the Southern Baptist Convention. One of the members made a motion that he be given fifteen minutes to present his material and then the pastor have

fifteen minutes in rebuttal. After both presentations, that man made a motion that Bradley Street Baptist Church vote "here and now" to become an independent Baptist Church, non-affiliated with any convention. He got a second; however, when the vote was taken, his was the only vote in favor of the proposed move. He picked up his material, walked out of the church stating "Goodbye, you will not see me again."

When a church is building and is progressing in spirit; and dedication is being used by God, there is always a counter attack by Satan to oppose the progress and work. Thank God for the scripture which says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world (and Satan), even our faith." (I John 5:4)

New pews and pulpit furniture for the auditorium were purchased from Wolfe Brothers Church Furniture, Piney Flats, Tennessee. The new seating arrangement was a center aisle with ten rows of pews on either side. Some of the original pews were moved into the two wings of the auditorium, some to the choir, and the rest to the balcony. Some time later pew cushions were installed.

A week of inside enlargement was conducted by Sunday school leaders from the Sunday school Department in Richmond. After a week of teaching and analyzing the space available, the recommendation was made to add another story to the Sunday school department. The church voted to have Boling Construction Company do the work. The second floor



duplicated the lower floor with the exception that two rest rooms were added.

The church voted to demolish the two room block house on the far lot east of the church and build a picnic shelter there. A 26 ft by 40 ft cement floor, open shelter was immediately constructed by members of the church. Nathaniel M. Sexton made eight picnic tables and donated them to the church for use in the shelter.

The one-half acre behind the church parsonage was presented for sale after the death of Mrs. Lila Wolfe. The heirs asked for sealed bids on the property; the church made the highest bid over two others. The small house on the property was pushed down and burned in the middle of the property. The east side of the lot was graded so that an access road off Randolph Street could come in to the back of the church. Barb Paving Company black topped the road for \$500.00.

In November 1970, doctors diagnosed that Pastor Ely's wife, Reva, had aplastic anemia. She had to be admitted to the University Hospital at Charlottesville, Virginia. During her treatments, she received over 200 units of whole blood and platelets with no change in her condition. Rev. Ely preached at Bradley Street Baptist Church on Sundays, then drove to Charlottesville on Monday staying with his wife through Thursday night, and driving back to Bristol on Friday. He drove 22,000 miles to



Charlottesville and back during Mrs. Ely's illness. The deacons conducted the prayer services on Wednesday nights.

On Friday, September 3, 1971, Mrs. Ely passed away as a result of complications from the aplastic anemia and a massive brain hemorrhage. Insurance and gifts from individuals and area churches paid the full hospital bill of \$29,000. The doctor who attended Mrs. Ely during the ten and one half months told Rev. Ely that the testimony he and Mrs. Ely displayed in the hospital during her illness would be payment enough for his services--no bill was rendered. He was a born again Presbyterian layman. He and the nurses knew that several of the interns, one of them a Jewish man, were led to a profession of faith in Jesus Christ through the testimonies of the Ely's. Praise God for His marvelous grace in supplying every need during this time of sickness and death. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

Rev. Ely and Elbert, Jr. lived in the parsonage together until October 13, 1972 when Elbert and Kay Osborne were married. They moved into a rented house just off Anderson Street in Bristol, Tennessee.

Rev. Ely and Christine Smith Williams were married August 17, 1973. Rev. Ely and Christine had known each other when they were members at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church years before. Christine's husband, Paul Williams, had died four years earlier. Christine had two grown children, Paul



Williams, Jr. and Debra Kistner Cook. Christine became an active worker in Bradley Street Baptist Church and Women's Missionary Union. She continued working at Smith's Transfer Corporation until she retired.

Four heat pump units were installed in the church, giving air conditioning to the auditorium and all the Sunday school classes. Air conditioning was also installed in the parsonage at this time. At a later date, when natural gas became available, the oil burner was removed from the furnace in the parsonage and a gas burner installed. The church also at this time installed a gas-fired furnace providing adequate and more economical heat for the church.

The church voted to take the petition out between the two rooms just outside the left front door of the auditorium making two small rooms into a large room which was adequate space for a church library. When the work was done, Peggy Miller was elected librarian and her husband, Vallen Miller, to be in charge of video and sound equipment. Mrs. Walter (Dot) Conley, Librarian at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church and Lebanon Baptist Association Media Chairman, assisted in organizing the library and cataloging the books and materials using the Dewey Decimal System. A date was set for dedicating the library which was named the Reva Ely Memorial Library. Mrs. Dot Conley, Mrs. Peggy Miller, and Mrs. Christine Ely spoke at the dedication service. Members and guests filled the auditorium.



The year of 1976 was the 200th anniversary of the United States of America and the 25th Anniversary of Bradley Street Baptist Church. Invitations were sent to all charter members and former members and many came to this memorial service. Rev. Raymond Smith, Pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church when Bradley Street Baptist Church was organized brought a very appropriate message. Thirty-six (36) charter members were present. (Appendix VIII - "25th Anniversary charter members")

In 1978 the church extended a call to Rev. Fred Jackson to become the assistant pastor to assist Rev. Ely and supervise visitation and enlistment. He accepted the invitation.

In July 1979, Rev. Ely announced that he would retire as pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church, effective December 31, 1979, having then served as pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church for thirty (30) years. This move led to a call being extended to Rev. Fred Jackson in January 1980 to become pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church. He accepted the call and was given a salary, housing allowance, and other benefits.

The church voted and entered into the church minutes, that Pastor Ely and his wife, maintain the privilege of living in the parsonage next to the church for the rest of their lives at no cost.



The church also voted to designate two of the rooms on the east end of the Sunday school department for a church office and pastor's study. The former office space was converted into part of the Primary Sunday School Department.

In the next few years while Rev. Jackson was the pastor, there were many things which occurred at the church. Some, but certainly not all, of them were:

February 1980: New sound system was installed. Brother

George Blaylock was the minister of music during this time.

March 1980: Don Caudill was elected to serve on the deacons committee.

March 1980: BSBC entered the Bristol Parks and Recreation Church League Softball League. The entry fee that year was \$140. The entry fee for this past year (1991) was \$325. How things have changed. !

May 1980: Danny Vanzant was called to be youth director and choir director. A new tape recorder was purchased.

August 1980: Heating system in the church was changed from electricity to gas heat.

April 1981: Floyd Wagner, was elected to serve on the deacons' committee.

May 1982: A youth fund was started; Steve and Vada Fauver were in charge of the youth.

April 1983: New tile was installed in the Junior Department, The ceilings were lowered, and the walls were paneled.

January 1984: The puppet ministry came alive.

April 1984: The hallways were carpeted.

July 1985: Wayne Casteel was called to be the Minister of Music.

March 1986: A new riding lawn mower with a snow blade attachment was purchased for the maintaining of the lawn and the parking lot.

April 1986: The outside storage building was purchased from Nick Sexton.

February 22, 1987: Rev. Fred Jackson submitted his resignation as pastor.

Pastor Jackson's last service was March 29, 1987. On that day, at a special called business meeting, a pulpit committee was elected consisting of Willie Stout, Andy Pope, Margaret Sexton, Don Caudill and Charles Baumgardner.

Rev. E.W. Ely was asked by the church to serve as the interim pastor and to preach until the church called a pastor. Rev. Ely agreed to do this.

The committee presented Rev. Gary Garland, the current pastor, to the congregation. He was ultimately called to be the pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church. The following are his words and thoughts:



It is a wonderful experience to find the perfect will of God for your life. I have found the exact will of God for my life. Since September 1987 until today (September 1991) I have, without a shadow of doubt, found God's perfect will for my life. It has been a pleasure serving a people that is concerned about doing a work for the Lord while here on this earth. There have been some ups and downs and some ins and outs, but all in all it has been the most wonderful four years of my entire life.

As my memory takes me back to my first day on the job at Bradley Street, I remember moving my books and personal office possessions into the pastor's study at the church. My father, Nathan Garland, and my friend, Larry Casteel, willingly and unselfishly volunteered their time and services to help me with this mountain-sized task.

The second day on the job, I met with the church clerk, Mrs. Mildred Baumgardner; and we spent a good portion of the day going over the church records and rolls. She was then, and is now, a great help in her many hours of labor for the Lord while serving as clerk and secretary at the church. She and her husband Charles, Chairman of the deacons and church treasurer, are faithful in their duties. They have been a great encouragement to me in the work here at Bradley Street Baptist Church.

My third day on the job I met with Brother Bobby Jackson. I had noticed that the church had two vans, but



neither of them was tagged or stickered. Every time I mentioned getting the buses back on the road, the name of Bobby Jackson came up. Everyone said that Bobby Jackson knew everything that there was to know about the vans. Brother Bobby and I took the vans and got them tagged and stickered and ready to run for Sunday.

Brother Don Caudill was working the immediate neighborhood--distributing flyers and inviting people to church for the first Sunday with the new pastor. Mrs. Helen Burnette came by the church and was on her way to visit some shut-ins. The first night of soulwinning visitation at the new church consisted of Brother Charles Baumgardner and myself visiting some of the delinquent members. We made several visits that night. Since then Brother Charles has been faithful every Thursday night to be at visitation. Judy, my loving wife and faithful helpmeet, and I went on door-to-door visitation throughout the neighborhood.

The membership had already voted to paint the church before I came. There was a crew of men painting on the church the first week that I served as pastor. Since then, there has been quite a bit more painting done at the church.

My first Sunday as the pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church was a glorious occasion. I had served a number of years as an assistant pastor, but this was my first Sunday as a senior pastor of a church. We had 45 in Sunday School that first Sunday. The Sunday school offering was \$697.70.



There were 87 in the 11 o'clock preaching service. Of those 87 in attendance, 30 were first time visitors. This was a result of much visitation by myself as well as a number of the church members who were concerned about seeing the church grow again. The Sunday before there had been 40.

I preached that Sunday morning from Exodus 3:13-14: a message entitled, "I AM"--GODS FIRST NAME". There were five additions to the church that morning. They were myself, my wife Judy, my daughters Pamela and Bambi and my son, Dean. Thanks to the Lord and the aggressive visitation program at the church we have seen many other additions to the church.

This joyful and exciting time of a new pastorate was interrupted by some times of grief. The week before my first week as pastor of Bradley Street Baptist Church, Mrs. Alice Robinette Saul, a charter member and the wife of deacon Claude H. Saul, went home to be with the Lord. I met a number of my new congregation at the funeral. Mrs Ruby Green, mother of Jean Oliver, also died just prior to this time. The second week at the church, Mr. Allison Smith, brother of Christine Ely, went to be with the Lord. I met many of the members of the church during these deaths and was able to weep with them and pray with them; and even though it was a sad time for us, it was a glorious time for those that were absent from the body and present with the Lord. One golden day break we will see them again.

Brother Jim Meriweather, Director of Missions of the Lebanon Baptist Association, took me to Richmond to the Virginia Baptist New Pastor's orientation. I received some valuable information and tools for the ministry.

I received a call from a friend of mine in Harlan, Kentucky. Arnold Martin, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, called to tell me that he was praying for me in the new ministry. In the course of the conversation he asked me how many buses we were running. I had to say that we had no buses, but were now running the two vans that the church possessed. He said that if I would come to Harlan, Kentucky he would give me my choice of two buses which he had as surplus. Bob Jackson and I went to Harlan and got a 66 passenger Ford bus. We were back into the bus ministry!

Bill Newton, my brother-in-law and as good a friend as a man could have on this earth, and I went visiting on the next Saturday and visited all day. We had 18 on the bus that first Sunday and the number of bus riders has grown considerably since that day. On February 22, 1989, Rev. Dennis Burnette was officially voted in as our assistant Pastor and bus director. During his term in office he was a great help to me as we worked so well together. Since that one bus in 1987, we have bought several buses-- one in October of 1988, another in February of 1990, and another in December of 1990. God has blessed us with a fleet of five buses and two vans that go out every Sunday



morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night to bring people into the church. LUKE 14:23: "And the Lord said unto the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'" We have seen many, many souls saved through the bus ministry.

Bus workers that are actively serving today are: Bill Newton, David Childress, Danny Turner, Mike Wheeler, Donnie Sexton, Hope Shankle, Vicki Turner, Kevin Turner, Patty Paganelli, Roger Wilson and other helpers. Thank God for the bus ministry. The greatest outreach arm of this, or any other church that is interested in reaching lost people for the cause of Christ, is without a doubt the church bus ministry.

Rev. Dennis Burnette was called by the Lord to pastor Friendship Baptist Church in the Benhams Community of Bristol, Virginia in May of 1991. The church had many mixed emotions about this. We were happy that Brother Dennis was being obedient to the Lord, but we missed him so very much. May God continue to bless Brother Dennis and use him for the Glory of God.

Youth fellowship started again at the church. Bill and Joy Newton were appointed to head up this ministry. On Saturday the 19th of September 1987, the Newtons took 21 youth to Dollywood. The youth group has grown from that, and since then many young people have found a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through the youth department and

the youth fellowships at the church. The future of our church lies in the hands of our young people. Isn't that an awakening thought?

The W.M.U. as well as other activities of the church picked up. Thirteen of the ladies from our church went to North Bristol Baptist Church to the 100th Anniversary of the W.M.U. This group of concerned Christian women has grown since those days. It is amazing to look back on our humble beginnings and just thank God for His many blessings.

The soulwinning visitation of the church continued to grow. Many were faithful to visit. Some of these were Hubert Barlow, now with the Lord, Hank Mumpower, now with the Lord, Elbert Ely, now with the Lord, Bill Newton, Charles Baumgardner, Don Caudill, Glen Murray, Bobby Jackson, Virgil Saul, C.H. Saul, Jim Cross, E.W. Ely, Christine Ely, Judy Garland, Helen Burnette, Joy Newton, Glenna Mumpower, and many others. From this nucleus has grown our Acts 5:42 Campaign--"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." This verse has been adapted as our new commitment verse. ACT 20:20: "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house." This verse has been adapted as our new verse of vision. This is an effort to knock on every door in the city by 1984. The slogan is "EVERY DOOR BY 94."



In October of 1989, I was approached by a real estate agent, and given first refusal on the adjoining property at 205 Page Street. Mrs. Martha J. Smith was desiring too sell the house and the property measuring 65 ft frontage to Page Street and 165 feet adjoining the present property of the church for a price of \$8,000. The deacons met and agreed that this would be a good investment. The church voted to buy the property. The house was torn down and the lot was graveled and used for parking.

New song books were purchased by the members of the church--many buying several and dedicating them to others In August 1990, A Baldwin 510 organ was purchased by the giving people of the church. A thermometer chart was placed in the vestibule of the church to show progress of givint to the organ fund. The organ, valued at more than \$12,000.00, was completely paid for in less than 90 days. The total amount included a trade-in allowance for the old organ and an initial down payment.

THOSE MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGAN FUND:

REV. E.W. ELY.....\$1000.00

DELLA MCREYNOLDS.....\$ 600.00

JIM AND LAURA JEAN CROSS.....\$ 250.00

BELOW LISTED INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTING \$100 OR MORE:

BOB AND LENA SOUTH

LINDA MILHORNE

ERNEST SMALLWOOD

EDDIE SHELTON

NATHAN GARLAND

PASTOR GARY GARLAND

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CORENTHIA O'DELL

HAROLD GLOVER

RICK GLOVER

VIRGIL SAUL

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MARGARET SEXTON

ELIZABETH POPE

HARRY NELSON

PHILLIP CROSS

BEULAH BRAY

DOT ROSS

ADA BARLOW

OTHERS MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGAN FUND:

W.L. COOK, MARY SAMS, ELLI WALLS, ALICE SKEENS, BRENDA REEDY,

JIM & CANDI ROBINSON, PAM BARB, SENIOR WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND CIRCLE, MAE DANIELS, DEBBIE DAUGHERTY, ANGIE CAUDILL, HANK AND GLENDA MUMPOWER, B.Y.W. LADIES, LEAH BLOOMER, DOROTHY MONSCKO, JAMES & VICKI TURNER, HOPE SHANKLE, PEARL CARRIER,

HELEN BURNETTE, KAY ELY, BRENDA TRENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS



THAT PLACED MONEY IN THE ORGAN ENVELOPES WITHOUT A NAME.  
THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL ANNONYMOUS GIFTS.

The kitchen has been remodeled--a microwave oven, new cabinets, and floors installed. Air conditioners have been installed in the office areas. So many wonderful things have been done by the Lord. He uses big hearted generous people to do His work here on this earth. God is so good.

We have had to make some adjustments in the buildings due to the fact that God has blessed us in a great and a mighty way. Doors had to be put in the side and back to make easy access to the buildings. Harold Kitchens was contracted to do this work. He did the work and then made a good sized contribution to the church. Thank God for men like Harold. Carpet has been put in the balcony, thanks to the efforts of Brother Bill Pennington and Brother Bobby Jackson. Brother Bobby went to Georgia and got the carpet and helped Bill lay it. Padded cushions have been put on the choir chairs thanks to many hours spent at the sewing machine by Helen Burnette, wife of deacon George Burnette. Carpet has been put in the nursery, thanks to Brother Joe White who laid it himself. Painting has been done at the church, and there have had to be many adjustments in the physical plant to accommodate the great numbers that God has sent to be ministered unto and to minister. Thank God for every one of them.

During the past four years (1987-1991) that I have been the pastor of the Bradley Street Baptist Church, God has sent four pastors through this church out to pastor other churches. The first of these was Dr. Larry Spargimino. Brother Larry was a member of our church for a short time before being called to the Riverbend Baptist Church in Bluff City, Tennessee where he is presently serving that church as their pastor. He is doing a tremendous job of winning the people of the Riverbend community to Christ.

The second preacher that God sent through this church was Rev. Charles Jones. Brother Charles was ordained as a southern baptist preacher at BSBC and was called to pastor the Mountain View Baptist Church in Meadowview, Virginia. Brother Jones, through his great concern for the souls of men, is leading the Mountain View Baptist Church in a wonderful way. The church has grown for the glory of God under his leadership.

Rev. Dennis Burnette, who served for several years as the assistant pastor, was called to the Friendship Baptist Church. Brother Dennis and I had served on the staff together at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bristol, Tennessee.

The last of our preachers was Brother Don Caudill. Having served as a deacon for a number of years, Brother Don was called by God from an intensive care bed at Bristol Regional Medical Center to preach. I remember the morning



that Don told me of his certainty that God had called him to preach. He had been dealing with this matter for several months. This past June Don was licensed and ordained to preach by BSBC. He is currently serving as assistant pastor at the Inman Baptist Mission Church in Appalachia, Virginia.

At one point in the ministry, we started running out of places for people to sit. We needed some new chairs to replace the old wooden slat back chairs that we were being used. Complaints were received that people were getting their clothes torn. A campaign was begun to buy some new folding chairs. There was real good response to this appeal. Those buying chairs were:

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| GEORGE & HELEN BURNETTE       | NATHANIEL & MARGARET SEXTON  |
| HUBERT & ADA BARLOW           | ELLA NELSON                  |
| PHILLIP PAULETTE DONAHUE      | HARRY, NAOMI & KIM NELSON    |
| DELLA MCREYNOLDS              | DONNIE & LINDA SEXTON        |
| KATHERINE KING                | ERNEST & DORIS WHITE         |
| WILLIAM BEELER                | HATTIE LEE COWAN             |
| BILL, JOY & CHUCK NEWTON      | CHARLOTTE HONAKER            |
| RONNIE & BRENDA WORLEY        | BRENDA REEDY                 |
| REV E.W. & CHRISTINE ELY      | ERNEST SMALLWOOD             |
| HAROLD GLOVER                 | ELBERT & KAY ELY             |
| CHARLES & MILDRED BAUMGARDNER | MABEL HOOVER                 |
| HAROLD & GAIL KITCHENS        | DON & SHELBY BAUMGARDNER     |
| GLADYS MUSIC & MATTHEW BOONE  | DOUG & PAMELA MOORE          |
| BAMBI & DEAN GARLAND          | THE POORE FAMILY OF NEW YORK |



BOBBY & JOANN JACKSON

BOB & LENA SOUTH

BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN (BYW)

TOMMY, BARBARA & SHAWN FLETCHER

CLAUDE H. SAUL, IN HONOR OF HIS GRANDCHILDREN: ERIC & JASON

BARLOW, DENNIS & JAMIE MARION AND SHANNON SAUL

ANDY & ELIZABETH POPE, IN MEMORY OF J.D. & PEARL WILBURN

LEAH BLOOMER, IN MEMORY OF GEORGE BLOOMER

VIRGIL SAUL, IN HONOR OF MORT AND WAYNE SAUL

DEBBIE DAUGHERTY, IN MEMORY OF CHARLES BURKE SR.

ERNEST & TINA BLACKWELL, IN MEMORY OF MARY JACKSON

WILLIE & ELLA STOUT, IN HONOR OF MICHAEL BLACKWELL & ANTHONY  
STOUT

HANK, GLENNA, ANTHONY, JANET & JENNIFER MUMPOWER FOR MICHAEL  
AND NATHAN MUMPOWER

JIMMY & LAURA JEAN CROSS IN MEMORY OF REVA ELY AND LEWIS

CROSS AND IN HONOR OF REV E.W. ELY & CHRISTINE ELY &  
THELMA CROSS

DON, LOIS & ANGIE CAUDILL IN MEMORY OF BOB, BILL & VIRGIE  
AYERS AND JOHN CAUDILL

NATHAN & SARAH GARLAND IN MEMORY OF SAM, DICIE AND MIKE  
GARLAND

BOB & KATHY BLACKWELL, IN HONOR OF MICHAEL BLACKWELL

DOROTHY ROSS, IN MEMORY OF BOB ROSS

MARK PUCKETT, IN MEMORY OF GREG EPPERSON

PASTOR GARY & JUDY GARLAND IN HONOR OF PAMELA, BAMBI, AND  
DEAN GARLAND



There were a number of other gifts that were donated to the buying of the chairs--some donors chose to remain anonymous. Some gave small portions and chose not to have their name on the plaque that hangs in the fellowship hall where the chairs are being used.

God has raised up a band of folks at the Bradley Street Baptist Church that give, not only of what God commands of us (the tithe), but also go over and beyond the requirements and give an extra portion. God loves a cheerful giver. (God will also accept from a grrouch, but the blessings are not the same.) Thanks to God for the giving spirit displayed by the good people at the Bradley Street Baptist Church.

Brother Hubert Barlow was one of the most dedicated and helpful men that a pastor could have. He served on the deacons' committee and also preached at the Haven of Rest Rescue mission every fourth Tuesday night of the month. He and his wife, Ada, served as custodians at the church. He was a handy man that could do plumbing work, electrical work, and carpentry--a jack of all trades.

When I came to BSBC as pastor, Brother Hubert was serving as interim song director. We began to seek for a man that could be our minister of music. We looked high and low and did not realize that God had the man right under our nose. Brother Eddie Shelton came to be our song director a few months into my ministry. Brother Ed was officially

voted in as the Minister of Music on December 6, 1987, even though he started serving several months before. He has been a true blessing to me and to the church. (See his report on the music ministry and the choir in another section of this book.) We thank God for Brother Ed and his contribution to the many souls that have been saved here at the BSBC.

In March of 1988, I was planning a trip to pastor's school at the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. My car had over 100,000 miles on it, and it was questionable whether or not it could make the trip to Chicago and back. The deacons recommended to the church that they buy me a new car. This was voted on and unanimously passed. This was a great blessing and an answer to prayer. The deacons serving during this time were Charles Baumgardner-chairman, Bobby Jackson, C.H. Saul, Virgil Saul, George Burnette, Don Caudill, Elbert Ely and Hubert Barlow. Since then Brothers Hubert Barlow and Elbert Ely have gone home to be with the Lord, and Brother Don Caudill is serving the Lord as a pastor in Appalachia. Filling the vacancies of these are Clarence Witt and Robert Kaylor who were ordained as deacons at the same time that Don Caudill was ordained to preach--in June of 1991.

I thank God for Godly deacons. Of the many meetings we have had, each one has been a blessing. We have laughed together, wept together, and gone through many difficult



situations. These men want what God wants for the church. We bind in prayer about decisions that are made at the church. We wait upon the Lord for decisions that might be questionable. God has blessed the efforts of these good Godly servants of the Lord.

My trips to the Southern Baptist convention have been a blessing during the past few years. The church not only has allowed me to go, but also has graciously placed in the budget the financial support that is needed for me to attend the conventions. In 1988 the convention was in San Antonio, Texas. Bill Newton and I represented the church as the delegates during this convention. The next year (1989) the convention was in New Orleans at the super dome. The next year the convention was in Las Vegas. The impact on "sin city USA was such that some 435 people got saved through door-to-door visitation. The convention was a success again as the conservative element continued to control. God is still on the throne! This past convention was in Atlanta. God is still in control! The support of the people of BSBC is very much appreciated.

Many times a pastor does not get the chance to let the people of a church know how much he appreciates and loves them. I love you as a church family and I appreciate your love for me. I also appreciate your expressions of your love for me. Not only in the large things, but also in the small things--finding a watermelon or home grown tomatoes in

my car, being taken out to eat, having food brought into the office when you know I have not had a chance to get out all day, writing me poems about Jesus, giving me plaques and pictures to hang on my wall, passing a piece of money into my hand by means of a handshake when the Lord lays upon your heart that I have a need. I do not ask man for needs. I ask God and trust that you will ask God what He would have you to do. I appreciate the fact that so many of you are tuned in to God. You are His sheep and He is your shepherd. He speaks and you listen--discerning what He is saying to you and take action upon it. You are a special group of people who deserve a much better man as pastor than me. I am grateful that you have allowed me to serve you the past four years. I hope to be with you many more years as the Lord directs.



Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Congratulations on your 40th anniversary. During the past 40 years, many exciting things have taken place at Bradley Street Baptist Church.

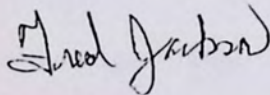
In 1979, Dian, Kevin, Travis and I came your way as Associate Pastor and Youth Director. During that time our youth department began to grow and the Lord blessed us with many outstanding young people.

In January, 1980 Brother Ely became Pastor Emeritus and I became your Pastor. During the next few years, the Lord blessed us in many ways. Extensive remodeling was done in the auditorium and the Sunday School rooms. We purchased a lawn tractor and utility building, and an additional church van. As many of you will remember, we had to "fight city hall" in order to keep our church sign; but God gave us the victory.

The greatest accomplishment during those years was the additions to our church. We average approximately 14 additions per year (through baptisms and church letters). Those were exciting years for us.

There are many precious memories of good times and good people at Bradley St. Church. May God richly bless and prosper you as you continue in His work.

Sincerely,



Fred Jackson



120 Mulberry Lane  
Bristol, Tennessee 37620  
26 August 1991

Dear Rev. Garland,

How wonderful to hear that Bradley St. Baptist Church has reached this milestone and still in the business of spreading the gospel and winning souls for the Lord after (40) years! Great things He hath done!

This news especially warms my heart as I think back on the meager beginnings of Bradley St. Baptist Church. I was in the Primary Department of Sunday School when my parents left Euclid Avenue Baptist Church and began to walk the hills of West Bristol in search of anyone interested in hearing the gospel preached or looking for a church home.

Sunday School and Church Services were held in the building that is now the Church kitchen. I remember each Sunday afternoon my Mother and Mrs. Kates would walk each street surrounding the small mission. My Mother was Mrs. J. D. Ball and I believe she was the first Beginner Sunday School Class Teacher at Bradley St. She was dedicated to the Lord and to Bradley St. Church. Her heart's desire was to see it become what it has become and that is a shining light in the Community. I am very thankful that both she and my Dad (J. D. Ball) lived to see Bradley St. become a successful Church. Dad was also dedicated to seeing the Church succeed. He served as a member of the Deacon Board and often referred to Rev. Ely as a "prophet sent from God". He believed him to be a Preacher on fire for the Lord and was delighted when Rev. Ely agreed to become Bradley Street's first Pastor.

As the years moved quickly by, Mother moved from being a Beginner Sunday Class Teacher to Teacher of the Older Ladies Class. She loved both classes and I can remember the many times she visited those who were sick. She always managed to remember the birthdays of those in her class. She was also active in the Circles and WMU, Vacation Bible School and anywhere she was asked to serve she did so willingly because she loved her Lord and her Church. She did all this, in addition to working full-time and having a family of (5) children.

In remembering those early days, my mind is flooded with precious memories of so many precious people. Sunday School Teachers, Choir Directors (Kenneth and Zulene Glover) will be forever in my heart as people who gave so much to see that Bradley St. succeeded. Faithful families such as the Jessee's (Mr. & Mrs. C. V. Jessee), The Poff's, the Hoover's, the Baumgardner's, the Orville Green Family, Mabel Taylor and family, so many the Lord sent to Bradley St.

And there was Mrs. Reva Ely whose smile lighted up the whole Church, and Laura Jean who was my best friend. Just so many wonderful people who worked hard and gave so much of themselves.

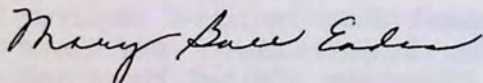


Being a youth at that time, there were many picnics and fun moments. I particularly loved to go to the lake swimming with Rev. and Mrs. Ely just to see Mrs. Ely float on her back for hours on end (really). The longest I have ever seen anybody do this. And I remember one time when Maggie Malone was my Sunday School Teacher, she and her husband Frank took us all Fox hunting. We spent the night out in a field under the stars. Now that was an experience! I remember the GA's the Training Union Classes, the Bible studies, the Sweetheart Banquets, the Halloween parties, getting to play Mary in the church play, singing duets with Laura Jean and Peggy (Jessee) Duff and Vacation Bible School. I know we always had the best one in town. Bradley St. was where my husband of (34) years and I pledged our lives to the Lord and each other. Rev. Ely performed the ceremony.

My Sisters, Bonnie Buchanan and Virginia Long were also active in the beginnings of the Church. Bonnie played the piano for Mother's beginner Sunday School Class. Virginia was active in the Circles and WMU and Vacation Bible School.

Bradley St. Church exists today because of a few dedicated people who who wanted to begin a mission to reach out to the people of West Bristol. These people left a comfortable church home and took a step of faith; looking only to the Lord. They were blessed for it and Bradley is a living testimony to the Great Things He Hath Done!

Congratulations, and may God continue to bless.



Mary (Ball) Eades



## NOTES FROM THOSE THAT WERE THERE IN 1951

Forty years ago when Euclid Avenue started a mission on Bradley Street in a two room building I joined the group for the afternoon meeting. When the new church was dedicated I moved my membership from Euclid and started as teacher of the primary children along with Audrey Bolick. As I grew spiritually in the Lord under the leadership of Pastor Ely, I was elected to be the leader and teacher of the G. A. girls, then teacher of the young married women's class, and later assistant teacher of the Senior Adult Class. I spent twenty nine precious years at Bradley Street Baptist Church with one of the greatest pastors and teachers that one could have. He was always there when you needed him. Brother Ely was not only a pastor, he was a great friend. Our family will always be indebted to him.

Mattie Goodman

As a member of Euclid Avenue, I attended the Mission that was started at Bradley Street. When the church was dedicated, I joined the church and started teaching the beginners along with the late Mrs. J.D. Ball. It was a joy and privilege to have attended Bradley Street Baptist Church for twenty nine years under Pastor Ely. The late Reva Ely was also a great asset to the church, a great friend and a joy to know.

Mabel Taylor

When Bradley Street Baptist Church started as a mission, Mrs. Cates was an "Ambassador" working through Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. She was a lovely lady who was a great witness for Christ.

One hot summer day, she came by. We had just started building a new home. She told me of her dreams for this mission, and that she would love for our family to become a part of it.

Week after week she came. It was a long walk to her home. I would invite her to come in for lemonade and cookies. My home became her resting place after visitation each week.

We became great friends. She gave me many flowers to place around our new home. I know that today she is shining brightly in the Flower Garden of God. She was a great witness for our Lord and let her light shine out to others.

We placed our membership at Bradley Street Baptist Church and enjoyed serving our Lord there, and the fellowship of other Christian people.

A friend in Christ,

Ann Sharrett



I joined Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in June 1939. I was elected the director of the Baptist Training Union in September 1939. They only had four unions at this time. With the help of so many who were willing to work, we grew each year, until we had five departments with sixteen unions. We had street meetings once a week and many of our adults worked with us.

Mr. J. B. Denton, who was our deacons president, wanted a place for our youth to work. So we bought a small house on Bradley Street and started a Sunday School. Some of the adults worked over there with the young people, and this grew until we decided to build a church.

Rev. E. W. Ely was called to be assistant pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church with his duties at Bradley Street.

Charles Stewart  
724 Prince Street  
Bristol, VA 24201

There were letters sent to all living charter members and all the members of the organizing committee, requesting comments concerning things they might like contribute the founding of the Bradley Street Baptist church. We want to thank those of you that found time in your busy schedule to respond to this request. The above printed notes are all that were received. We, as the Bradley Street Baptist Church family of 1991, would like to thank each one of you for the part that you played in starting our church.



# CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

1. ADAMS, MRS. BEULAH
2. ALMOND, CHARLES
3. BAILEY, GENE
4. BAILEY, MARGARET
5. BALL, J. D.
6. BALL, MRS. J. D.
7. BALL, BONNIE
8. BALL, MARY
9. BALL, VIRGINIA
10. BARNARD, SAM
11. BARNARD, MRS. SAM
12. BLEVINS, MRS. PEGGY
13. BOLICK, DONALD
14. BOLICK, MRS. DONALD
15. BRANCH, PERRY
16. BRANCH, MRS. PERRY
17. BRANCH, ROBERT
18. BURNETTE, LOUISE
19. CARMACK, FRED
20. CARMACK, MRS. FRED
21. CHAPMAN, MRS. ETHEL
22. COMBS, TROY A.
23. COMBS, MRS. TROY A.
24. COOMER, J. O.
25. COOMER, MRS. J. O.
26. COOMER, PAUL
27. CROSS, HENRY M.
28. CROSS, MRS. HENRY M.
29. CROSS, ALLEN
30. CUNNINGHAM, JAMES
31. DAVIS, E. HOWARD
32. DAVIS, MRS. E. HOWARD
33. DEAKINS, RALPH
34. DEAKINS, MRS. RALPH
35. DEAKINS, RONALD L.
36. DUCKETT, MRS. BILLIE
37. ELY, REV. E. W.
38. ELY, MRS. E. W.
39. ELY, JIMMY
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110. RUBLE, MRS. OLIVIA  
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112. RUBLE, DONALD  
113. RUBLE, EUGENE  
114. RUSH, MRS. EARNEST  
115. SAUL, CLAUDE H.  
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143. WINFIELD, MRS. WM. D.  
144. WAMPLER, MRS. SADIE  
145. WOLFE, MRS. BUD  
146. COWDEN, JOHN  
147. JENKINS, MRS. MAMIE





APPENDIX I  
CINDERBLOCK GARAGE BUILDING



APPENDIX II  
BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST MISSION  
WITH WORKERS IN FRONT





APPENDIX III  
NEW CINDER BLOCK CHURCH

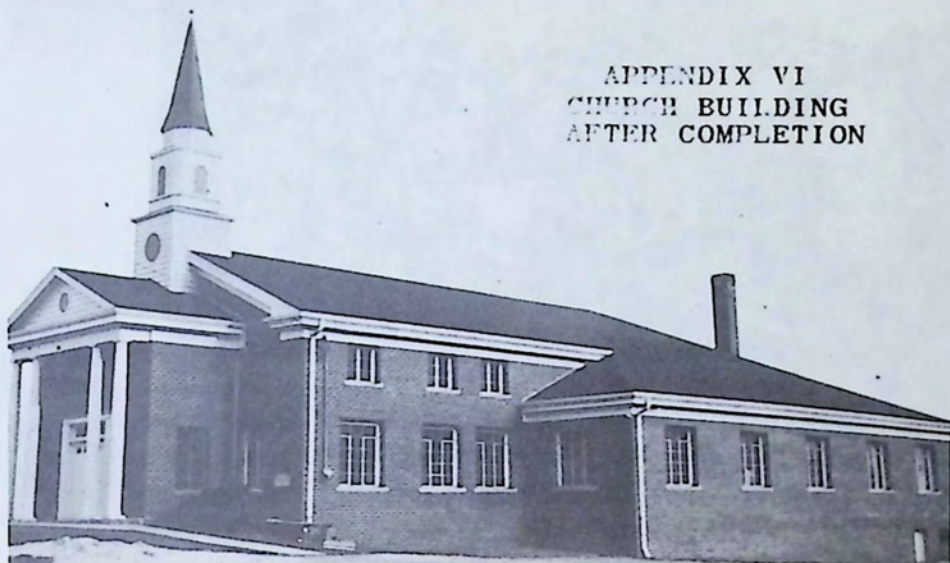


APPENDIX IV  
REV. E.W. ELY  
IN THE EARLY YEARS



APPENDIX V  
THE PARSONAGE WAS  
COMPLETED IN 1953





APPENDIX VI  
CHURCH BUILDING  
AFTER COMPLETION



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APPENDIX VII  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 1958





**CHARTER MEMBERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY**



**REV. E. W. ELY  
PASTOR FROM  
1950 TO 1979**





**COLD ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT  
WARM ON THE INSIDE.  
[HARD WINTER OF 1971]**



**RECORD ATTENDANCE OF 478 CROWDED THE AUDITORIUM ON HOMECOMING OF  
1989 [THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR GARLAND].  
OUR GOAL WAS 401 + YOU = 402  
JER 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee  
great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.**





REV FRED JACKSON  
PASTOR FROM  
1980 TO 1987



REV. GARY GARLAND  
PRESENT PASTOR  
SERVING SINCE  
AUGUST 1987



REV DENNIS BURNETTE  
AND HIS WIFE LEE  
SERVED AS FULL TIME  
ASST. PASTOR 89-91



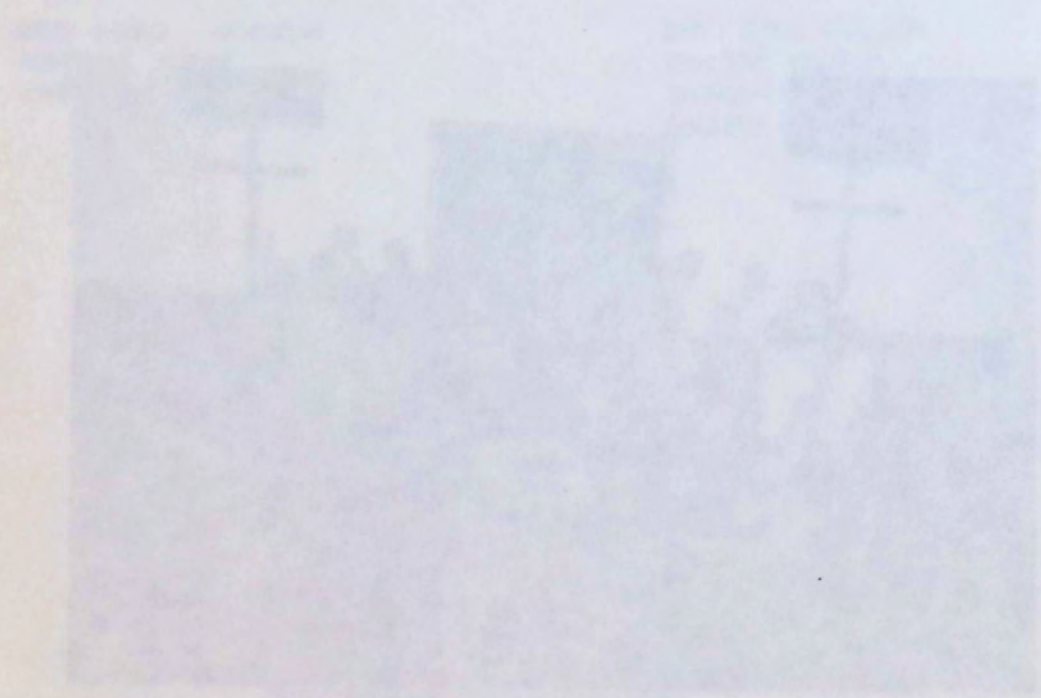
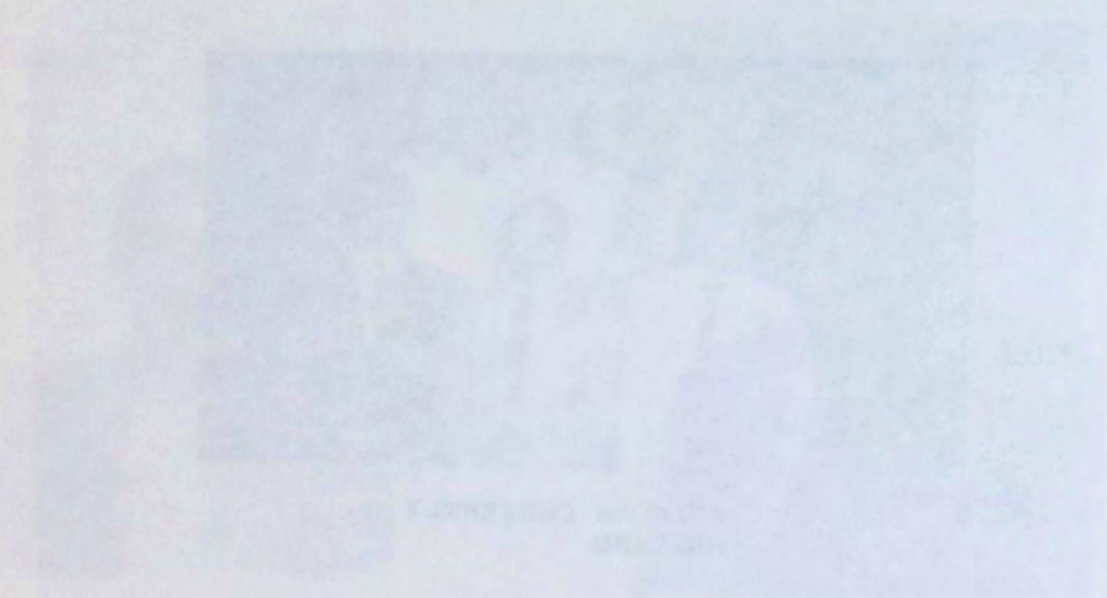


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**WILLARD TALLMAN PREACHED ONE OF HIS LAST REVIVALS AT BSBC IN MAY 1989. THIS WAS MAY 21ST AND THE CITY HAD DECLARED THIS AS WILLARD TALLMAN DAY. BROTHER WILLARD WAS GRADUATED TO HEAVEN SOON AFTER THIS MEETING.**



**CHARLES BAUMGARDNER, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACONS, PRESENT THE KEYS TO A NEW CAR TO PASTOR GARLAND IN MARCH OF 1988.**



**BABY DEDICATION DAY: MAY 7, 1989 [JUDGES 2:10]**

**BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD WERE:**

**CANDICE LAUREN BAUMGARDNER, DAUGHTER OF MIKE AND GINA BAUMGARDNER  
JACQUELINE BURTON & MICHAEL, CHILDREN OF GREG AND EARLENE BURTON  
ELIZABETHON HICKMAN, DAUGHTER OF MIKE AND JUDY HICKMAN  
ELIZABETH KELA HYATT, DAUGHTER OF BILLY AND PAULA HYATT  
ANDREW & DANIEL JACKSON, SONS OF BOBBY JR AND MARION JACKSON  
STEVEN TATE, SON OF GARY AND KAY TATE**





Larry & Cheryl Anderson,  
Mike & Tonia



Hubert & Ada Barlow  
Hubert now with Jesus



Leah Bloomer



Richard & Diana Browning  
& Dennis & Jamie Marion



Pearl Carrier



Larry & Norma Casteel  
& Tessa Wind



Wayne & Pat Henson



Bobby & Carol Holt,  
Bobby, Jr. & Bridgette





BARB, PAM



BAUMGARDNER, CHARLES  
& MILDRED



BAUMGARDNER, DONALD  
& SHELBY



BAUMGARDNER, MIKE & GINA  
LAUREN, TRAVIS



BLACKWELL, BOB & KATHY  
MICHAEL



BLACKWELL, ERNEST & TINA



BOOHER, DANNY & RITA  
AMY



BURNETTE, DENNIS & LEE



BURNETTE, GEORGE  
& HELEN



CAUDILL, DON & LOIS  
ANGIE



CHILDRESS, DAVID & JANIE  
DAVID JR.



CROSS, JIMMY  
& LAURA JEAN



DAUGHERTY, DEBBIE



DENHAM, RONALD & RHONDA



DONAHUE, PHILLIP  
& PAULETT



ELY, E.W. & CHRISTINE





ELY, ELBERT & KAY  
Elbert now with Jesus



GARLAND, GARY & JUDY  
DEAN, BAMBI



GARLAND, NATHAN & SARAH



GLOVER, HAROLD  
SHERRE  
VAUGHN



HARDY, TRACI, SHERRI



HARDY, VICTOR & DIANA



HOOVER, MABLE



HOPKINS, HEATHER  
HEATH



HYATT, BILLY & PAULA  
CALEY



HYNES, PADDY



JACKSON, BOBBY & JOANN



KAYLOR, RICKY & PAULA  
MONICA, MATTHEW



KAYLOR, ROBERT & MILDRED



KING, KATHERINE



MICKLES, ROY & GENEVA; BETTY, BOBBY,  
ROY ALLEN, ANDY, LORETTA, JAMES, ROSA



MILHORN, EDNA  
SUSAN, DEBORAH, PATRICIA





MILHORN, LINDA



MOORE, DOUG & PAMELA



MUMPOWER, HENRY (HANK)  
& GLENDA; JANET, JENNIFER

Hank now with Jesus



MURRAY, GLEN & CAROLYN



NELSON, ELLA



NELSON, HARRY & NAOMI  
ZINNIA, KIMBERLY



NEWTON, BILL & JOY  
CHUCK



OLIVER, BUD & JEAN



PAGANELLI, PATTY  
AMANDA WARREN



PIERCE, CAROL



POFF, AUDRA



PUCKETT, MARK



REYNOLDS, WARREN  
& GLENNA; ANDY



ROBINSON, JIM & CANDEE



ROSS, DOROTHY



SEXTON, A.D.





SEXTON, DONNIE & LINDA



SEXTON, MICK & MARGARET



PATTY  
GARY PRIVETTE



SHELTON, EDWARD & ELAIN



SOUTH, BOB & LENA



STOUT, WILLIE & ELLA



TATE, GARY & KAY  
STEVEN; ROBIN MORETZ



THOMAS, BILL & SHAMAR  
CHRISTOPHER



THOMPSON, DEBBIE  
MELINDA; BONNIE SMITH



WALLACE, JAMES & JOYCE  
JIMMY, MICHAEL



WALLS, ELLI



WALSH, MARGARET  
APRIL



WATTS, WILLIAM & DEBORAH  
MICHELL, WILLIAM JR.



WHEELER, MIKE & SHIRLEY



WHITE, ERNEST & DORIS



WILSON, ROGER





WITT, CLARENCE & NORA



WORLEY, RONNIE & BRENDA



Nikki Newton



C. H. Saul



Virgil & Oakley Saul



Phillip & Pat Cross  
& Chad



Mick & Margaret Sexton



Andy & Elizabeth Pope



Andy & Pat Pope





Kate Ayers



Maude Jessee



Gladys Kaylor



Sally Murray



Mindy Rudder



Allen Thornburg



Tommy & Barbara Fletcher  
& Shawn



Tom & Ruth Hudspeth  
Ruth is now with Jesus



Brenda Reedy  
& Leah



Joe & Betty Gentry



Jeff & Jo Ann Harrison  
& Benjamin



Ray Greene



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VOL. I

BRISTOL, VA., AUGUST, 1950

## Work Progresses At Bradley Street

By E. W. Ely

The Lord certainly laid it upon the hearts of the folks at Euclid Avenue when they had a vision of the possibilities of a church on Bradley Street.

After growing out of the original three room structure it was necessary to construct a suitable building to house those that were attending, hence, the present building was planned and constructed next door to the original structure.

Euclid called me to hold the first revival in November 1949. We began our meeting Sunday night, November 6th, and continued through November 20th. The Lord gave a glorious victory with 21 professions of faith, 41 rededications with 20 joining the church, 17 by baptism and three by letter.

I was extended a call to consider being pastor of the church Christmas week 1949 and I felt led of the Lord to accept that call which I did January 1, 1950.

That week we had 97 on roll with 71 present in Sunday School. The Lord has richly blessed the work since the very first.

At the present time we have nine Sunday School classes, two WMU and one Business Women's circles. We also have three preaching services a week, two on Sunday and prayer service on Thursday night.

We, at the present time have 166 on roll and had 123 in Sunday School last Sunday. The offering the week of January 1st was \$49.03 and last week it was \$120.99. The people here have also given \$703.44 toward the cost of new pews which have been ordered from the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School at Pineville, Kentucky to be delivered in September.

We are now in the middle of Vacation Bible School and at the time of this writing we had 118 enrolled with seven more days yet to go.

The Lord has graciously blessed with 56 additions to the church during the past five months.

As I see it, there is a great future ahead for the church. We solicit all of your prayers that God's Holy Spirit will be in and behind all our efforts, laboring together with Him. A census throughout the community revealed over 500 prospects.

Note: The above article was written for the July issue of Friendly Messenger. Due to the fact that it was necessary to eliminate it we make this word of explanation.



Rev. E. W. Ely

## Associate Pastor Of Euclid

(Bradley St. Pastor)

Rev. E. W. Ely is the hard working, devoted servant of Christ and is associated with the ever growing work of Euclid. His major responsibilities rest with the work of Bradley Street, a branch of our church. But his influence is valued throughout all our work. Within a year you will see a major development of the work there under his capable leadership.

We were happy to have Dr. Paul Roberts former Pastor of Euclid, speak at Prayer Meeting July 26th. He is now Pastor in Oklahoma City.



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NUMBER 2

## Bradley St. Church To Be Organized July 29th

### DR. B. C. LAND COMING TO EUCLID

#### Stewardship Revivalist Here In October

We are very happy to announce that Dr. B. C. Land, Jackson, Miss. will be with us October 14-21 for a Stewardship Revival. He is recognized as the greatest voice of authority on this subject in our entire Southern Baptist Convention. He is unusual in that he combines the warm spiritual revival fires with the claims of God for our material stewardship. More and more will be forthcoming in the line of information as the time draws near.

### City-Wide Revival

I am writing this article when the first week of the city-wide revival is a matter of history. The crowds have grown and the spirit of revival is mounting all the time. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wall, Cookeville, Tenn. and their son, Don, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. are doing the best job with the music possible. Young Jimmy Britton, student of Maryville College, is leading in the youth work while Dr. Sullins Dosser is preaching fearlessly and positively the horrors of sin and the salvation that is in Jesus Christ. I verily believe that the whole city will be shaken by the impact of the revival. Perhaps in the next issue of the paper we shall be able to report something of the real results.



BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

This is a picture of the present spacious building. It has a nice auditorium, balcony and Sunday School rooms. There is a fine rostrum, rooms on the side to make the auditorium bigger, modern and new pews and pulpit furniture. In fact everything for

comfort and appreciation is in this building which was built by Euclid for about \$27,000.00. Joining this, they have purchased two more lots which will be used for parking and expansion as the work grows.

After a thorough investigation by a committee and a review of the findings of the committee by the deacons, a recommendation was presented to the church at the special called business meeting July 22. The church voted to proceed with the orderly procedure of the organization of the church. The time set for this will be 2:30 p. m.

We were sorry that it was necessary to have the organization meeting on the afternoon of the last day of the City-wide revival but it was the only time in order to get it organized before our associational meeting.

Rev. E. W. Ely has been pastor of the work with the title of Associate Pastor of Euclid, for a year and a half. God has wonderfully blessed his ministry and great things have been accomplished. It is to the credit of the faith of our people who planted a mission there now to see it grow to the place of becoming a church. The Lord will be honored and a great church indeed is certain out there on Bradley Street.



OUR BELOVED DECEASED OVER THE PAST FORTY YEARS:  
*2 CORINTHIANS 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

1951-1958: NO RECORDED DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

1959: MR. CARL H. PIPPIN

1960: NONE

1961: HOWARD HART

1962: MR. J.W. PATRICK, SR; FRANK JESSEE

1963: MRS. MINNIE OGLE; EDGAR J. TALLMAN, MRS. SALLY WAGNER

1964: MR. HENRY H. CROSS; MRS. J. D. TOLBERT; JOHN POORE; MRS. PEARLE McGEE

1965: MRS. WALTER BLAYLOCK; MRS. J. T. McGEE

1966: MRS. GOLDIE KISER; MRS. MOLLIE ELLIS, MR. J. D. WILBURN

1967: MR. HARVEY ROCK; MR. WILLIAM S. WOOD; MR. DONALD HERNDON; MR. SCOTTIE FLEENOR

1968: MR. JOHN LEE DAVIS; MR. ELBERT TAYLOR; MR. GEORGE TOLBERT (DEACON)

1969: EARL DICKSON; ROBERT C. FORAN; BEN MALONE; AL E. TRAMMELL  
MRS. MARY SIMPSON; MR. LYLE G. McAFFERY

1970: MRS. EMILY HAGY; MR. J. H. PATRICK

1971: MRS. REVA ELY [WIFE OF PASTOR]

1972: MR. W.B. (BILL) TOLLEY; MRS. BESSIE FULLEN; MRS. VESTA PIPPIN; MR. GORDON PIPPIN; MR. CONLEY S. HENRY; MR. BILLY WHITE; MR. HOMER EMMERT; MR. EUGENE WHITE

1973: MRS. SABRENA TAYLOR; MRS. BARBARA BLAYLOCK; MRS. ELLA MAE SPROLES; MR. W. DENVER MURRAY; MR. ROY MILLER; MR. THOMAS PEARMAN; MRS. CORA M. CURTIS;

1974: MR. W. F. AYERS; MRS. JEAN BOOHER; MR. NOAH BOOHER; MR. ROBERT SHANKEL; MARSHALL (SLIM) MILHORN

1975: MR. NOAH M. HERNDON; MR. CLARENCE V. JESSEE (DEACON), MR. CARL KISER; MRS. NANCY LONG; MR. REX WOLFE  
MRS. EMMA McCORKLE; MRS. NANCY BERNARD; MRS. HELEN L. FOSTER; MR. HARRY DALE PIPPIN

1976: MR. CHARLES L. TINLEY; MR. J.N. WALLS, SR



- 1977: MRS. BETTY JO BACON; MR. OLIVER CLAY BLACK; MR. WILLIAM B. JOHNSON JR; MRS. ADDIE MOORE; MR. W. PAP ODUM
- 1978: MRS. DAISY K. CROSS; MRS. ELSIE CULLOP; MRS. ETHEL TERRY LETHCOE; MRS. LILLIE R. STANLEY
- 1979: MR. SCOTT BROWN; MRS. NANNIE HAGY; MR. CLAUDE HOPKINS (DEACON); MRS. GERTRUDE SAUL; MR. ALLEY RICHARDSON  
MRS. MATTIE WHITE; MR. AMOS SHANKEL
- 1980: GEORGE BLOOMER (DEACON); MRS. MARY CATHERINE HEART; GRAY K. STEVENS
- 1981: MR. EMORY DEWITT HERNDON; MR. ROBERT TAYLOR ROSS; (MUSIC DIRECTOR); MR. LUTHER L. HODGE
- 1982: MR. HARRY H. EDWARDS; MR. JOHN HAGY; BROWN PATRICK; MRS. CARRIE WALLS; MISS MARY MARTHA FOGLEMAN; MRS. LILLIE WILLIAMS; MR. RALPH HART
- 1983: PERRY BRANCH
- 1984: MRS. PEARL WILBURN; MRS. MARY JACKSON
- 1985: MRS. CELIA HENRY; MISS CHARLENE STAPLETON; MRS. LUCY HERNDON
- 1986: MRS. HATTIE BALL; MR. WALTER BLAYLOCK; MR. JACOB STANLEY; MR. CHARLES THOMAS; MRS. FRANCES L. HERNDON
- 1987: MR. J.D. BALL (DEACON); MRS. SOPHIA BLACK; MR. ABB HOOVER; MRS. PEGGY BLEVINS; MR. CARLISLE JOHNSTON (DEACON); MRS. PEGGY; BLEVINS; MR. HOWARD DAVIS; MRS ALICE SAUL; MR. GARY ALLEN WILLETT
- 1988: MR. DAVID DOWELL; MRS. TRULA GLOVER; MR. WILLIAM A. POFF; MRS. MARGARET WIDNER; MRS. FLORA LEE McAFFERY
- 1989: MRS. MINNIE TRAMMELL; MR. EARL DAUGHERTY; MRS. BONNIE HERNDON; MRS CLARA RUTH SAUL PHILLIPS
- 1990: MRS. MAUDE JESSEE; MISS SHANNON WALLACE; MRS. CONNIE LEWIS; MR. HUBERT BARLOW (DEACON); MRS. VESSIE MILLER; MRS RUTH HUDSPETH; MISS MARY JANE DOSS; MR. RONALD PORTER
- 1991 ELBERT ELY JR (DEACON); HENRY MUMPOWER;



## **W.M.U. REPORT**

Bradley Street Baptist Church W.M.U. was organized in 1951 with Mrs. E. W. (Reva) Ely as our first president. We have always had an active W. M. U. supporting foreign, home and state missions. We have supported youth groups, mission friends, G.A.s Acteens and R.A.s. We support our missionaries through prayer and money, and may God continue to bless His work as missionaries go out.

**WE HAVE HAD NINETEEN PRESIDENTS, SOME SERVING MORE THAN ONE TERM. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1951 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1971 - Mae Woods        |
| 1952 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1972 - Paulette Donahue |
| 1953 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1973 - Paulette Donahue |
| 1954 - Mrs J. D. Ball         | 1974 - Jackie Davis     |
| 1955 - Mrs Frank Malone       | 1975 - Peggy Miller     |
| 1956 - Mrs Frank Malone       | 1976 - Christine Ely    |
| 1957 - Mrs Mable Taylor       | 1977 - Francis Brown    |
| 1958 - Mrs C. H. Saul         | 1978 - Francis Brown    |
| 1959 - Helen Ashby (Burnette) | 1979 - Pearl Carrier    |
| 1960 - Helen Ashby (Burnette) | 1980 - Pearl Carrier    |
| 1961 - Mrs Paul Young         | 1981 - Diane Jackson    |
| 1962 - Mrs Paul Young         | 1982 - Francis Brown    |
| 1963 - Betty Carter           | 1983 - Christine Ely    |
| 1964 - Betty Carter           | 1984 - Christine Ely    |
| 1965 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1985 - Christine Ely    |
| 1966 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1986 - Margaret Sexton  |
| 1967 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1987 - Margaret Sexton  |
| 1968 - Jean Massengill        | 1988 - Margaret Sexton  |
| 1969 - Barbara Worley         | 1989 - Paulette Donahue |
| 1970 - Mrs E. W. Ely (Reva)   | 1990 - Paulette Donahue |



**THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED:**

**PASTORS: 3 PASTORS IN FORTY YEARS**

**REV. E. W. ELY SERVED FROM 1950 TO 1979**

**REV. FRED JACKSON SERVED FROM JAN 1980 TO MARCH 1987**

**REV. GARY GARLAND BEGAN SERVING IN AUGUST OF 1987 AND IS  
CURRENTLY THE PASTOR OF THE CHURCH.**

**FOUR TREASURERS IN FORTY YEARS**

**E. SAM BERNARD**

**ORVILLE N. GREENE**

**STEWART WOOD**

**CHARLES BAUMGARDNER IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE TREASURER**

**ELEVEN SONG LEADERS OR MINISTERS OF MUSIC IN FORTY YEARS**

**HAGY CLAYMAN**

**KENNETH GLOVER**

**BOB ROSS**

**STEVE TAYLOR**

**JIMMY STATZER**

**GEORGE BLAYLOCK**

**DANNY VANZANT**

**HUBERT BARLOW**

**DANNY HILL**

**WAYNE CASTEEL**

**EDDIE SHELTON IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE MINISTER OF MUSIC.**

**DEACONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY SERVING**

**CHARLES BAUMGARDNER, CHAIRMAN**

**GEORGE BURNETTE**

**BOBBY JACKSON**

**C. H. SAUL**

**VIRGIL SAUL**

**ROBERT KAYLOR**

**CLARENCE WITT**



**MUSIC REPORT BY EDDIE SHELTON, MINISTER OF MUSIC**  
**[serving from November 1987 to present]**

The Lord led me to Bradley Street Baptist Church in November of 1987. Since coming to Bradley Street, I have been impressed with the caring of the people, especially the choir. The choir currently has twenty-five active members. None of these twenty-five have performed solos, duets, or in quartets. This willingness to volunteer for special music has made my job easier.

The music program at Bradley Street Baptist Church is a mixture of scripture based songs ranging from the "old time" songs to the newly composed songs. The choir performs Cantatas each Christmas and Easter and in 1990, we presented a patriotic special for Independence Day.

The music is selected each week to enhance the worship experience of each person in the congregation. My prayer is that God will prepare the people for the preaching of the Word.

I want to thank God and the people of Bradley Street Baptist Church for giving me the opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior.

**Eddie Shelton**  
**Minister of Music**



## A vertical sequence of 16 black, curved, semi-circular objects, likely film strips or frames, arranged in a column. Each object has a small white rectangular label on its left side. The objects are connected by a thin vertical line, suggesting a continuous sequence or a film strip. The background is white.

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| 1954 | 235 | 252 | 279 | 146 | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| 1955 | 232 | 262 | 276 | 145 | 31 | 15 | 46 |
| 1956 | 231 | 290 | 291 | 148 | 29 | 8  | 37 |
| 1957 | 273 | 316 | 274 | 147 | 20 | 14 | 34 |
| 1958 | 303 | 352 | 288 | 150 | 38 | 12 | 50 |
| 1959 | 267 | 327 | 288 | 150 | 23 | 15 | 38 |
| 1960 | 295 | 361 | 345 | 161 | 28 | 19 | 47 |
| 1961 | 353 | 402 | 424 | 196 | 25 | 26 | 51 |
| 1962 | 366 | 427 | 410 | 220 | 31 | 9  | 40 |
| 1963 | 397 | 457 | 381 | 152 | 29 | 12 | 41 |
| 1964 | 395 | 460 | 349 | 136 | 10 | 6  | 16 |
| 1965 | 361 | 443 | 347 | 130 | 10 | 12 | 22 |
| 1966 | 371 | 441 | 300 | 117 | 15 | 8  | 23 |
| 1967 | 392 | 462 | 325 | 125 | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| 1968 | 394 | 486 | 342 | 131 | 30 | 13 | 43 |
| 1969 | 389 | 502 | 341 | 120 | 16 | 20 | 36 |
| 1970 | 383 | 502 | 361 | 120 | 25 | 2  | 27 |
| 1971 | 382 | 504 | 364 | 107 | 8  | 23 | 31 |
| 1972 | 384 | 505 | 361 | 111 | 5  | 14 | 19 |
| 1973 | 392 | 519 | 335 | 112 | 9  | 15 | 24 |
| 1974 | 377 | 503 | 337 | 104 | 9  | 19 | 28 |
| 1975 | 372 | 496 | 174 | 99  | 13 | 7  | 20 |
| 1976 | 381 | 504 | 190 | 105 | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| 1977 | 371 | 514 | 311 | 106 | 16 | 22 | 38 |
| 1978 | 375 | 518 | 243 | 98  | 9  | 10 | 19 |
| 1979 | 377 | 517 | 228 | 95  | 12 | 4  | 16 |
| 1980 | 378 | 518 | 228 | 88  | 11 | 6  | 17 |
| 1981 | 398 | 538 | 219 | 99  | 6  | 14 | 20 |
| 1982 | 338 | 455 | 202 | 100 | 14 | 7  | 21 |
| 1983 | 180 | 518 | 206 | 81  | 8  | 7  | 15 |
| 1984 | 188 | 526 | 161 | 80  | 8  | 13 | 21 |
| 1985 | 171 | 509 | 127 | 65  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| 1986 | 160 | 498 | 106 | 50  | 0  | 4  | 4  |
| 1987 | 137 | 475 | 85  | 29  | 5  | 7  | 12 |
| 1988 | 319 | 540 | 208 | 105 | 16 | 68 | 84 |
| 1989 | 286 | 592 | 273 | 142 | 36 | 29 | 65 |
| 1990 | 322 | 627 | 321 | 165 | 29 | 27 | 56 |

COMPLETE STATISTICS NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION  
FOR THE YEAR OF 1991



## MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING OUR FIRST YEAR AS A CHURCH:

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- \*BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED FROM A MISSION CHURCH STARTED BY EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH A FEW YEARS PRIOR.
- \*REV. E.W. ELY CALLED TO BE THE PASTOR.
- \*E. SAM BARNARD, BRISTOL VIRGINIA WAS ELECTED TREASURER.
- \*VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY \$25,000 (ACCORDING TO THE LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION RECORDS)

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

- MRS. E.W. (REVA) ELY WAS THE FIRST W.M.U. PRESIDENT.
- \*CHURCH HAD ONE W.M.S. UNIT; 2 G.A. UNITS; 1 R.A. UNIT; 1 SUNBEAM UNIT; TOTAL UNITS 5.
- \*49 W.M.S.'S ENROLLED; 18 G.A.'S ENROLLED; 12 R.A.'S ENROLLED; 19 SUNBEAMS ENROLLED;

### CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

- W. M. MELVIN WAS THE FIRST TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR.
- \*NO BEGINNER UNITS; 2 PRIMARY UNITS 1 JUNIOR UNIT; 1 INTERMEDIATE UNIT; 1 YOUNG PEOPLE UNIT; 1 ADULT UNIT; TOTAL OF 5 UNITS
- \* 12 JUNIORS ENROLLED; 20 INTERMEDIATES ENROLLED; 14 YOUNG PEOPLE ENROLLED; 20 ADULTS; 8 GENERAL OFFICERS; 76 TOTAL ENROLLMENT AND THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN TRAINING UNION WAS 35.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- O.N. GREEN, 512 FLOYD ST, BRISTOL, VA WAS THE 1ST SUN SCHOOL DIR.
- \*12 IN THE NURSERY; 31 BEGINNERS; 27 PRIMARIES; 35 JUNIORS; 28 INTERMEDIATES; 20 YOUNG PEOPLE; 104 ADULTS; 15 EXTENSION DEPARTMENT; 4 GENERAL OFFICERS; TOTAL ENROLLMENT OF 276; THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 1951 WAS 156;

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- ENROLLMENT OF 147 WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 118.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

- REV. E.W. ELY THE FIRST PASTOR
- 149 MEMBERS; 74 TITHERS;

- LIST OF MESSENGERS REPRESENTING BSBC AT THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:
- MR AND MRS WILLIAM MELVIN, MRS D.M. WEEKS, MRS. TROY COMBS, REV AND MRS E.W. (REVA) ELY; MRS HOMER EMMERT.

### CHURCH BUDGET:

- Our first budget was a little over \$9,000 for the year of 1951. Last years budget was \$106,600. God has supplied the needs of the church over the years. We are debt free and are confident that God will continue to supply our financial needs.



**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTORS OF THE  
BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH [1951-1991]**

|                                                                                                                     |                     |      |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1951                                                                                                                |                     | 1971 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1952                                                                                                                | W. M. MELVIN        | 1972 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1953                                                                                                                | KENNETH GLOVER      | 1973 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1954                                                                                                                | KENNETH GLOVER      | 1974 | JACK BOOHER       |
| 1955                                                                                                                | JOHN FOSTER         | 1975 | BOBBY JACKSON     |
| 1956                                                                                                                | CHARLES BAUMGARDNER | 1976 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1957                                                                                                                | CHARLES BAUMGARDNER | 1977 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1958                                                                                                                | KENNETH GLOVER      | 1978 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1959                                                                                                                | KENNETH GLOVER      | 1979 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1960                                                                                                                | MRS. JOE PERRY      | 1980 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1961                                                                                                                | PAUL YOUNG          | 1981 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1962                                                                                                                | J. O. WILLIAMS      | 1982 | HUBERT BARLOW     |
| 1963                                                                                                                | J. O. WILLIAMS      | 1983 |                   |
| 1964                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1984 | REV. FRED JACKSON |
| 1965                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1985 |                   |
| 1966                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1986 |                   |
| 1967                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1987 | JIM CROSS         |
| 1968                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1988 | JIM CROSS         |
| 1969                                                                                                                | JAMES MASSENGILL    | 1989 | JIM CROSS         |
| 1970                                                                                                                | HUBERT BARLOW       | 1990 | JIM CROSS         |
| [1991 TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED<br>AS BOOK GOES TO PRESS, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE<br>JIM CROSS] |                     |      |                   |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS [1951 - 1991]**

|                                                                                            |                     |      |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1951                                                                                       |                     | 1971 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1952                                                                                       | O. N. GREEN         | 1972 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1953                                                                                       | C. V. JESSEE        | 1973 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1954                                                                                       | ALBERT MELVIN       | 1974 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1955                                                                                       | CHARLES BAUMGARDNER | 1975 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1956                                                                                       | JOHN FOSTER         | 1976 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1957                                                                                       | W. M. MELVIN        | 1977 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1958                                                                                       | JOHN FOSTER         | 1978 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1959                                                                                       | PAUL YOUNG          | 1979 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1960                                                                                       | PAUL YOUNG          | 1980 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1961                                                                                       | BOB ROSS            | 1981 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1962                                                                                       | ROBERT T. ROSS      | 1982 | JIM CROSS       |
| 1963                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1983 | JIM CROSS       |
| 1964                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1984 | JIM CROSS       |
| 1965                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1985 | JIM CROSS       |
| 1966                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1986 | J. V. BLACKBURN |
| 1967                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1987 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1968                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1988 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1969                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1989 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| 1970                                                                                       | VIRGIL SAUL         | 1990 | VIRGIL SAUL     |
| [IN 1991 FOR THE TWO DOZENTH TIME VIRGIL SAUL<br>WILL SERVE AS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR] |                     |      |                 |



THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of  
THE BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
2220 Bradley Street  
Bristol, Virginia

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, and to govern the body in an orderly manner. This constitution will preserve the liberties of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in its relationship to other churches.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This body is know as The Bradley Street Baptist Church of Bristol, Virginia.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- A. To be a dynamic spiritual organism empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with as many people as possible in our church, community, and throughout the world.
- B. To be a worshipping fellowship, experiencing an awareness of God, recognizing His person, and responding in obedience to His leadership.
- C. To experience an increasingly meaningful fellowship with God and fellow believers.
- D. To help people experience a growing knowledge of God and man's place in God's world.
- E. To be a church that ministers unselfishly to persons in the community and world in Jesus' name.
- F. To be a church whose purpose is to be Christlike in our daily living by emphasizing total commitment of life, personality, and possessions to the lordship of Christ.

ARTICLE III. CHURCH COVENANT

As a bond of unity among us, this church accepts for its members the following covenant:

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and on profession of our faith in Him, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We promise that we will watch over and counsel one another in the spirit of brotherly love, that we will remember one another in our prayers, and that we will aid each other in sickness and distress.

We further agree, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to give it a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin; and to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.



We further covenant to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to live carefully in this present world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, gossip, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale or use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and the use of any form of drugs unless prescribed by a licensed physician, and from all other things that might bring reproach upon the cause of Christ; and to strive to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, that midst evil and good report we will humbly and earnestly seek to live to the honor and glory of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

#### ARTICLE IV. STATEMENT OF FAITH

This church holds the following statement of faith as being a summary of The Baptist Faith And Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963; whose authority consists only as it is in agreement with the Word of God.

##### 1. THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ. II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21; I Thessalonians 5:21.

##### 2. GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being. John 4:24; Psalm 139:1-12; Exodus 5:11; Mark 12:30; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 2:18.

##### 3. MAN

Man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed of his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherited a nature and an environment inclined toward sin; and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore every man possessed dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. Genesis 1:27; Genesis 1:31; Genesis 3:6-24; Isaiah 63:6; Ezekiel 18:19,20; Romans 5:19; Romans 1:20.

##### 4. SALVATION

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption



for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification. Ephesians 2:8; John 3:16; Philippians 2:16,17; Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 2:18 and Isaiah 53:4,5.

## 5. JUSTIFICATION

We believe that the great Gospel blessing, which Christ secures to each as believe in Him, is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that justification brings us other blessings needful for time and eternity. John 1:16; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:9; Romans 4:4,5 and Romans 5:1-2.

## 6. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is a glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely, wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Holy Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:8; I Peter 1:22-25; Ephesians 5:9 and Galatians 5:16-23.

## 7. EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The New Birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the Gospel of Christ. Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 4:11-16.

## 8. THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Lord, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

The church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation, members are equally responsible. The Scriptural offices are Pastors and Deacons. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all the redeemed of all ages. Matthew 18:17; I Corinthians 1:1-13; I Corinthians 11:2; Matthew 28:20; Acts 2:41-42 and I Timothy 3.

## 9. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour; the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in the newness of life in Christ Jesus. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming. Acts 8:36-39; John 3:22-23; Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4; Acts 2:41-42; and I Corinthians 11:26-28.



## 10. THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercise of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private; and by refraining from worldly amusements being accepted. Acts 20:7; Psalm 118:24; Isaiah 58:13-14; Hebrews 10:24-25; Hebrews 4:3-11.

## 11. CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Romans 13:1-7; Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29.

## 12. STEWARDSHIP

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the Gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth. Luke 12:42-44; Malachi 3:8-12; I Corinthians 16:2; Romans 1:14; Matthew 23:23.

## 13. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous will in their resurrected glorified bodies receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord. I Peter 4:7; Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Acts 24:15; Revelation 21:1-8; Revelation 22:11.

## 14. RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and State should be separate. The State owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the State more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The Church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The State has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The State has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. Genesis 1:27; Matthew 6:6-7; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; I Timothy 2:1-21; James 4:12; I Peter 2:12-17; 4:12-19.

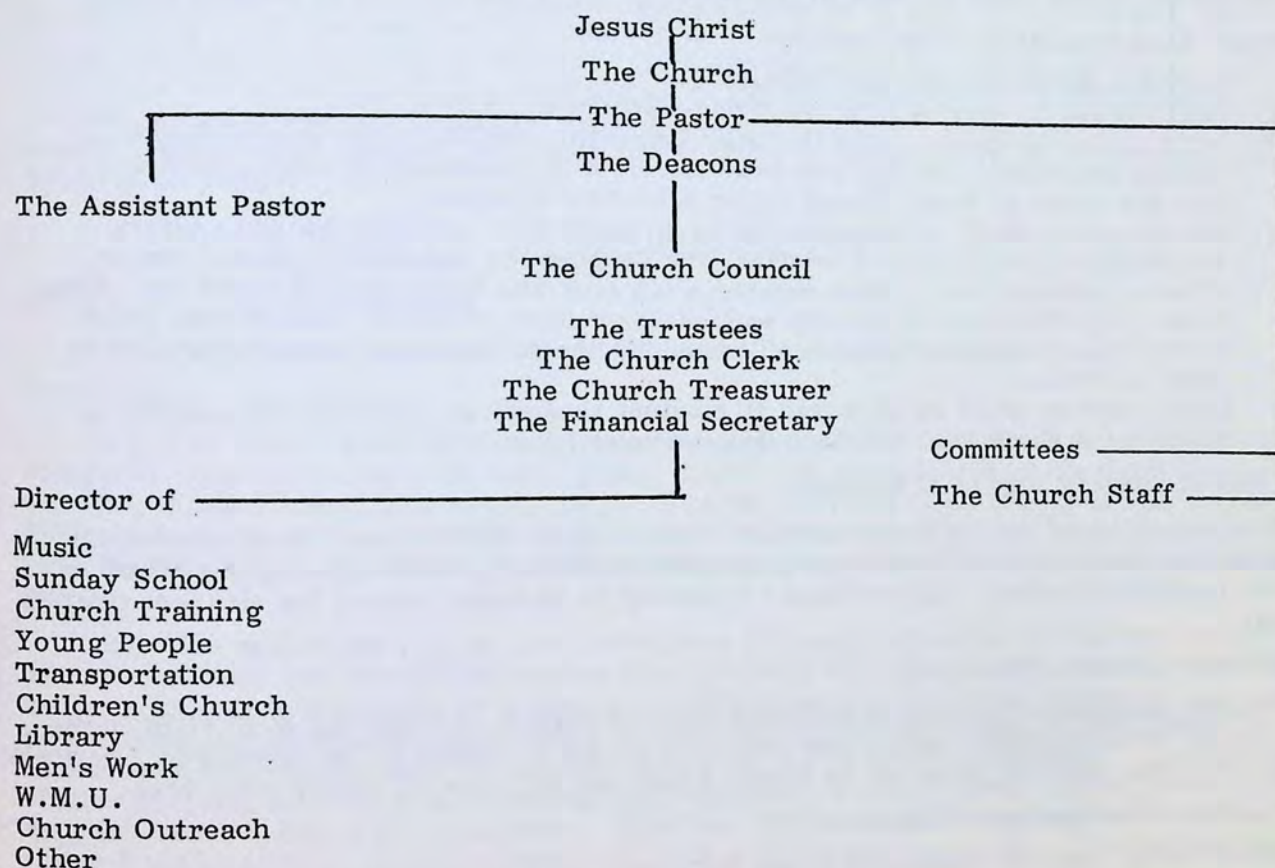
## 15. COOPERATION

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense



is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament. Exodus 17:12; 18:17; Judges 7:21; Ezra 1:3-4; 2:68-69; 5:14-15; Nehemiah 4: 8:1-5; Matthew 10:5-15; 20:1-16; 22:1-10; 28:19-20; Mark 2:3; Luke 10:1.

## ARTICLE V. STRUCTURE



## ARTICLE VI. AFFILIATION

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, and it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist Churches. This church is affiliated with, cooperate with and support the Lebanon Association, The Baptist General Association of Virginia, and The Southern Baptist Convention.

## ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1. General Statement

The membership of this church shall consist of persons who have made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; who desire to be numbered among His disciples; who have experienced New Testament baptism; and who are in sympathy with the faith and practice of this church.

### SECTION 2. Candidacy

Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership in the Bradley Street Baptist Church fellowship in any of the following ways:



- a. By public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and agree to be baptized by immersion.
- b. By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Baptist church of like faith and practice.
- c. By restoration upon statement of a prior conversion experience and baptism by immersion.

The Pastor, after examining the candidate, shall present the candidate to the church for membership action. Membership shall be by 3/4 majority vote of the members present and voting by either voice or show of hands.

### SECTION 3. Expectation of Membership

1. Faithfulness in worship and attendance.
2. Faithfulness in service of at least one ministry of church life.
3. Faithfulness in giving, with the tithe being the minimum (The Law of Moses should not make a faithful Jew more liberal with his money in God's service than the grace of Jesus Christ makes a faithful Christian).
4. Every member shall be expected to be an instrument of Christian love within the family of God. Such Christian love denotes the removal of gossip, rumor, ill-will, jealousy, etc. Each member shall seek the well-being of the other. When there is a difference of opinion each member shall go to the member with whom there is a disagreement and seek to rectify the differences through finding the mind of Christ.
5. Every member shall be expected to conduct themselves ethically and morally as becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### SECTION 4. Voting Rights of Members

Every member of the church is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church in conference (business meetings) provided that the member is present in good standing. (Attendance: 1 Sunday in 30 days, except for sickness over 30 days.)

### SECTION 5. Inactive Members

Church members who have been absent from all church services for more than twelve (12) months consecutively, unless prevented by personal illness or by serving in America's Armed Services, will be placed on an inactive roll and will lose all voting privileges.

### SECTION 6. Termination of Membership

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) death, (2) dismissal to another Baptist church, (3) expulsion by action of the church, (4) dismissal by erasure in case of transfer to another denomination or at the personal request of that member.

### SECTION 7. Discipline

(A) It shall be the basic purpose of this church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The Pastor and Deacons are available for counsel and guidance. Redemption rather than punishment should be the guideline which governs the attitude of one member toward another.

(B) Should some serious condition exist which would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, every reasonable measure will be taken by the Pastor and by the Deacons to resolve the problem. All such proceedings shall be pervaded by a spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance. But, finding that the welfare of the church will be best served by the exclusion of the member, the church may take this action by a 3/4 majority vote of the members present at the meeting called for this purpose; and the church may proceed to declare the offender excluded from the membership of the church.

(C) Any person whose membership has been terminated for any condition which has made it necessary for the church to exclude him; may upon his request be restored to membership by a simple majority vote upon evidence of his repentance and reformation.



## SECTION 8. Licensing

Any member of the church who gives evidence that he is called of God to the work of the ministry may, by simple majority vote of the church, at any church business meeting, be licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Each candidate must have been counseled and recommended by the Pastor. If the Pastor deems it necessary, five (5) deacons may be called for advice in the matter. It is understood that the performance of civil duties by the one licensed shall be governed by the State law.

## SECTION 9. Ordaining

If any member of the church gives evidence that he is called of God to the work of the ministry, and has met the requirements of I Timothy 3:1-7, the Pastor shall call a counsel of five (5) deacons to examine the qualifications of the candidate and advise the church as to the ordaining of the candidate to the Gospel ministry. Each candidate must be counseled by the Pastor and counsel of five (5) deacons. Upon approval by a simple majority vote of the church, the candidate shall be ordained by the church, according to the church policy.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SECTION 1. Church Officers

All officers set forth in this constitution shall be elected by the church.

### SECTION 2. The Pastor

(A) The Pastor shall be called for an indefinite period, and shall be at liberty to resign the care of the church upon giving thirty (30) days notice of his intention; and the church shall have the right to dispense of his services upon giving similar notice. No Pastor can be dismissed without good and just reasons. When a Pastor is dismissed, the church will pay the Pastor thirty (30) days regular and thirty (30) days severance pay.

(B) The call of the Pastor shall take place at a meeting especially set for that purpose of which at least one week's notice has been given to the membership. The election shall be upon the recommendation of a special committee appointed by the church to seek out and nominate a cooperating Missionary Baptist minister of the Gospel whose Christian character and qualifications fit him for the office of Pastor of this church. The committee shall bring only one name at a time for consideration of the church, and no nomination shall be made except that of the committee. Election shall be by ballot with an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those present and voting necessary for a call. The meeting shall be adjourned without debate.

(C) The Pastor shall have in charge the welfare and oversight of the church; he shall be ex-officio member of all organizations; he may call a special meeting of the deacons or any committee to procedures which may be set forth in the By-Laws; he shall conduct religious services on stated and special occasions, administer the ordinances, minister to the members of the church and community, and perform other duties that usually pertain to that office; he shall have special charge of the pulpit ministry of the church, and shall arrange for workers to assist in revival meetings and other special services. The Pastor shall preside at all meetings of the church. He shall have the right to arrange and approve and supervise the hiring or dismissal of the paid workers of the church.

(D) The Pastor shall have charge of securing evangelists and speakers for special meetings, no one may invite anyone in to minister in this church without the Pastor's personal approval.

(E) The Pastor shall serve as Moderator in all church business meetings and shall be bound by the Constitution and By-Laws of the church and shall follow Roberts Rules of Order. The Moderator may vote only in case of a tie vote.



(F) Pulpit Committee Selection. Within fourteen (14) days of the vacancy of the pulpit, the church Nominating Committee, with the approval of the deacons, shall submit to the church a slate of ten (10) names. Within seven (7) days after the candidates have been submitted, the church by written ballot, shall select five (5) of the candidates having the highest number of votes for the committee. Voting shall take place after the Sunday night worship service. The chairman shall be selected by the committee. The Pulpit Committee shall be in charge with filling the pulpit for each worship service until either an interim or permanent Pastor is elected by the church.

(G) Pastor Contract. Details for revivals, vacations, study, leave, etc., shall be drawn up in written contract by the Pulpit Committee at the time of the call of the Pastor and adopted by church action. The church shall be informed of the contract details one week prior to the date of the vote on the proposed call of the Pastor.

### SECTION 3. Deacons

(A) In accordance with the meaning of the work and practice of the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church and not overseers and policemen over the Pastor. The task of the deacon is to help the Pastor in performing the pastoral ministries tasks; proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers; care for church members and other persons in the community; lead the church to engage in fellowship and worship, witness, education, ministry, and application; and lead the church by word and example in performing its tasks. Every deacon is expected to attend the regular services of the church and faithfully participate in the weekly organized Visitation and Soul-Winning effort of the church, and to be faithful in the watch-care over those church members entrusted to him by the church and the Pastor. He should tithe scripturally.

(B) The deacons will meet monthly, on a Monday night following the first Sunday of the month and just preceeding the regular monthly business meeting of the church. Special deacons meeting may be called by the Pastor and/or the chairman of deacons.

(C) A deacon must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.

(D) Deacons must strive to meet every Biblical requirement of his office.

(E) There shall be at least seven (7) deacons serving at all times. As the church grows, there will be at least one (1) deacon added for each one hundred (100) active members above three hundred (300) members.

(F) Deacons may be elected for three (3) years. No deacon shall serve longer than three (3) years, but may be eligible for re-election after a lapse of one (1) year. A deacon must be a member of Bradley Street Baptist Church for at least one (1) year.

(G) When there is a vacancy on the Deacon's Committee because of death, forfeiture of office, moved out of town or the ending of the term, the Deacon's Committee and the Pastor shall make recommendation to the church for filling the vacancy.

(H) If a deacon fails to discharge the duties of his office, without good and sufficient reason, the matter shall, after investigation, be brought before the church.

### SECTION 4. Trustees

There shall be three Trustees elected to serve as long as they are in good standing of Bradley Street Baptist Church and who, in the opinion of the Pastor and Deacons are able to exercise the duties of their office.

The Trustees shall hold the title to the church properties and shall perform such duties as are required by law, subject to the approval of the church.

### SECTION 5. The Church Clerk

The clerk shall be elected annually. It shall be the duty to attend, or be represented at all church business meetings, to keep an accurate record of all business transactions, to



prepare the annual associational letter and to notify all messengers of their election or appointment. He shall issue letters of dismissal as authorized by the church, preserve all papers and valuable letters and records that belong to the church. It shall also be the duty of the clerk to see that an accurate roll of the church membership is kept with dates and methods of admission and dismissal, change in name, correct mailing addresses and other pertinent information.

#### SECTION 6. The Church Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected annually. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, keep in bank, and disburse by check upon proper authority all money or things of value that are given to the church, and keep at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; rendering regular account to the church to be preserved by the church clerk. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance committee. He shall make an itemized account of the income and expenses of the preceeding month at the monthly business meeting.

#### SECTION 7. The Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary shall be elected annually. It shall be the responsibility of the Financial Secretary to keep a record of all pledges, to collect the envelopes and record proper credits. Make available personal financial statements to each member personally immediately after the close of the financial year.

#### SECTION 8. The Officers, Directors, Superintendents, Teachers, Leaders and Church Staff.

All Church Officers, Superintendents, Teachers, and Church Staff (hereafter referred to as Leaders) must meet the following conditions:

1. Must be a born-again Christian.
2. Must be a member in good standing of Bradley Street Baptist Church.
3. Must believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God.
4. Must be faithful in all services of the church and special services such as revivals, special meetings, etc., and also meetings designed primarily for their own department work.
5. Must be a faithful tither to this church.
6. Must strive to meet the "Biblical Standard" for Christian Workers. (See supplement I page 13)
7. Must obey those in authority over them to the best of their abilities, and without murmuring.
8. Must refrain from negative criticism.
9. Must follow their job descriptions. (Written and verbal)
10. Must be true to their commital. (See Supplement II pages 13, 14)

#### SECTION 9. The Church Staff

The Church Staff shall be hired by the Pastor and paid by the Church as budgeted.

#### SECTION 10. Committees

All committees shall be appointed and dissolved by the Pastor and the Deacons.

### ARTICLE IX. Church Government

#### SECTION 1.

The government of this church shall be congregational in nature and shall be vested in the membership.

#### SECTION 2.

Church business meetings shall be held each month. Special meetings for business may be called at any time by the Pastor and/or Chairman of Deacons.



## SECTION 3.

The Pastor, or in his absence, the Chairman of Deacons shall act as Moderator of all business meetings of the Church.

## SECTION 4.

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep order and in case the church is equally divided on any question, he shall give the deciding vote or table the motion.

## SECTION 5.

The meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

## SECTION 6.

A motion before the church must be disposed of before another motion can be entertained, unless the motion to amend, postpone, or adjourn, or call for the previous question.

## SECTION 7.

The moderator may speak on any question by calling on any brother to preside in his place.

## SECTION 8.

Every member who wishes to speak must rise and be recognized by the Moderator before speaking. Only church members who are eligible to vote will be allowed to speak.

## SECTION 9.

The church in business meeting shall entertain no proposition for discussion which has not been presented on motion of one member and seconded by another.

## SECTION 10.

All questions shall be decided by the vote of a majority, other sections notwithstanding.

## SECTION 11.

A quorum shall consist of not less than 10% of the active members.

## ARTICLE X.

## SECTION 1. Finances

(A) A budget will be presented to the church annually with certain monies budgeted to the several different ministries, projects, causes, etc., of the church. Upon the adoption of this budget by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present and voting, the directors of the several different ministries, projects, causes, etc., will be at liberty to use the monies allotted them by the budget to finance their responsibilities. However, they are required to be discreet and careful in their spending.

(B) The system of finance to be used by the church shall be known as the "Unified Budget" system, whereby weekly offerings are received from the people to be applied toward the Unified Budget for the defraying of all expenses as provided in the Budget.

(C) The tithes and offerings of the people will be received at the Sunday School and Worship services, and may be brought to any meeting of the organizations, or be mailed to the church.

(D) No Sunday School class or department or any inter-church organization shall withhold any sum whatsoever from the tithes and offerings brought to the Lord and His church which are given for the Unified Budget.

(E) The church will provide each church member and person enrolled in Sunday School offering envelopes in which the Unified Budget offerings are to be placed. No class sec-



retary shall open these envelopes, but may record the amounts indicated on the envelopes. All envelopes shall be turned in to the General Secretary, who in turn will give them to the Treasurer and the counting committee.

(F) No Sunday School Class, Department, Union or other inter-church organization shall engage in any fund raising projects until first cleared by the Pastor. No Sunday School Class, Department, Union or other inter-church organization shall be allowed to keep a separate treasury unless approved by the Pastor.

(G) All loose offerings at the worship services, and other undesignated offerings, shall become a part of the Unified Budget Offerings.

## SECTION 2 Designated Gifts

The use of the "Unified Budget" system shall not be construed as a prohibition or refusal of special or undesignated gifts. All such designated gifts shall be faithfully forwarded to the Church Treasurer and he in turn to the agency or cause for which specified.

## ARTICLE XI. Meetings

### SECTION 1.

This church shall hold regular meetings for worship, teaching and training and fellowship.

### SECTION 2.

The church shall meet regularly every Lord's Day for the public worship of Almighty God.

### SECTION 3.

The church shall meet once each week, at least, for prayer to Almighty God.

### SECTION 4.

Church business meetings shall be held each month of the calendar year. Special meetings for business may be called by the Pastor and/or the Chairman of Deacons.

### SECTION 5.

Any member holding meetings outside the church for the purpose of discussing church business, teachers, workers, officers, pastor or staff will be brought before the church for discipline.

### SECTION 6.

Other meetings of the church as a whole, or of authorized groups within the church, may be set according to the needs of the congregation.

## ARTICLE XII. Discipline

### SECTION 1.

In all cases of personal difficulty between members of the Church, the parties involved shall endeavor to bring about a reconciliation in the manner set down by our Saviour and recorded in Matthew 5:23,24, and 18:15, 16.

### SECTION 2.

When a member is accused of any offense against the requirements and discipline of the church, the deacons shall at once give notice to the persons implicated, and shall proceed immediately to investigate it. Should the investigation result in favor of the accused or should the person remove the cause of the grief, the deacons shall make no report to the church.



## SECTION 3.

In every case in which a member is charged with an offense that would subject him or her to expulsion, the deacons shall invite such a one to meet them and hear the charges and offer such explanation and evidence as may be desired. After hearing all, the deacons shall by themselves express a judgment with recommendations to the church. The accused shall be duly notified of their proposed action, and the church shall adopt or reject their recommendations without discussion, unless the accused demands a re-hearing; in which manner as before the deacons. Any member who desires may upon his own responsibility bring charges directly before the church.

## SECTION 4.

If any member shall hold and disseminate views of doctrine considered by the church unscriptural and hurtful, or shall be the cause of strife and division, and, after the proper labor to reclaim him, he still persists in the harmful practice; it shall be considered a disciplinary offense.

## ARTICLE XIII. Auxiliary Organizations

## SECTION 1.

All auxiliary organizations must be authorized by the church at a regular business meeting, and must be subject to the church and the Pastor.

## SECTION 2.

All auxiliary organizations shall make full report to the church at the monthly business meeting and annually a written report tabulating their year's work.

## ARTICLE XIV. Adoptions and Amendments

## SECTION 1.

This constitution shall be considered adopted and in immediate effect if and when two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the business meeting at which vote is taken, shall vote in favor. Announcement of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken shall be given at least one week in advance.

## SECTION 2.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular business meeting of the church; provided, however, that such amendment shall have been given to the clerk in writing; and the proposed change shall have been presented to the church at least thirty (30) days prior to the time the vote is taken.

## ARTICLE XV. Rule of Order

## SECTION 1

Guide of Parliamentary Procedures: The Church shall use for its guide in Parliamentary Procedures "Robert's Rules of Order."

## SECTION 2

## Order of Business

- A. Meeting called to order.
- B. Scripture and prayer.
- C. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- D. Treasurer's Report.
- E. Directors and Committees Reports.
- F. Unfinished Business.
- G. New Business.
- H. Adjournment; close with prayer.



## SUPPLEMENT I. Bible Standards

For teachers, superintendents, leaders, youth workers, and all those who serve in a ministering capacity of Bradley Street Baptist Church.

1. All must be saved, baptized, and loyal member of the church.
2. All must believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
3. All must put Christ and His Church first in their life.
4. God's Word insists on separation from worldly practices. I John 2:15,17; Romans 12:1,2; I Corinthians 6:14-17; The Bible says "Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all for the glory of God", if it doesn't glorify God; DON'T!
5. All must be faithful to all services of the church on Sundays, Wednesday nights, revival meetings, etc. (Every pupil is watching their example.)
6. All must believe in and practice tithing. (At least one tenth (1/10) of one's income to the Lord's work through his/her church.)
7. All must agree never to participate in gossip, slander, or critical speech about others. Any leader, teacher, superintendent, etc., airing their disagreement or venting their anger before their class or group, toward another person, church standards, promotions, or anything else, will be allowed to resign.
8. All should have a passion for souls and be actively engaged in the regular church-wide soul-winning program and visitation, and to inspire others to do so.
9. Christian leaders must develop right priorities. Therefore, they are expected to attend all class, officers, and departmental meetings. Each leader should be enthusiastic in the job and should have a burden and concern for their class or department (Philippians 2:14-16).
10. Promotion is a means of reaching the un-churched and the lost of our city. Therefore, all are expected to enter into all promotion efforts at all times. The secret of a strong organization is unity and cooperation (I Corinthians 9:17-27).
11. Each teacher, with the help of class officers, is responsible for their class. The teacher is expected to visit and help build a strong class. Every teacher should be enthusiastic and concerned for the class and each member and prospect. (I Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16)
12. It is expected of every one of Christ's servants to be saved, baptized, a loyal member of the church, who are scripturally correct, and separated from worldly activities. Each should be actively engaged in working, visiting, loving, caring, and being an example. This will build strong character, strong churches, strong Sunday Schools, and great classes for the glory of the Lord Jesus.

## SUPPLEMENT II. Questionnaire and Commitment For All Prospective Leaders

Considering the great responsibility of those leading and serving in the Lord's work, you are asked to prayerfully answer the following questions, "Yes", or "No".

1. Do you believe leaders should set the example before others by being faithful to:
  - A. The Sunday morning and Evening Church services;
  - B. The special meetings for their department or group;
  - C. The Wednesday night Church Service and Prayer Meeting;
  - D. The special services, such as Revivals, Bible Conferences, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe leaders should seek to win the lost at all times? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe leaders should support the Visitation program of their church through Soul-winning and absentee visitation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe leaders should be loyal to the church's program of outreach (Sunday School campaigns etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you believe leaders should be tithers to their church? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you believe leaders should pray for their church and its leaders and refrain from any negative criticism of them? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe leaders should consider the Pastor as the man of God and stand behind him and support him 100%? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you believe leaders should participate in daily personal devotions for the strengthening of their own personal life? \_\_\_\_\_



9. Do you believe leaders should strive to live a Holy Spirit filled life, and never engage in any practice which might grieve the Holy Spirit?

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10. Do you believe the Bible is God's Holy inspired Word?

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11. Do you believe leaders should resign in a kindly Christian spirit if, and when they can no longer agree with the church's convictions and philosophy?

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If I am selected to serve as a leader, I agree to be loyal to my answers as stated above.

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