



SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
JULY 13, 2003

EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

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Homecoming Sunday
Sunday, July 13th, 2003



William Murray



Rev. Tom Elam



Rev. Tal Thompson



Dr. Calvin Bailey



Rev. Rich Liner



Dr. Charles Fuller



Harry Cowan



Eddie Shelton



Dr. John Edmund Haggai



Christine Anderson

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Dedicated In Loving Memory
To Our Pastor And Friend

Rev. J. Charlie Monk
1913 - 2002
Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church
1992-1995

"He Arrived Home Before Dark"



Dr. Robert E. Jones
Pastor

Welcome from the Pastor

Greetings in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus,

On behalf of our congregation I want to welcome you to our 75th Anniversary Celebration. We are so pleased you have joined us for this special time in the history of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. Each of you represents the church's ministry down through the years, and your presence adds to the success of our celebration. I trust you will enjoy the times of worship and fellowship together during these days.

While this 75th Anniversary is a time to celebrate the past, it also is a time to look forward. We pray for and anticipate an exciting and vibrant ministry in the future. Our celebration this month marks more than the end of 75 years of ministry in Bristol; it inaugurates the new beginning of ministry designed to exalt the Savior, evangelize the sinner, and equip the saint. The future is bright because Jesus is, and always will be, the Light of the world and the hope of all mankind.

Thanks again for celebrating with us. May you know the Lord's richest blessings in the days to come.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Jones".

Robert E. Jones, Pastor

Church Directory

Our Church Staff



Dr. Robert E. Jones
Pastor



Evan Edwards
Minister of Music

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Secretary | Janice Yeager | Church Hostesses | Jonnie Cole |
| Part-time Secretary | Bernice Dunn | | Verna Hayes |
| Organist | Pam Tilley | Childcare Workers | Connie Hall |
| Pianist | Shirlene Coffey | | Glenda Hall |
| Custodian | Eddie Worley | | Sharon Young |
| Lawncare | Jack Linder | | |

General Officers & Department Directors

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| Moderator | Ted Ellis | Sunday School Directors | Tom Akers |
| Assistant Moderator | Jack Dutton | | Dean Miller |
| Church Clerk | Tim Buchanan | Brotherhood Director | Charlie Beach |
| Assistant Clerk | Miss Nancy Brown | W.M.U. Director | Ruth Keller |
| Church Treasurer | Lewis Mock | Mission Liaison | Carla Rickard |
| Assistant Treasurer | Vi Phillips | Associational Rep | Henry Cross |
| Deacon Chairman | Jim Hall | Church Media Director | Miss Nancy Brown |
| Usher Chairman | Jim O'Dell | | |

Trustees

Bob Brown, Walter Conley, Alvin Denton, Jim Hall, Jerry Hyatt

Ordained Deacons

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| Tom Akers + | Max Dolinger | Floyd Jones | Clyde Rouse |
| Harry Bailey | Jack Dutton | Fred Keller + | Alan Sharrett + |
| Charlie Beach | Bob Edwards + | Larry Litz + | Vernon Sharrett |
| Tom Bowers | Ted Ellis + | David Matney + | Eddie Shelton |
| Bob Brown + | Ralph "Hoot" Gibson + | Dean Miller | Ron Simmons |
| Tim Buchanan + | Charles A. Godsey | Valen Miller + | Harvey Spence + |
| Martin Burklow + | James Hager | Ralph Mills + | Jim Thayer + |
| Jack Coffey | Jim Hall + | Lewis Mock | Bill Thomas |
| Walter Conley | Larry Hall + | David Monk + | Brooks Wagner |
| Norman Cowan | Tom Haws + | Lamar M. Nicely | Ralph Whitaker |
| Henry Cross | Charlie Hicks | Jim O'Dell | Tom Yates + |
| Maynard Cumbow | Jerry Hyatt | Ralph Parrott | Dean Yates + |
| Alvin Denton | | | |

+ Active Deacons 2003-4

Anniversary Schedule

Saturday, July 5

10:00am - 2:00pm Neighborhood Block Party

Sunday, July 6

11:00am - Patriotic Service with Mr. William J. Murray

7:00pm - A Patriotic Celebration presented by the Music Ministry

Saturday, July 12

9:00am - 3:00pm - Historical Exhibits

5:00pm - 75th Anniversary Banquet with Dr. Calvin Bailey

Rev. Tom Elam & Rev. Tal Thompson, Emcees

Holiday Inn Convention Center, I-81

Sunday, July 13

Homecoming Day

9:30am - Early Service with Dr. Rich Liner

Dr. Calvin Bailey, Rev. E.W. Ely, Rev. Doug Cather

Music: Mr. Eric Hicks & Mr. Harry Cowan

10:45am - Homecoming Service with Dr. Charles Fuller
Celebration Choir under the Direction of Mr. Harry Cowan

12:15pm - Lunch in Fellowship Hall

2:00pm - Singspiration Service with Mr. Eddie Shelton

Afternoon - Historical Exhibits

Sunday, July 20

8:00am - Men's Breakfast with Dr. John Edmund Haggai

11:00am - Worship Service with Dr. John Edmund Haggai

Friday, July 25 & Saturday July 26

Handbell Director's Roundtable & Regional Handbell Workshop
Under the Direction of Mrs. Christine Anderson

Sunday, July 27

11:00am - Morning Worship with Pastor, Dr. Robert E. Jones

6:30pm - Handbell Concert with Mrs. Christine Anderson

Biographies

Mr. William J. Murray - Sunday, July 6th, 2003 - 11am

William J. Murray is chairman of the Washington D.C. based Religious Freedom Coalition, an organization dedicated to the restoration of religious freedom in the United States. As the leading authority on school prayer, Murray has appeared on numerous national TV and radio shows and speaks at over two hundred events each year. A widely read Christian author, Murray's newly updated autobiography, *My Life without God*, has sold over 500,000 copies, while in print for over 15 years.

Dr. Calvin Bailey - Saturday, July 12th, 2003

Dr. Bailey served as Euclid's seventh pastor from 1959 to 1972, the longest tenure of any pastor. The new worship center & educational facility was realized during his ministry and a radio broadcast was begun on WOPI. Membership & church finances also steadily increased during his watch. Bailey later served at Pittsburgh & Paoli Baptist Churches in Pennsylvania, Friendship Baptist in Conn. & Fifth Avenue in Knoxville. He has served as president of the Penn-South Jersey Convention and extensively traveled on Partnership Mission Trips throughout the world. He is married to Ruth and has 2 children.

Dr. Rich Liner - Sunday, July 13th, 2003 - 9:30am

Following ministering as an associate pastor in Greeneville, TN and at the massive Dallas First Baptist Church, Dr. Liner served as pastor of Euclid from 1972 to 1978. During his successful tenure the church membership topped 2,000 & Sunday School enrollment reached 1,100. *The Victory In Jesus Hour* was broadcast over WOPI and Liner led "Daily Devotions" over WCYB TV twice daily. Discipleship training, additional staff and a *Shepherds Seminar* in 1977 are a few of the results of his youthful ministry. Dr. Liner since has pastored First Baptist - Hendersonville NC & First Baptist - Sevierville TN. He is married to Barbara and has two children, Noel & Joshua.

Mr. Harry Cowan - Sunday, July 13th, 2003 - 10:45am

A native of Bristol, Harry began his ministry at Euclid Avenue in 1955. Following his tenure in Bristol he has served in five churches as Minister of Music, in Louisville KY, Decatur AL and 24 successful years at First Baptist Church, New Orleans LA. In 1990 he established Upbeat Distribution Co., as a consultant for church & school music, while serving as Minister of Music at Lakeview Baptist Church, New Orleans since 1991. He is married to Carolyn, and has one daughter, Rebecca.

Dr. Charles Fuller - Sunday July 13th, 2003 - 10:45am

Dr. Fuller has pastored two Baptist Churches in Virginia for over 47 years, most recently retired as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke Virginia. Dr. Fuller has worked in numerous prominent capacities in the Southern Baptist Convention, serving as the president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, chairman of the North American Mission Board, and gained national recognition as chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Peace Committee. He has spoken from the Euclid pulpit numerous times.

Mr. Eddie Shelton - Sunday, July 13th, 2003 - 2:00pm

A longtime member of Euclid, Eddie is a deacon, choir member and a tenor in the Bristol Concert Choir. Eddie has participated in choirs, quartets & ensembles for the past 44 years. Retired as the Abingdon Postmaster, he has served as the Minister of Music at Bradley Street Baptist & supply music director at EABC. In his current Southern Gospel Music Ministry he performs approximately 140 programs each year, some of which he performs with his daughter, Christie. He is married to Elaine, and has two children, Jon & Christie.

Dr. John Edmund Haggai - Sunday, July 20th, 2003 - 11:00am

An alumnus of Moody Bible Institute and Furman University, Dr. Haggai has pastored four churches and held crusades around the world. In 1969 he established The Haggai Institute to mobilize nationals to reach their own people for Christ, which has more than 42,000 alumni in 166 countries. Despite extraordinary family demands and an international ministry he is a noted author, speaker & statesman that has influenced evangelism around the world. He is married to Christine, who is a noted musician, and a former member of Euclid.

Mrs. Christine Anderson - July 25th 27th, 2003

Christine is the National Handbell Consultant for Lifeway Church Resources, and editor of the music magazine, "Handbells". She has directed handbell choirs at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston's First Baptist Church, and presently directs the Mountain Chimers in Fraizer Park, California. Christine has taught and performed all across America and in over 20 countries worldwide. She is a festival conductor, workshop clinician, and concert solo handbell artist.

Homecoming Sunday

Order of Service

Sunday, July 13th, 2003
9:30am Service

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| Prelude | "Beneath Thy Wings O'ershading" | Mr. Eric D. Hicks |
| Welcome | | Dr. Robert Jones Pastor, E.A.B.C. |
| Hymn of Worship, 334 | "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" | |
| Reflections of Euclid | | Mr. Eric D. Hicks E.A.B.C. Music Director, 1992 - 1999 |
| Euclid Men's Ensemble | "God Of Our Praise" | |
| Greetings | | Dr. Calvin Bailey E.A.B.C. Former Pastor, 1959 - 1972 |
| Reflections of Euclid | | Rev. E.W. Ely Ordained by E.A.B.C., 1943 Retired Pastor, Bradley Street Baptist |
| Offertory Prayer | | Mr. Jim Hall E.A.B.C. Deacon Chairman |
| Special Music | | Mr. Harry L. Cowan E.A.B.C. Music Director, 1955 - 1956 |
| Reflections of Euclid | | Rev. Doug Cather Ordained by E.A.B.C., 1945 Retired, S.B.C. Foreign Missionary - Africa |
| Speaker | | Dr. Rich Liner E.A.B.C. Former Pastor, 1972 - 1978 |
| Closing Remarks & Prayer | | Dr. Robert Jones |

Order of Service
Sunday, July 13th, 2003
10:45am Service

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| Prelude | Mrs. Pam Tilley, Organist |
| Call To Worship | "Come Christians Join to Sing" Celebration Choir Under the Direction of Mr. Harry Cowan E.A.B.C Music Director, 1955 - 1956 |
| Hymn Medley 2, 3 & 4 | "Holy, Holy, Holy" "Worthy of Worship" "To God Be The Glory" |
| Prayer and Welcome | Dr. Robert Jones Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church |
| Recognition of 75th Anniversary Guests | Mr. Tim L. Buchanan 75th Anniversary Committee Chairman |
| Presentation | Senator, William Wampler |
| *Hymn 210 | "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Dr. C. Douglas Smith, trumpet |
| Sharing Through Song | "Redeeming Grace" Mrs. Mary O'Dell Ashmore, soloist |
| Hymn 144 | "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" |
| Offertory Prayer | Dr. John F. Keller Ordained by E.A.B.C. 1971 |
| Offertory | Mrs. Sherry Burklow Sangster, Marimba solo <i>In Memory of Mrs. Frances Sively O'Dell</i> |
| Sharing Through Song | "The Majesty And Glory Of Your Name" Celebration Choir |
| Message | Dr. Charles Fuller Pastor Emeritus - First Baptist Church, Roanoke |
| Hymn of Response 321 | "The Savior is Waiting" |
| Anniversary Photograph | Mr. Kyle Reedy |
| Benediction | Dr. Robert Jones, pastor |
| Choral Response | "If I Be Lifted Up" Celebration Choir |
| Postlude | Instrumentalists |

* Children Depart For Children's Church - Ages 4 Years - 2nd Grade

To My Euclid Family:

You will never know how much you mean to us and have remembered to pray for you down through the years. We often talk about our years at Euclid and enjoy hearing how the Lord is prospering the church. I know the coming days will be as bright as those in the past and the Bailey family looks forward to spending time with you during Euclid's special 75th Anniversary. That's all Doyle has talked about for many months. It's a privilege to be a part of such an event. We love you and will love you right on down the road as we look to Jesus for His coming.

Dr. Calvin Bailey

Pastor 1959 - 1972

My dear and beloved friends:

Congratulations on 75 years of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, and the world. The Apostle Paul reflects my thoughts when he wrote to the church in Philippi; "May God bless you all. I pray that Jesus Christ will give each of you His fullest blessings, and His peace in your hearts and your lives. All my prayers for you are full of praise to God! When I pray for you my heart is full of joy because of all your wonderful help in making known the good news about Christ from the time you first heard until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns. Much love, prayers, and appreciation,

Dr. Rich Liner

Euclid Pastor 1972 - 1978

To the wonderful folks at Euclid Avenue,

We send you our greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I told you many times, I believe your best years are in the future and will be for the glory of God. Pray much and work in the Spirit, and expect the blessings of our mighty God. In Christian love,

Rev. Jim & Joanne Best

Euclid Pastor 1999 - 2001

On September 8, 1971 I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Euclid Avenue. Rev Raymond Smith & Rev Calvin Bailey were instrumental in mentoring and guiding me through my youth at Euclid. Today, at the First Baptist Church of Hilton, there is seldom a Sunday that goes by that I do not mention the valuable lessons I learned at Euclid. Our church members and visitors alike have visited your church after having heard my stories. The importance of your contribution to my ministry and life along with my parents and grandparents can only be measured in the light of our Lord's heaven. Thanks for all your love and prayers

through these many years and your faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ! In Calvary's Tie.

Dr. John F. Keller

Ordained at EABC - 1971

Pastor, Hilton Head Baptist, Hilton Head, S.C.

Our involvement at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was during my critical formative years in Virginia High and King College. I appreciate very much the nurturing spiritual environment Euclid's vibrant youth group provided along with the sound preaching and pastoral leadership of Rev Raymond Smith. We were creatively engaged in serious Bible study, fellowship, outreach ministries, worship, and training for a lifetime of Christian service. Our family also very much appreciates the support of Euclid while we served under the FMB as a missionary physician in Indonesia from 1971 until 1991. Our solid Baptist heritage prepared us well also for continuing our missionary service there until 2001. We value our many friends from Euclid and cherish fond recollections of our spiritual development with you.

Peggy & Eugene Ruble, MD

Led at EABC - 1957

Medical Missionaries to Indonesia

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary! It hardly seems possible that it has been 50 years since we were celebrating the 25th anniversary while serving at Euclid as Music & Education director! It has been a joy serving the Lord during these ensuring years in the pastorate and now as missionaries with Source of Light - God has been so good to us. We have seen many accept Christ as Savior as well as many serving the Lord in full-time ministries. Our time at Euclid were years of beneficial training under the leadership of Pastor Raymond Smith, and we have happy memories of our ministry there. We are looking forward to meeting old friends as well as new ones in July!

Ralph & Melva Davidson

Minister of Music 1952 - 1954

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the Glorious Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! On behalf of your state convention, The Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, we extend to you our sincere best wishes and congratulations on the very special occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church in Bristol. Since your beginning God has indeed blessed and used your congregation as a lighthouse, not only in Virginia, but also throughout the world by your faithful witness and sacrificial giving. We are truly thankful to God for your strong stand for biblical truth, and your willingness not only to proclaim the gospel of Christ, but

Greetings

also to consistently live before others in such a way that they may see Christ in you. Please know that we rejoice with you today of what God has done through you. Know also that we will continue to pray that His richest blessings will be upon you this day and in the days to come. We cherish your continued friendship and are very grateful for your faithful financial support through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. Your friend in Christ,

H. Doyle Chauncey
Executive Director, Southern Baptist
Conservatives of Virginia

I am looking forward to being back at Euclid and reliving the precious memories Herman and I enjoyed with this great church and people. Herman was ordained at Euclid and served as Associate Minister in Music, Education & Youth in 1939 & 1940 under the leadership of Dr. Paul Roberts. He also had a daily devotional program on WOPI radio. The announcer for these programs was none other than Tennessee Ernie Ford. After Herman and I were married at Euclid in 1940, he served as Pastor in Honaker, VA; Bluefield, VA; and Norfolk, VA. We were grateful to Dr. Paul Roberts (Paul, as they affectionately called him) who served as our mentor. Paul supported us in our ministry, working together in revivals, conferences, etc. We have two daughters, Pat and Judy. Pat and her husband, Jim, live in Yorktown, and have two children, Jim Jr. and Amanda, and two grandchildren, Grand and Kaylee. Judy and her husband, Michael, live in Suffolk, and have two children, Connie & Scott, and three grandchildren, Gabrielle, Rachel and Michael. We are indeed blessed! The Lord called Herman home in December, 1993. I want to express my appreciation to all those who made this Homecoming weekend possible.

Margaret Barker Mauch
Daughter of Jeter & Cordia Barker, Charter Mbrs
Rev. Herman Mauch, Associate Pastor 1939 - 1940

Greetings to Euclid Avenue. I'm sorry the distance is so far, or else I would join you for this great day, but I will be there in spirit! I am grateful and overjoyed that I had the opportunity of being with the McBirnie Evangelistic team, especially the meeting in Bristol, VA. Euclid cooperated with the tent meeting, and I had the privilege of knowing Pastor Paul Roberts, participate in your radio ministry and being a member of your church for a short time. Euclid licensed my brother & also ordained Robert (Bob) McBirnie to the ministry. Bob was in the Lord's service as a pastor, serving in seminaries etc., until the Lord recently called him home. It's been 63 years since we had the Bible

Conference in the tent that seated 5,000, and the tent was full every night! God Bless you for your untiring labor for our Lord. I'm sure this will be a time at Euclid that will never be forgotten. With Love in the Savior.

Marian F (Ashmun) Estep
Former Secretary, McBirnie Evangelistic Ministry
Co-Founder - World Prophetic Ministry
The King is Coming Telecast, Colton California

Greetings to the Members of Euclid Avenue: Judy and I regret that we are unable to attend the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the church. We know that this will be a special time for you. We enjoyed our time serving with you between 1985 and 1990 and as a family we still have positive memories & friendships that continue today. Judy and I are in Athens, TN where I serve as Director of Missions for the McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists, Inc. Judy is involved with the work in the Association as well as being active with the WMU at our church, First Baptist, Athens. Our children, David & Ann, are both married and have two sons each. David is a family physician with sports medicine emphasis in a Christian-oriented family medicine clinic in Tampa, FL. He is married to Beth and have two sons, Joshua age 7 and Jonathan age 5. Ann, a graduate of Carson Newman & Southern Seminary, is a stay at home mom caring for two sons, Aaron age 3 & Eric age 6 months. Faron, Ann's husband, is a graduate of Southern Seminary and pastor of Tunnel Road Baptist in Elizabethtown, KY. All in the Luck family send you greetings on this special occasion and a special prayer that God will continue to bless the ministry at Euclid for many years to come.

Rev. E. Ray Luck
Associate Pastor 1985 - 1990

We remember Euclid Avenue for so many things: The wonderful leadership and love of Bro. Raymond Smith & his family. The Youth Choir trip to sing at the new Eagle Eyrie State Assembly the first summer it was opened. The honors our Adult & Youth Choir received at the State Music Festival in Abingdon. The joy of working with excellent musicians Peggy Henley & Francis O'Dell. The wonderful, committed children's (Juniors) workers Pat had in Sunday School. The many friends who have kept in contact with us through the years. We remember and cherish our time with you. Thank you, Euclid, for your love & support. Congratulations on your 75th Anniversary!

Eldon & Pat Boone
Minister of Music 1957 - 1959

Congratulations on 75 years of ministry in Bristol. Many people have been touched by you and I pray that many more people will come to know Jesus Christ by this wonderful church. I must say that I am truly honored to have served as minister of music for some seven plus years and I would like to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve during that time. As I reflect back on those days, my heart is touched by memories of many special people that I met and served with during my ministry at Euclid. I pray that God will truly use this congregation in a very special way to reach out to the community in Bristol for many, many years to come. Keep up the good work and thanks for allowing me to participate in this special celebration!

Eric D. Hicks

Minister of Music 1992 - 1999

My family and I moved from Bristol in 1965 to Old Hickory, Tennessee. I began serving First Baptist as Minister of Music and Education. During my tenure at F.B.C. I served as Associate Pastor several years and for 13 years as Minister of Senior Adults. I retired after 22 years in 1987. Since retirement, I have served 55 churches as interim, revivals and Sunday supply. For three years I worked for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I have been staff minister for the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, performing weddings on the grounds. A member of T.B.C. Chorale since 1965. Our two sons are both married. One a dentist, the other in insurance. We have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. We have happy memories at Euclid Avenue where we have many good friends. Margaret and I celebrated 58 years of marriage on June 15. May the Lord bless you as you celebrate your Homecoming. In Christ,

Rev. Eugene Spencer

Minister of Music 1964 - 1965

I served as part time Music Minister from 1965 to 1976. During these years I was Choral Director at Sullivan East High School. In the summers I became full time at Euclid as Youth Director and minister of Music. We begun the Buffalo Mission Tour for the youth in the 70's, where we did concerts in the park after Bible School and the privilege of performing at Niagara Falls, Canada. These were also growing days in the music ministry. We established a graded choir program, the first bell choir in Bristol, many wonderful performance experiences with our children's bell choir, and exciting music by the Adult Choir. The Adult Choir grew from 15 singers to 60+ when I resigned in 1976. After several years of full time music and youth ministry in Greensboro, NC, I returned to Bristol in January, 1983 and in the fall of that year I returned to Euclid in time to

put together a Christmas musical. I served as Minister of Music from October 1983 through December 1992. Lynette and I were married December 31, 1988; the Euclid Bell Choir performed for our ceremony, they were awesome. I thank God and Euclid Avenue for their part in leading me to my best friend, and soul mate. Lynette has blessed my life and ministry far greater than words can express. I thank God for the privilege of ministry at Euclid. May our majestic God bless His church at Euclid with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit until Jesus returns to redeem His church.

Tom Elam, Sr

Minister of Music 1965 - 1976, 1983 - 1992

It is my privilege and joy to be a part of the 75th Anniversary of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. This is where it all began for me as a small boy who wanted to serve the Lord with his talents. I am very thankful for all the pastors, ministers of music, organists, pianists, Sunday school teachers and all the church members who had a special part in helping me find God's will for my life. Congratulations to Euclid on your 75th Anniversary! It is my prayer and hope that Euclid Avenue will continue to be the lighthouse in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee where people can find the "LIGHT" of the world.

Harry Cowan

Minister of Music 1955-1956

What a great church and a great family you've been to the Thompson family! We first came in your missionary house in '92 and enjoyed you so much we've kept coming back for more and more! Thank you for taking us in, for giving our children a home here in the States, for clearly and consistently sharing Jesus from the pulpit so that Bekah accepted the Lord and was baptized here, for helping us to celebrate Christina's wedding, for loving us when we're here and praying for us when we're away. Thank you for loving us so well! We'll be coming back for more! You truly are our family! Love,

Bill & Susan Thompson

E.A.B.C. Missionaries In Residence, Taiwan

Charter Members Of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church

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| 1. | Mr. D.L. Ailshie | 62. | Mrs. Emma F. Laird |
| 2. | Mrs. D.L. Ailshie | 63. | Rev. Edward A. Leonard |
| 3. | Ms Helen Ailshie (Whitt) | 64. | Mrs. I.B. Leonard |
| 4. | Mr. J.G. Barker | 65. | Ms. Margie Leonard (Conley) |
| 5. | Mrs. J.G. Barker | 66. | Rev. Isaac S. Leonard |
| 6. | James E. Barker | 67. | Mrs. Isaac S. Leonard |
| 7. | J.G. Barker, Jr. | 68. | Ms. Aylene Leonard (Durfee) |
| 8. | Mr. Lewis E. Barnes | 69. | Ms. Mary Leonard |
| 9. | Mrs. Lewis Barnes | 70. | Ms. Ruth Leonard (Cash) |
| 10. | Wrs. W.W. Barnes | 71. | Mr. Martin Lytz |
| 11. | Mr. C.F. Beaver | 72. | Mrs. Martin Lytz |
| 12. | Mrs. C.F. Beaver | 73. | Ms. Ethel Lytz |
| 13. | Gammon H. Beaver | 74. | Mr. J. Edward Marion |
| 14. | Ms. Jewel G. Beaver | 75. | Mrs. J. Edward Marion |
| 15. | Ms. Laura Beaver | 76. | Ms. Ruby Marion (Dickerson) |
| 16. | Ralph Beaver | 77. | Mr. Clifton I. Miller |
| 17. | Ms. Otis Booth (Frey) | 78. | Mrs. Clifton I. Miller |
| 18. | Mr. C.C. Boyd | 79. | Clarence I. Miller |
| 19. | C.C. Boyd, Jr. | 80. | Preston Miller |
| 20. | Ms. Lillian Boyd (Bullock) | 81. | Mr. Charles D. Miller |
| 21. | Mary Margaret Boyd (McDaniel) | 82. | Mrs. Charles D. Miller |
| 22. | Ms. Mildred Boyd | 83. | Mr. J. Howard Miller |
| 23. | Ms. Ruth Boyd (Todd) | 84. | Mrs. J. Howard Miller |
| 24. | William Boyd | 85. | Marion Valen Miller |
| 25. | Mr. W.E. Caldwell | 86. | Mr. W.H. Nave |
| 26. | Mrs. W.E. Caldwell | 87. | Mrs. W.H. Nave |
| 27. | Mr. Cecil K. Carrier | 88. | Homer J. Nave, Jr. |
| 28. | Mrs. Cecil K. Carrier | 89. | C. William Nave |
| 29. | Ms. Amanda Carrier (Denton) | 90. | Mr. Lewis Pitts |
| 30. | Mrs. T.L. Cate | 91. | Mrs. Lewis Pitts |
| 31. | Paul Cate | 92. | Ms. Bernice Pitts (Pearson) |
| 32. | Helen Cate | 93. | George B. Pitts |
| 33. | Mr. W.O. Conley | 94. | Herbert Pitts |
| 34. | Ms. Edith Curry (Moyer) | 95. | Ms. Lennie Mae Pitts (Owens) |
| 35. | Mr. J.B. Denton | 96. | Ms. Pearl Pitts (Lewis) |
| 36. | Mrs. J.B. Denton | 97. | Woodrow Pitts |
| 37. | Mr. Irwin M. Eastman | 98. | Mr. J.E. Plaskie |
| 38. | Mrs. Irwin M. Eastman | 99. | Mrs. J.E. Plaskie |
| 39. | Mr. C.M. Edwards | 100. | Ms. Margaret Plaskie (Dixon) |
| 40. | Mrs. C.M. Edwards | 101. | Mr. J.A. Poole |
| 41. | Mrs. P.C. Fallin | 102. | Mrs. J.A. Poole |
| 42. | Rev. J.E. Felty, Jr. | 103. | Mr. William Pratt |
| 43. | J.E. Felty | 104. | Mrs. William Pratt |
| 44. | R.G. Felty | 105. | Mr. P.D. Rutherford |
| 45. | Ms. Oma Felty (Ault) | 106. | Mrs. R.S. Shaffer |
| 46. | Ms. Ruby Giles (McCormick) | 107. | Mrs. O.B. Sharrett |
| 47. | Mr. E.A. Glover | 108. | Mr. L.W. Smith |
| 48. | Mrs. E.A. Glover | 109. | Mr. George W. Walker |
| 49. | Mr. W. Ed Glover | 110. | Mrs. George W. Walker |
| 50. | Mrs. W. Ed Glover | 111. | Ms. Annette Walker |
| 51. | Mr. G.B. Jones | 112. | Ms. Edith Walker |
| 52. | Mrs. G.B. Jones | 113. | Ms. Genevieve Walker (Manley) |
| 53. | George W. Jones | 114. | Mr. C.M. Wheatley |
| 54. | Ms. Margaret Jones | 115. | Mrs. C.M. Wheatley |
| 55. | Mrs. G.W. Keesling | 116. | Mr. J.W. Wheeler |
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Bold Type - To Our Knowledge, These Are Our Surviving Charter Members

The First Fifty Years

Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was first conceived in the minds of Mr. J.B. Denton and Mr. W.E. Glover, both of who were members and deacons of Calvary Baptist Church at the time. The idea of a church in their neighborhood was not a totally new idea because they often passed the vacant lot on the corner of Euclid and Park Street, which was within a few blocks of their homes. Following a very successful tent meeting by Rev. Mel Leaman the membership of Calvary discussed moving from their location on Shelby Street, likely further into Tennessee. This discussion once again stirred the need of a church closer to where many Calvary members lived on the Virginia side. It was only weeks after the revival meeting, in May of 1928, that these gentlemen and a few interested individuals met at the home of W.E. Glover to discuss the possibilities of organizing a church.



Rev. Isaac Leonard

Within weeks, on May 19, a second meeting was held at the home of J.G. Barker, with 25 attending. It was at this meeting that it was determined unanimously to begin the endeavor, and Mr. C.C. Boyd was chosen as moderator. Committees were appointed to solicit charter members, select a building site, and to procure a suitable place of worship, which was determined temporarily to be the Virginia High School auditorium. The first preaching service was held June 3, 1928 with Rev Isaac S. Leonard, a visitor from Green Cove Springs, Florida, bringing the message. That Sunday Mr. George Walker was elected the first Sunday School Superintendent, J.G. Barker, the first church Clerk & F.M. Worrell was elected the first church Treasurer. After the evening service, presided by W.E. Glover, 84 people came as members of the new church and Rev Isaac Leonard received a unanimous call to become the first pastor.

The first business meeting was held after the prayer meeting on June 20, 1928, attended by 62 charter members. Previously distributed pledge cards were turned in which resulted in \$5731.00 in pledges, and \$573.25 in cash was received. Trustees were appointed and a building committee was selected, chaired by C.F. Beaver, to oversee the construction of the new church building. It was at this meeting that the name Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was unanimously chosen. The lot previously envisioned by Mr. Denton & Mr. Glover was purchased June 28, 1928 for \$5,700. \$2984.67 was paid in cash and Mr. Beaver swapped two lots that he had owned on Broad Street and applied this to the purchase of the property. There should be special note that due to the selfless work of our forbears: the lot was paid for before the church was officially organized.

The anticipated day came, on Sunday afternoon July 15, 1928 in the Virginia High auditorium, that the church was officially organized. Dr. H.G. Noffsinger, president of V.I. College, and moderator of the Lebanon Baptist Association, presided. The meeting was attended by nearly all of our then 117 charter members, many area pastors, and a great number of visitors. Rev J.B. Thomas, chairman of the Council of Ordained Ministers, reported approval of the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith previously approved by the church. After a short address and statement by Rev Leonard, Dr. Noffsinger, on behalf of the Lebanon Association, extended the right hand of fellowship to the pastor and the church's seven deacons.

In the next several months, church members worked feverously on the new church building. On Sunday, December 16th, the church held its first service in the basement of the new facility, dedicated at 9:45 am with special music provided by the Bristol Orchestra. Though not totally furnished at the time, it was due to the efforts of the Women's Missionary Society that the pulpit furniture, lighting fixtures, first communion set and the furniture for the ladies parlor were purchased. The first service in the new church auditorium was held on February 17, 1929. The congregation had its share of testing in the early years. On May 1st, 1929, Pastor Leonard became suddenly ill, and following an operation at Kings Mountain Hospital, passed away on May 19, 1929. The W.M.S. purchased the memorial window to his memory and the Isaac Leonard Memorial Library was established in 1930 with books bequeathed from his estate.

Rev. Oscar G. Poarch was called to serve as the church's second pastor on July 28, 1929, preaching his first sermon on September 15. In his eight years as pastor Rev Poarch became greatly loved by the membership, and during his tenure the membership grew three fold. The church worked closely with the Lebanon Association, and hosted its first associational meeting August 14, 1930. These were hard years as the economy had collapsed due to the great depression, yet Rev Poarch provided the needed vision and foundation for later years of growth. Dr. Mordecai F. Ham began his relationship with Euclid, which introduced the church to numerous evangelistic meetings, which was a driving force in the direction the church would later take. Pastor Poarch resigned on November 15, 1937.



Rev. O.G. Poarch



Dr. B.R. Lakin

After a visit from Ezra B. Cox, chairman of the Pulpit Committee, Dr. B.R. Lakin accepted the call as Euclid's third pastor January 1, 1938. He was previously engaged in evangelistic work, and his 18 months as pastor was a period of constant revival meetings. The Sunday school tripled and prayer meeting services grew so that the basement could no longer hold those attending. He began several radio ministries, "The Back Home Hour", and "The Sunrise Prayer Period", which was patterned after Howard Cadles' broadcast, which Lakin would later take over following Cadle's death in 1942. He resigned in October 1939 to accept the call to continue his evangelistic work and shortly become the associate pastor of Cadle Tabernacle, in Indianapolis Indiana, where he launched his national radio ministry. He has since been bequeathed the honor as the "Prince of Preachers" and America's last Ole Time Gospel preacher by his peers in the ministry, and is memorialized at Liberty University at the B.R. Lakin School of Religion.

Dr. Paul Roberts was called as pastor October 15, 1939. Formerly a news correspondent with the Johnson City Press, Pastor Roberts was saved in 1931 following a Mordecai Ham Tabernacle meeting. His pastorate was a period of great growth, where there were many salvations and men called into the ministry. Due to this growth the church called Russell Case as associate pastor, purchased additional property, and the second educational wing of the church was completed. Euclid's membership increased to 1,100 strong, Sunday school attendance reached over 700, and the finances of the church tripled. He carried on Lakin's radio ministry and was constantly engaged in evangelistic work throughout the United States with some of America's finest evangelists and music leaders. Stunned and with heavy hearts, the church accepted his resignation in December 1944 to accept the call to Central Baptist Church of Decatur, Alabama.



Dr. Paul Roberts

With a unanimous call from the church, and after three weeks of dedicated prayer, Rev Garrett Graham accepted the call March 25, 1945. His was a fruitful ministry, which continued the evangelistic efforts of the church, and brought the idea on establishing a mission church in West Bristol. Later to be Bradley Street Baptist Church, in 1947 Rev E.W. Ely was called as Associate Pastor to lead this mission endeavor. The church continued to grow and additional property was purchased for expansion. Rev Graham stated that the success of the ministry was due to two factors, "namely: of the establishing effects of Dr. Paul Roberts' Christ centered ministry, and the intelligent faithfulness of the church". Little doubt, Rev Graham continued the golden trail of evangelism that has signified these years at Euclid. Dr. Graham resigned October 23, 1949 for a pastorate at First Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama.



Rev. Garrett
Graham

Rev. Raymond Smith began his pastorate at Euclid Avenue in December, 1949. Euclid again experienced unusual blessings under this ministry. Under the "old Faith, without compromise" motto, Rev Smith proved himself a great leader by emphasizing the study of the scriptures, the deepening of our missionary involvement & support of the association, state & convention work. On October 27, 1952 Pastor Smith inaugurated "Call The Pastor" over radio station WOPI, where people could call him live and answer a broad range of Bible questions. His knowledge of scriptures was only surpassed by the love he engendered from the membership. During his eight years & eight month ministry the churches finances doubled and the membership reached 1600 for the first time. The adoption of the Cathers as missionaries was a strong step in Rev. Smith's broader missionary goal, and the organization of Bradley Street Baptist and the calling of Rev. E.W. Ely as pastor began another milestone for the fellowship. As of his resignation in August of 1958 property was purchased for a new church auditorium, which became a reality under the ministry of Dr. Calvin Bailey. This was not Euclid's final relationship with our sixth pastor as he served as interim pastor of Euclid on several occasions.



Rev. Raymond
Smith

The first fifty years of Euclid were characterized by personal self-sacrifice and a nearly constant revival fervor for reaching the lost in Bristol. It was a time that revivalists, such as B.R. Lakin, Mordecai Ham & Charles Stevens, were often heard from the Euclid pulpit and the sacred scriptures were broadcast on the airways, bringing the message of Euclid into the homes of a large population in the Bristol area. The formative years made way for further growth and ministry opportunities, as well as stability amid unsettledness in later years. Euclid has been given an unusual witness in these early generations, a heritage worthy to emulate and build upon.

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