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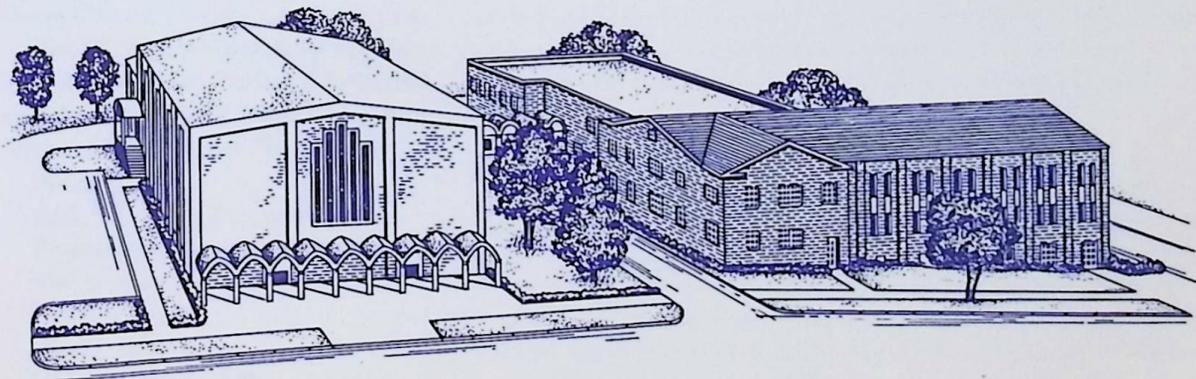
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INTRODUCTION

Euclid Avenue Baptist Church has a rich history. So very much is involved in her history that it cannot be put into a neat little package. It's not just a history of a building, but of people and organizations. In this work I have attempted to bring together each of these histories as written by the person best qualified to write that portion.

It's a work of many authors, each an expert on his particular subject. Portions of it were written many years ago, at the time the events took place; others were written within the last few weeks, some for other purposes but many for this work.

I regret that some of the history I would like to have included was not available, because of slow responses to my request for information or because I could not locate an authority on that subject.

It has been a pleasure for me to work on this history because of the attitude of this church, an attitude best exemplified perhaps by the story of Euclid's Steeple. When I inquired as to why the church had no steeple, I was told that they had always wanted one and had several times made plans to build one. But, each time the plans were abandoned because they could not afford the money for something they could do without.

This year we will send approximately \$100,000.00 to the mission fields but we still can't afford a steeple.

May God be Praised,

Bill Ensor

A NEW CHURCH IN BRISTOL



W. E. Glover



J. B. Denton

Spring is a lovely time of year, a time God has chosen for beginnings, for things to grow. It was in the spring of 1928 that the idea of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church began to grow. The seed had been there for some time, but in the spring it took root and in summer it bloomed into a church.

The seed had long been hid in the heart of W. E. Glover, where it was nurtured by prayer. Then on that fateful day as he spoke to Mr. J. B. Denton, it began to grow. He spoke of a dream, that someday a Baptist Church would stand on the vacant lot at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Park Street. Mr. Denton also had been desiring a Baptist Church in the same area, for there was none in this section of the city. It was in May 1928 that the small group met, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Glover, to discuss organizing a church. A second meeting was held on May 29, 1928 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Barker, 311 Park Street. Those present for this meeting were: Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Barker, James Barker, Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Beaver, C. C. Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Denton, Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Edwards, Rev. J. E. Felty, Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Glover, Mesdame Keelsing, Margie Lenard, Wolford and Rev. & Mrs. I. S. Lenard, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Pratt, George Walker, H. H. Worrell, Sharrett and F. M. Worrell.

"Mr. C. C. Boyd was chosen moderator of the meeting, and on motion, duly seconded and carried, it was decided unanimously to organize the new church. Committees were appointed to solicit charter members, select a site for the building, and to procure a suitable place of worship until the proposed new building could be used. The following were appointed as Finance Committee: J. B. Denton, Chairman, W. E. Glover, C. E. Beaver and J. G. Barker. The ladies present were appointed as a committee to solicit additional or charter members. Mr. J. G. Barker was asked to try to secure the Virginia High Auditorium for a temporary meeting place."

The first preaching service was held on June 3, 1928 in the Virginia High School Auditorium with Rev. I. S. Leonard, a visitor from Green Cove Springs, Florida, bringing the message. The Sunday School was organized and Mr. George Walker was elected as the first Sunday School Superintendent. J. G. Barker was elected as the first Church Clerk and F. M. Worrell as the first Church Treasurer.

After the evening service, there was a called meeting of the body, presided over by W. E. Glover. An invitation was extended for charter members and 84 persons expressed themselves as desiring to become members of the new church. There seems to be no record of these names.

A unanimous call was extended to Rev. Leonard to become the first pastor of this church at this meeting.

The first prayer meeting was held on Wednesday, June 6, 1928, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Eastman, 501 Carolina Avenue, with Brother J. E. Felty as leader.



THE GROUP THAT MET ON THE VACANT LOT WHERE THE CHURCH NOW STANDS and organized Euclid Avenue. They were conducting services in the Virginia High School Auditorium at the time.



Charter Members

The above picture shows the group of charter members who were present in our Sunday Morning Worship Service on May 17th, 1953. First Row: (left right) Miss Helen Cates, Mrs. T. L. Cates, Mrs. C. F. Beaver, Mr. C. F. Beaver, Mr. J. B. Denton and Mr. J. E. Marion. Second row: Rev. Raymond Smith, pastor (not charter member), Mr. L. E. Barnes, Mrs. L. E. Barnes, Mrs. Will Pratt, Mrs. ~~Bradley Lewis~~, Mrs. ~~Ollie Baker~~, Mrs. Martin Lytz and Mr. Martin Lytz. Third row: Mrs. Joe Plaskie, Mr. Joe Plaskie, Mr. Marion Miller, Mr. F. M. Worrell, Mrs. F. M. Worrell, Mrs. Norman C. Helton, Mrs. Carl Emmert, Miss Jewell Beaver and Miss Laura Beaver.

Robt. Pearson
Mrs. Lewis Pitts

The first business meeting was held after prayer meeting on June 20, 1928 with 62 members present. Previously distributed pledge cards were turned in which resulted in \$5,731.00 in pledges and \$573.25 in cash received. Trustees appointed were: C. I. Miller, C. T. Kilgore, C. F. Beaver, W. E. Glover, J. H. Miller, W. H. Nave, and J. G. Barker. Building Committee appointed was: Chariman, C. F. Beaver, W. E. Glover, J. A. Poole, C. T. Kilgore, George W. Walker, C. C. Boyd, Mesdames Eastman, Keesling, Glover, and C. I. Miller. J. G. Barker was elected Treasurer of the Building Committee.

It was unanimously decided to name the church Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.

PURCHASE OF BUILDING SITE: According to the deed dated June 28, 1929 the lot was purchased for the sum of \$5,700. \$2,984.67 was paid in cash and Mr. C. F. Beaver swapped two lots that he owned on Broad Street and applied this to the purchase. Through the effort of Mr. Kilgore the city gave the \$1,000 that was against this lot for street improvements. The lot was bought and paid for before the church was officially organized.

On July 2, 1928, the Building Committee met at the home of Mr. Beaver and appointed him Foreman of the construction of the church building at the salary of \$10.00 per day.

On July 4th, at the prayer meeting, the deacons were instructed to draw up Articles of Faith and Church Covenant and present them to the church for action at a later date.

First baptismal service was held at Lake Sycamore near Sullins College with Pastor Leonard officiating. Mr. Martin Lytz, Ethel Lytz, and Edith Curry were baptized.

First regular meeting of deacons was held at the home of J. B. Denton, July 8th, 1928, at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Denton was elected Chairman and the Pastor's salary was fixed at \$2,000 annually. The Treasurer was directed to pay \$45 for one month's use of the Virginia High Auditorium. Articles of Faith and Church Covenant were approved. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws.

On July 11th the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant were approved and adopted. A reception and pounding for the Pastor and Family followed the prayer meeting.

On July 12, 1928, the Building Committee met and decided to employ C. B. Kearfoot, architect, to draw plans for the building and supervise the work. The building to be erected was to cost approximately \$30,000.

Permanant organization of the church took place on Sunday afternoon, July 15, 1928, at 3:00 p.m. in the Virginia High Auditorium. Dr. H. G. Noffsinger, President of Virginia Intermont College, who was then moderator of the Lebanon Baptist Association presided. The meeting was attended by nearly all of the 117 charter members, many pastors of other Baptist Churches and a great number of visitors.

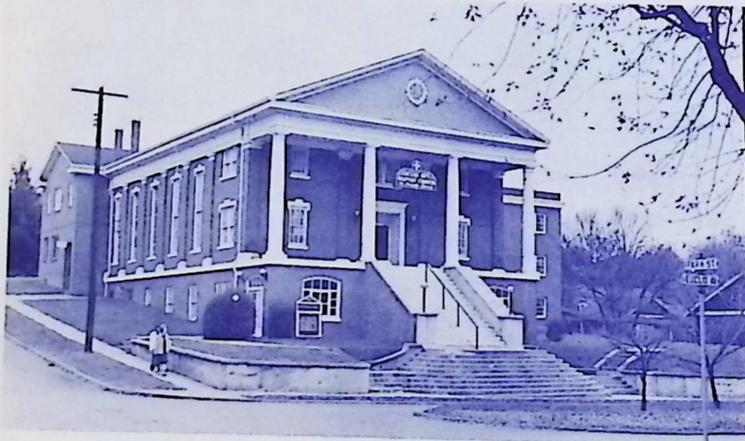
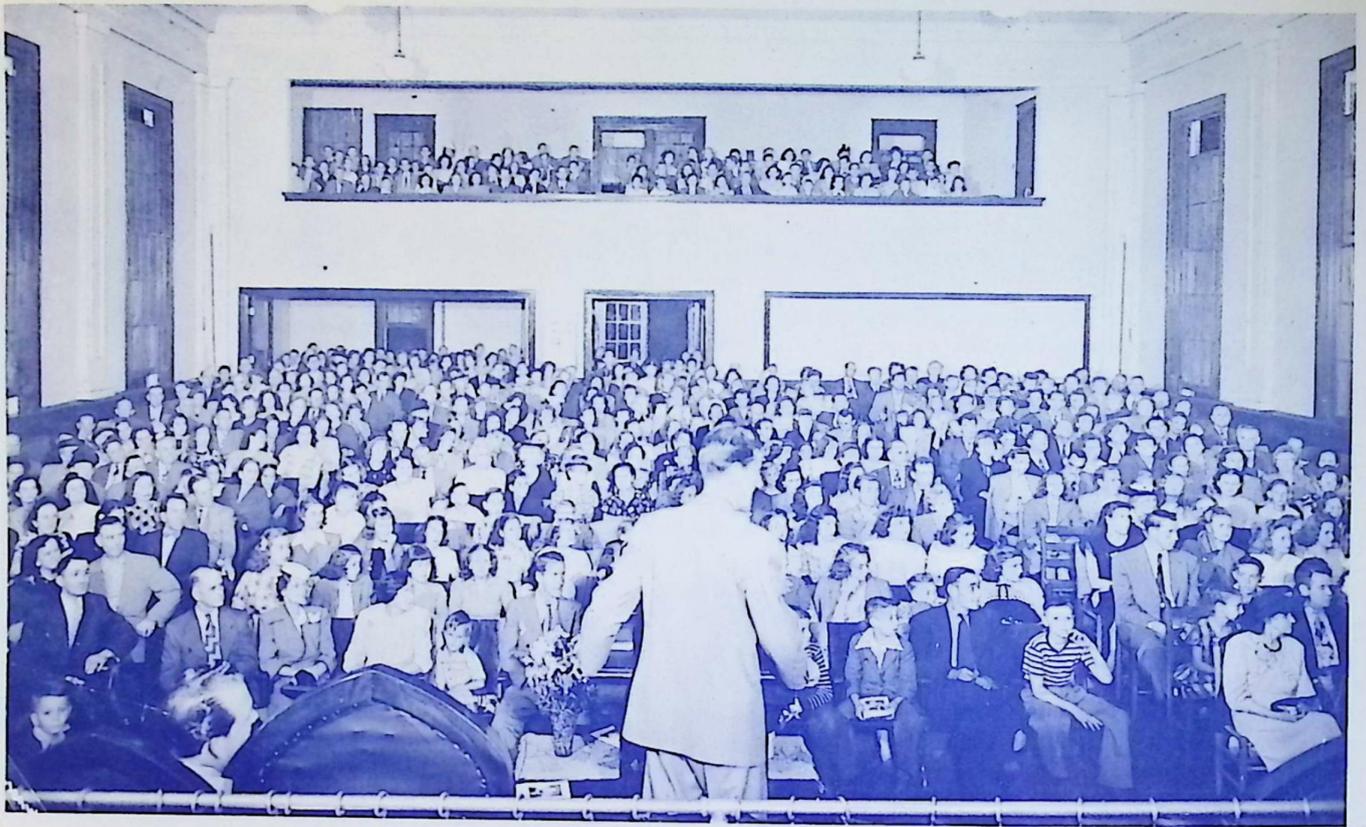
Rev. J. B. Thomas, Chairman of the Council of Ordained Ministers, reported approval of the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith adopted by the church.

After a short address and statement by Pastor I. S. Leonard, Dr. Noffsinger spoke to the group on the subject, "The Fundamental Principles of Baptist Doctrine." He then extended the right hand of fellowship to the Pastor and seven Deacons. The session was dismissed after prayer offered by Rev. Wyatt."¹

"Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was founded from a sense of need in the community fifty years ago. There was devotion and dedication and vision for the future.

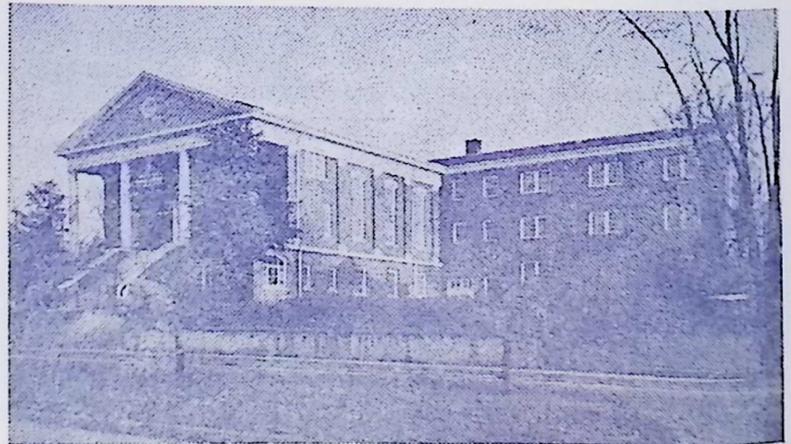
For several years, however, the church was somewhat self centered as to the group making up the church. There was a strong social sectional concept that did not pay a great deal of attention to the needs of the city. Also at that time the depression was moving in and it became difficult ^{to} manage in a financial sense.

During those days there was developed a sense of DEPENDENCE upon three families or three business men who carried in the financial load. In fact, they made most of the decisions, as it related to money, and nobody asked any questions, for they were paying the bills. They were good men and circumstances created the situation rather than the men themselves. But it worked a hardship on the democratic principle^s by which a Baptist church is to function."³



On December 9, 1928, the first worship service was held in the first sanctuary. The first educational plant was completed under the leadership of Paul Roberts, who came as pastor in 1944.

Main Buildings of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church
 (Auditorium Seating Capacity - 550)
 Euclid & Park, Bristol, Virginia



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CHARTER MEMBERS OF EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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| 1. D. L. Ailshie | 40. Mrs. Dean Frey (Otis Booth) | 79. Marion Velen Miller |
| 2. Mrs. D. L. Ailshie | 41. E. A. Gover | 80. Preston Miller |
| 3. J. G. Barker | 42. Mrs. E. A. Glover | 81. Mrs. Edith Curry Moyer |
| 4. Mrs. J. G. Barker | 43. W. E. Glover | 82. C. W. Nave |
| 5. J. G. Barker, Jr. | 44. Mrs. W. E. Glover | 83. Homer Nave, Jr. |
| 6. James Barker | 45. Mrs. Kathryn Helton (Keesling) | 84. W. H. Nave |
| 7. Lewis Barnes | 46. G. B. Jones | 85. Mrs. W. H. Nave |
| 8. Mrs. Lewis Barnes | 47. Mrs. G. B. Jones | 86. Mrs. Robert Pearson (Bernice Pitts) |
| 9. Mrs. W. W. Barnes | 48. George Jones | 87. Lennie Mae Pitts |
| 10. C. F. Beaver | 49. Margaret Jones | 88. Lewis Pitts |
| 11. Mrs. C. F. Beaver | 50. Mrs. G. W. Keesling | 89. Mrs. Lewis Pitts |
| 12. Gammon Beaver | 51. Charles T. Kilgore | 90. George Pitts |
| 13. Jewel Beaver | 52. Mrs. Charles T. (Alice S.) Kilgore | 91. Herbert Pitts |
| 14. Laura Beaver | 53. Robert Kilgore | 92. Woodrow Pitts |
| 15. Ralph Beaver | 54. Wm. S. Kilgore | 93. J. E. Plaskie |
| 16. C. C. Boyd | 55. Aylene Leonard | 94. Mrs. J. E. Plaskie |
| 17. C. C. Boyd, Jr. | 56. Rev. E. A. Leonard | 95. J. A. Poole |
| 18. Lillian Boyd | 57. Mrs. I. B. Leonard | 96. Mrs. J. A. Poole |
| 19. Mildred Boyd | 58. Rev. I. S. Leonard | 97. Wm. Pratt |
| 20. Ruth Boyd | 59. Mrs. I. S. Leonard | 98. Mrs. Wm. Pratt |
| 21. William Boyd | 60. Miss Margie Leonard (Mrs W. O. Conley) | 99. P. D. Rutherford |
| 22. W. E. Caldwell | 61. Mary Leonard | 100. R. S. Shaffer |
| 23. Mrs. W. E. (Ida) Caldwell | 62. Ruth Leonard | 101. Mrs. O. S. Sharrett |
| 24. Mrs. T. L. Cate | 63. Mrs. Emma Laird | 102. L. W. Smith |
| 25. Helen Cate | 64. Mrs. Bradley Lewis (Pearl Pitts) | 103. Anette Walker |
| 26. Paul Cate | 65. Martin Lytz | 104. Mrs. Julian Trivette (Oma Felty) |
| 27. W. O. Conley | 66. Mrs. Martin Lytz | 105. Edith Walker |
| 28. J. B. Denton | 67. Ethel Lytz | 106. George W. Walker |
| 29. Mrs. J. B. Denton | 68. Mrs. Roy mcDaniel (Mary M. Boyd) | 107. Mrs. George W. Walker |
| 30. Mrs. Bill Dickenson (Ruby Marion) | 69. Mrs. Ples Manley (Genevieve Manley) | 108. C. M. Wheatley |
| 31. Mrs. Margaret Dixson (Margaret Plaskie) | 70. J. Ed Marion | 109. Mrs. C. M. Wheatley |
| 32. Irwin M. Eastman | 71. Mrs. J. Ed Marion | 110. J. W. Wheeler |
| 33. Mrs. Irwin M. Eastman | 72. C. I. Miller | 111. Mrs. Edward Witt (Helen Ailshie) |
| 34. C. M. Edwards | 73. Mrs. C. I. Miller | 112. Eugene Worrell |
| 35. Mrs. Carl Emmert (Mary Keesling) | 74. Clarence I. Miller | 113. F. M. Worrell |
| 36. P. C. Fallin | 75. Charles D. Miller | 114. Mrs. F. M. Worrell |
| 37. Rev. J. C. Felty | 76. Mrs. Charles D. Miller | 115. H. H. Worrell |
| 38. J. E. Felty, Jr. | 77. J. Howard Miller | 116. Mrs. H. H. Worrell |
| 39. R. G. Felty | 78. Mrs. J. Howard Miller | 117. Ruby Giles McCormick |
- ~~Martha Jackson Rector~~

On July 23, 1928, H. H. Worrell, Charles T. Kilgore and J. G. Barker were appointed as a special Finance Committee to negotiate for a loan on the church building. On July 31st it was recommended and approved to secure a \$5,000 loan for initial work.

An application for membership in the Lebanon Association was prepared and adopted by the church at a meeting held August 1, 1928. On August 17, 1928, the church was received into the association.

October 28. The deacons agree to pay First Choir Director, I. M. Eastman, \$25 per month. Church mortgage of \$20,000 was placed on the building and lot. Twenty male members endorsed this note.

First meeting ^{of} the new church was prayer meeting, December 19, 1928. A business session was held and the above mentioned loan was approved.

First preaching and communion service was held on the first floor of the church building at 11:00 o'clock, January 6, 1929. The ladies of the church presented the Communion Service to the church. This beautiful silver service is still being used when we observe the Lord's Supper.

First service in auditorium was held February 17, 1929 at 11:00 o'clock.

First baptismal service was held in the new auditorium on Sunday evening February 24, 1929, when Mary Barham, Gordon Kilgore and Hester Cothron were baptized.

First revival meeting conducted by pastor from March 10 - March 24, 1929.

The first letter of dismissal was granted to Mrs. Mary Margaret McDaniel.

The first funeral was the mother of J. B. Denton, Mrs. G. W. Denton, who died on January 23, 1929, and was buried on January 24, 1929.

First couple to get married in the new church were Miss Ruby Giles and S. E. McCormick.

The first baby, Boyd Lee Barnes, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barnes on February 3, 1929.

First Church Secretary, Miss Helen Cate, was paid \$15.00 per month.

First Lottie Moon Offering was \$2.50. (The pastor gave \$.50 of that.)

Total Budget for 1929 was \$7,440."

The First Pastor of Euclid

The first pastor of Euclid Avenue was Rev. Isaac S. Leonard. He came from Florida and began his work July, 1928. He was greatly loved by the people and the new church began to move out in its ministry under his leadership. But in the wise designs of the Lord he was not to serve in the "World of woe" very long in this capacity.

On May 1, 1929, ten months after he began the work for and with a church destined to be great in so many ways, the Lord called him. He must have heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come up hither." Thus on May 19th, after almost three weeks of illness, he heeded the call.

The people who remember him have always spoken of the spiritual insight and blessings that his short ministry demonstrated! The outgrowth of our church through the years is based a great deal on the early beginnings.

Mrs. Leonard lives in Lafayette, Georgia. She is loved greatly by all who know her. Her presence is always a blessing to us.

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Rev. O. G. Poarch

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Rev. O. G. Poarch left Bristol to go to Christensburg, Va., in 1937 until 1944. He went from Christensburg to First Baptist Church in Buchanan, Va., in 1945 until his retirement in 1961.

Since his retirement he has served 1-1/2 years at the First Baptist Church in Pennington Gap, Va. Later he served for 2 years at the Pleasant Hill Church at Buchanan and a country Church at Cataba for 6 years. Both churches have grown to a full church program from mission status.

Information given by Brother Poarch in Fall of 1978. He was 87 years old his last birthday. Rev. & Mrs. Poarch are in failing health.

Euclid's Third Pastor

Dr. B. R. Lakin was extended a call to be the third pastor January 1, 1938. He was engaged in full time evangelistic work at the time that he accepted the pastorate. His 18 months as pastor was a period of constant revival. The Sunday School tripled and prayer services grew so that the basement no longer could hold the prayer meeting crowd. He started the "Back Home Hour" and the "Sunrise Prayer Period."

Dr. B. R. Lakin was pastor of Euclid Avenue about two years but he had a tremendous ministry. He served, following Rev. Poarch, until he was called to be associated with Dr. E. Howard Cadle and the Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis. This was in October, 1930. During his ministry the church grew by leaps and bounds. The second unit of the present building was constructed. He is one of America's great preachers. He is now in the evangelistic field altogether. He and Mrs. Lakin live in Titusville, Florida.

When Dr. B. R. Lakin became pastor, the whole complexion changed. He was a natural born orator. He was evangelistic and an individualist. The crowds came, baptisms were common and finances increased. The whole picture changed to aggressive Bible preaching, teaching and evangelism.

He was there only a short time until he was called to be the Associate pastor of Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind. He was instrumental in getting the church to call Dr. Paul Roberts, who carried on in somewhat the same kind of ministry plus more organization.

They had a good radio program, with emphasis on "The Back Home Hour" after the regular services Sunday nights.



Dr. B. R. Lakin



Dr. Paul Roberts

Dr. Paul R. Roberts served as the fourth pastor for five years, coming here from a very successful pastorate in Johnson City, Tennessee. Euclid continued a very successful phase and many young men answered the call to the ministry during these five years. He resigned in December 1944 to go to the Central Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama.

Dr. Paul Roberts followed the pastorate of Dr. B. R. Lakin. What a wonderful ministry he had at Euclid. His organizing ability, his power in preaching and his sympathetic ministry in pastoring the people build a greater Euclid Avenue. He was pastor of Euclid five years. He built the last educational unit of our building. During those years the Lord continued to give the church a steady growth.

After leaving the pastorate in Decatur, Ala., Dr. Roberts served as Pastor of churches in Lake Charles, La., Oklahoma City, Ok., Little Rock, Ark. At the time of his death on August 15, 1973, he was a full time evangelist.

REV. GARRETT GRAHAM, EUCLID'S PASTOR FOR 4½ YEARS

"By God's grace and in His will I responded to the call of Euclid Ave. Baptist Church to become their pastor April, 1945.

I stepped into that door by faith with an humble heart. I wrote them when I answered their call and gave them Romans 15:29;30. Our Lord put it in their hearts to indeed pray for me. The Holy Spirit did His work. We worked together with our Lord until October 1949.

Our ministry was fruitful to the glory of God. As a young pastor I claimed Proverbs 3:5-6; Philippians 2:13; Philippians 4:19; and Philippians 3:13.

My ministry and that of my church was approached and accomplished in the wisdom and power of God. This meant that we believed His word, claimed His promises and had the assurance of His presence. People were added to the church as the Lord gave them to us for His glory.

I followed two of the greatest men in America. We built upon their faithful ministry. All in all the church grew in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were indeed workers together with God.

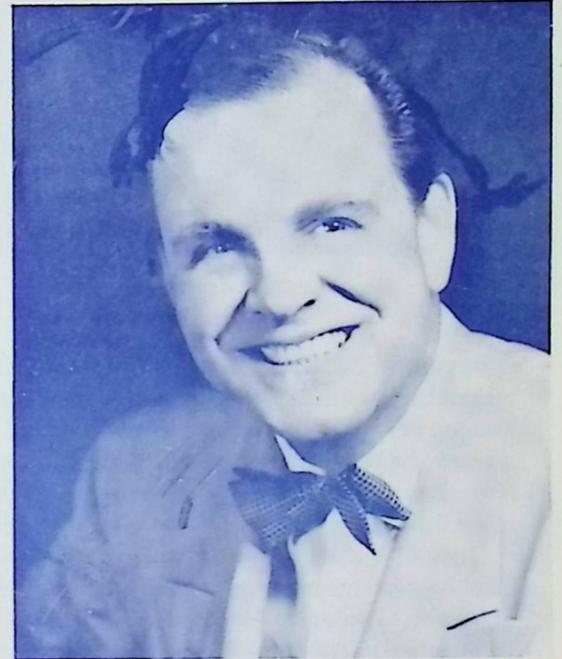
For every victory and all triumph we humbly give our adorable Lord all the glory. We likewise rejoice in the fruitful ministry of the good pastors who followed my ministry with Euclid Avenue Church.

First, as for me and my ministry, I am and have been what I am by the grace of God. My schools were Moody Bible Institute, Oklahoma University. I have pastored ten different churches.

Second, our family consists of five children, three daughters and two sons, thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. My wife and my children filled important roles in my ministry.

Third, my ministry has been known as a soul-winning ministry. God has given me a Christ centered Bible teaching and preaching ministry. This can only be accomplished by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. As such this spelled victory to the glory of God.

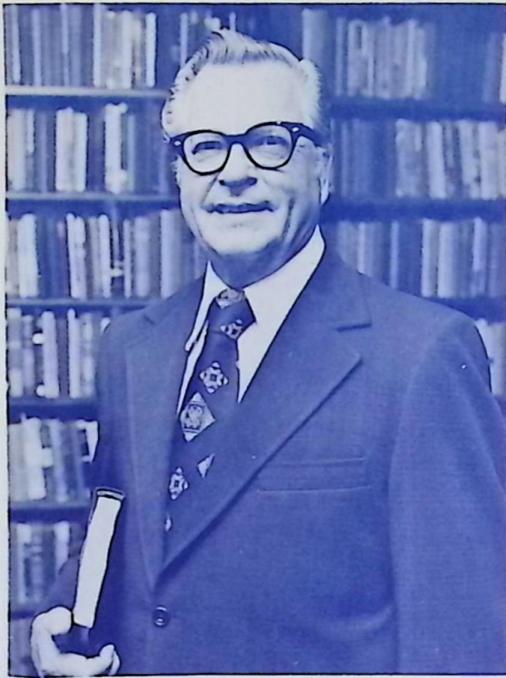
Important events: We experienced some great revival campaigns. Some 110 persons came into our fellowship. This was evidenced by new and fresh love for one another. The Lord blessed us financially in a very special way. Our missionary giving increased many fold.



Rev. Garrett Graham

After leaving Euclid, Rev. Graham, pastored churches in Anniston, Alabama, Hugo, Florida and Wadley, Alabama. At present the Grahams have retired (May 78') and live in Alexandria, Alabama

Rev. Garret Graham



Rev. Raymond Smith

BLESSINGS OF GOD SEEN DURING MINISTRY OF PASTOR SMITH

Raymond Smith came to be the pastor December 1949. His ministry included education, organization and denominational emphasis coupled with evangelism. Also the morning services were taped and broadcast later. Smith also inaugurated a daily "question and answer" program. From the church office for four and a half years, five days a week, he was put on the air by WOPI with "Do you have a problem? Do you know that the Bible has the answer? Rev. Raymond Smith sits now in his office at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, to give you what he believes is the Bible's answer to your problem. Call 5151."

During the eight years and eight months pastorate the finances went from 39,000 to \$80,000 per year. The highest attendance in Sunday School was 803. The week long celebration of the 25th anniversary was a highlight. The adoption of the Cathers as our own missionaries was also a strong step in our missionary vision.

Another milestone in the history of the church was the organizing of the Bradley Street Baptist Church and the calling of the Rev. E. W. Ely as the pastor. He is still pastor of this fine church.

Euclid Avenue stands as a prominent church in our Baptist fellowship in all phases of the church importance. It is known for its stand for the "Old Faith" without compromise."

By Ellogene VanHook

Our pastor concluded his third year of ministry at Euclid on December 15, 1953. Rev. Smith has found his way into the hearts and lives of the people here as he has devoted himself unreservedly to every task which has been his. He has proved himself to be a great leader by humbly serving the Lord and His people in that which has seemed both great and small.

Many accomplishments can be noted during these past three years. One of the important steps which our church has made was the purchase of the house adjacent to the church. This property has been converted into a very nice Youth Annex which the young people are able to call their own. The basement of our church has been renovated and is now one of the most beautiful departments, occupied by the Adult No. 1 Department of our Sunday School. With these two changes we have been able to distribute our Sunday School more properly and we are looking for a definite increase in our attendance in the near future.

Our church office has had its face "lifted" during the time Rev. Smith has been here. New and more modern equipment and furniture has been purchased thus enabling the office force to work more efficiently as the church continues to grow.

There has been a definite increase in stewardship in our church. Our budget has increased from approximately \$40,000 the year before Rev. Smith came to Euclid to \$54,000 this past year.

The following statistics are given of our offering and additions for the past three and one-half years. Additions - 464 Offerings - \$169,750.43.

On October 27, 1952, Rev. Smith began his broadcast "Call the Pastor." We know of many definite instances where hearts have been blessed and people have made things right with the Lord. Several have accepted the Lord as their Saviour and united with the church, becoming active in the Lord's work. Many have come to the church office for conferences concerning problems too involved to discuss fully over the radio. It has been the privilege of our pastor to lead many of these people to the Biblical solution of their problems thus saving them many heartaches and wasted years.

Rev. Raymond Smith has been active in denominational life: In Virginia he was chairman of Radio and Television Committee, Obituary Committee, trustee of the Religious Herald and Virginia Intermont College. In Tennessee he has been a trustee of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, member of the Executive Board of the state and last year was the First Vice President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Rev. Smith has spent almost 47 years as an active pastor to seven different churches. He has preached in 230 revival meetings and 135 Bible Conferences and in 4 foreign countries: New Zealand, Australia, Israel and Denmark, and in 22 different states. Rev. Smith has now retired from active pastorate to give his time to revivals, Bible Conferences and supply work.

Rev. & Mrs. Smith have three children: Dr. Douglas Smith, Associate Professor of Music at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Marilyn and Jenny in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Call the Pastor"



PASTOR RAYMOND SMITH at his desk in the office of the church conducting his daily broadcast "Call the Pastor." This was inaugurated October 27, 1952. The people call and answers from the Bible are given. Great and extensive has been the ministry of "Call the Pastor" these months.



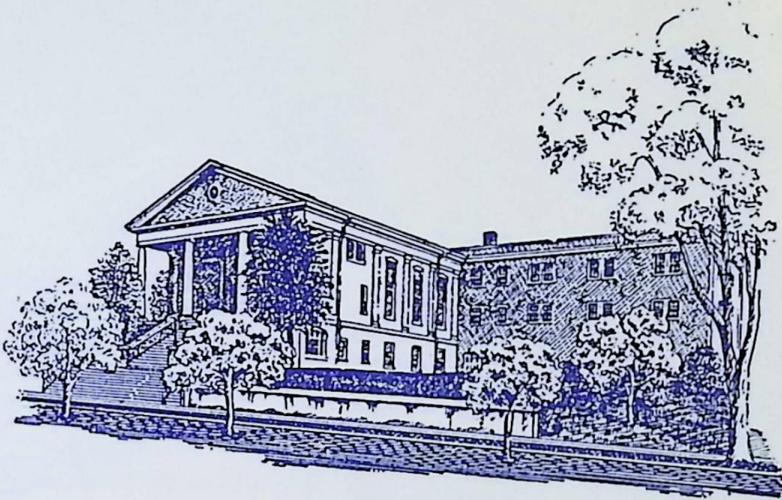
Rev. Calvin Bailey

"Rev. Calvin Bailey, preached his first sermon as seventh pastor on August 16, 1959. The building became a reality under Rev. Bailey's leadership. The ground breaking service for our lovely auditorium and educational plant took place on June 25, 1961. On August 13, 1961, a campaign was launched to raise \$40,000 for the building program. An impressive Dedication Service was held on May 20, 1962. Euclid shared Rev. Bailey in five World Evangelistic Crusades; Scotland, Alaska twice, Australia and India. Rev. Bailey conducted a weekly Sunday morning forty-five minute radio devotional program. The Sunday evening worship service is broadcast each Sunday over WOPI. Euclid continues to give a positive and effective witness to the Power of the Gospel with the Bible-centered preaching that has always characterized its ministry. Rev. Bailey resigned March 31, 1972 to become pastor of the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."¹

In the spring of 1978, Rev. Bailey accepted a call to become Pastor of the Paoli Baptist Church in Paoli, Penn.

EUCLID AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Euclid at Park
Bristol, Va.



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November 27, 1960

Rev. Calvin Bailey, Pastor

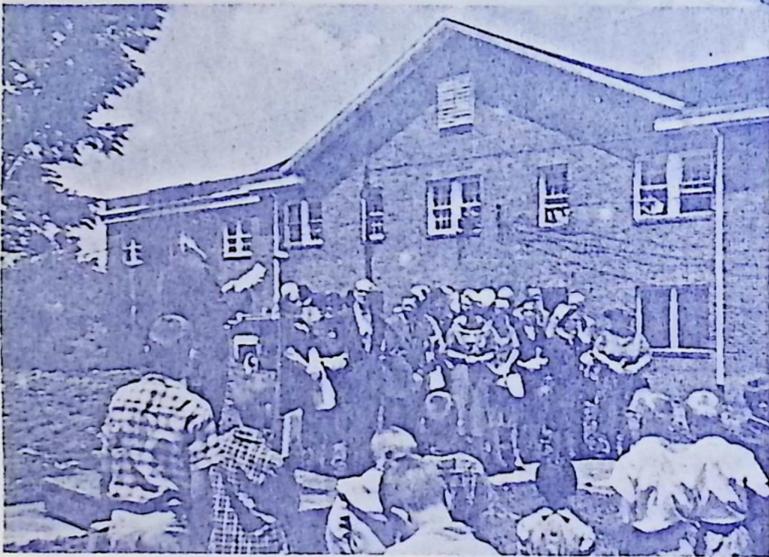
Mrs. M. B. Crabtree ----- Secretary
Mrs. L. A. Cook ----- Financial Secretary
Mrs. H. E. Henley ----- Organist
Mrs. H. L. Clayman ----- Hostess

"For several years now our church has been considering a building program. Much thinking, praying, and waiting have been connected with this program. Thank God, it is now becoming a reality.

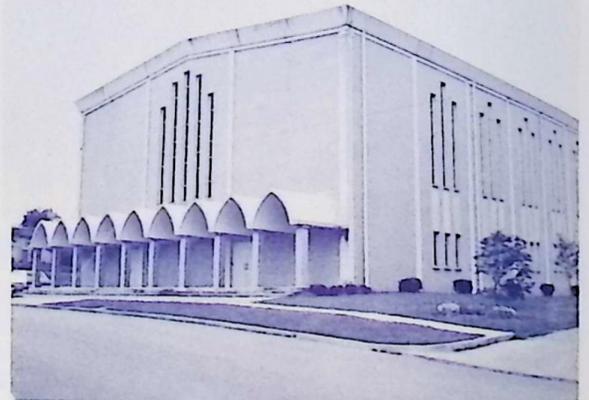
As we come to these closing days of planning, we want you to pray. It is of vital importance that the plans will be according to the will of God. The building we build here will be a testimony for the years to come, of our love for Jesus and His people in this community and around the world. It is our desire that every portion of the new building will be an honor to our Lord.

The purpose behind it all is to have a suitable place to worship God and to reach more people for our Lord. We are now building for the years ahead. Let us pray earnestly, work hard, and see it through to completion."

Your Pastors



Ground breaking for our newest auditorium and educational complex took place on June 25, 1961, while Calvin Bailey was pastor. Dedication of the new building took place on May 20, 1962. First service in new sanctuary was Easter, April 22, 1962.





Rich Liner

Pastor Rich Liner accepted the call to be the eighth pastor of Euclid June 18, 1972. One of the big highlights that took place shortly after Rev. Liner became our pastor was the burning of the \$300,000 mortgage on our sanctuary and educational building. Phase I of the long range building and renovating program has been completed. Three houses have been purchased and a large parking lot made where two of the houses once stood. A church van has been purchased for the use of the church and different organizations in the church. Every Sunday morning at 8:45 a 30 minute devotional "Victory in Jesus Hour" is sponsored by the church. A Sunday School class is conducted each Sunday morning by our pastor at the Holiday Inn West. "Daily Devotions" by our pastor can be viewed twice daily over WCYB Channel 5 T.V. The Sunday evening service "Victory in Jesus Hour" can be heard every Sunday at 7:30 P.M. over WOPI. Pastor Liner has held many revivals. He is the official Chaplain of the Holiday Inns of Bristol.¹

Among the more important events in the life of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, since Rev. Liner came here, has to be the Shepherds Seminar in the spring of 1977. Pastors from all over the country came to Euclid to be taught by such great men as: W. A. Chriswill, Jack Taylor, Jerry Vines, Andy Anderson and others. Euclid was twice blessed because these same men who taught the pastors by day, preached our revival by night.

Rev. Liner has deepened the spiritual understanding of the church, through the Discipleship Classes he teaches on Sunday mornings and by systematic teaching of the Bible.

Mrs. Liner, the pastor's wife, has also blessed many families in our church and churches where Rev. Liner had conducted revivals, through the teaching of "Happy Home Seminars" (God's plan for the family).

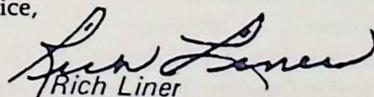
At the evening services Sunday, April 16, 1978, Rev. Liner announced that effective May 21, 1978, he was resigning to accept the call of the Lord to go to the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

My dear people,

The most wonderful expression of ^{God's} God's love is often experienced in the church of Jesus Christ. It is refreshing to be a part of a vibrant fellowship which is witnessing the salvation of the lost, deeper commitment of the redeemed, and the growth of our church family.

Thank you for the privilege of being your Pastor, and may our wonderful Heavenly Father bless you beyond your expectation.⁸

Sincerely in His Service,


Rich Liner

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Rich Liner



Birth: November 22, 1940
Lafayette, Georgia

Wife: Barbara Hackett Liner
B.A., University of Oklahoma,
Graduate Study, North Texas
State University, University of
Virginia.

Children: Noel, 3½ yrs.
Joshua, 10 months

Education: Diploma, 1958, Chattanooga,
Tennessee Central High School,
B.A. Degree, 1967, Carson-
Newman College, Jefferson City,
Tenn. Master of Divinity, 1972,
Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Ad-
ditional study, Criswell Bible
Institute, 1972, Dallas, Texas.

Military: United States Air Force, 1958-1962

Christian Service:

Churches: Associate Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, Tennessee-
student pastorate
Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 5 years
Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia, 1972-78

Licensed: Northside Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Tennessee, 1962

Ordained: Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, Tenn. 1967

Speaking Engagements: Revivals: Tennessee, Texas, Rhode Island, Georgia, Ohio, Virginia
State Evangelism Conferences: Virginia
Youth Camps: Texas, New Mexico

Writings: Source, "The Holy Spirit", for Sunday School Board of the Southern
Baptist Convention, October, 1974
School of the Prophets Manual, Royal Ambassador Section, 1970
School of the Prophets Manual, Youth Evangelism Section, 1971

Interest: Outdoor sports
Flying

Recent Honors: Who's Who in American Religion, 1976
Outstanding Young Man of America, 1977, (Jaycees)

Goals:

1. Additional staff for specific areas of ministry such as:
 1. Music
 2. Youth
 3. Outreach
 4. Counseling
 5. Administration
2. Increased T.V. Ministry
3. Construction of a Christian-Life Center
4. Effective Deacon - Ministry Program

E.A.B.C. CALLS INTERIM PASTOR

Dr. J. Herbert Gilmore, Jr., has been called to serve as the interim Pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church until such time when a full-time Pastor is called. Dr. Gilmore will bring both Sunday messages and the Wednesday evening message. He will broadcast the 8:45 a.m. Victory in Jesus Hour over W.O.P.I. each Sunday morning.

Dr. Gilmore received his B.A. from Carson-Newman College with a major in English and a minor in Psychology; he also graduated in voice. He was listed in *Who's Who in American University and Colleges*. M.A., Peabody College, with a major in World Literature and minors in Philosophy and Sociology. B.D.; Th.M.; Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His field of study was Christian Theology. He has continued his education at several universities, the most recent being Yale University.

He has written for various denominational publications: *Now, Event, Accent, and Proclaim*. He is the author of *When Love Prevails and They Chose to Live*, and *Devotions for the Home*, articles for the *Review and Expositor*, and Sunday School materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board. Three other books are to be published soon.

Dr. Gilmore's pastoral experience spans thirty-four years. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marshall, Missouri; The Deer Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky; The Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.; the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama; and the Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, Alabama.

His teaching experience over the past twenty-six years includes: Fellow in the Department of Philosophy of Religion, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Visiting Professor of Religion, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri. Visiting Professor of Preaching, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Professor of Applied Christianity and Dean of the Chapel at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky. Visiting Professor of Philosophy, University of Alabama in Birmingham. Served at the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as Visiting Professor of Theology at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Adjunct Professor of Preaching and Worship, at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

He is married to the former Joyce Marie Wade and has three sons, Victor 26, Dale 24, Winston 22, and one daughter, Marie 17.

Dr. Gilmore resigned effective Sept. 3, 1978, to accept a study/work fellowship at Harvard University.



OUR MINISTERING STAFF



Rev. Herman Mauch

We all remember the fine ministry of Rev. Herman Mauch who served as music-educational director when Dr. Roberts was pastor.



Russell Case

The following men have served Euclid in the music and Education Ministry: Rev. Herman Mauch, Rev. Russell Case, Mr. Wally Dahlquist, Mr. Carl D. Mauzy, Mr. G. Wayne Buck, Dr. Raymond Kreiner, Mr. E. Ralph Davidson, Mr. Harry Lee Cowan, Mr. Eldon Boone, Mr. John Atwod, Rev. Kenneth Archer, Mr. E. Eugene Spencer, Mr. James L. Murphy, Mr. Tom Elam, Mr. Julian Clark, Mr. Tal Thompson, and Wayne Cumbow.

Mr. Eldon Boone, Presently working for Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., helping Association over our Conventions to help churches do better Sunday School work.



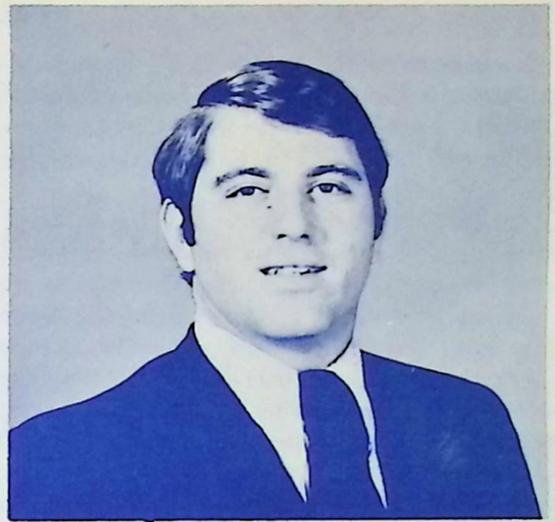
Mr. Ralph Davidson

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson came to take up the responsibilities in the field of music, education and youth work March, 1952. Mr. Davidson is a fine leader, excellent choir director and congregational song leader and a wonderful worker with our youth. He is thoroughly loyal to the pastor, church and general program as interpreted in his loyalty to Christ. Mrs. Davidson teaches, plays the piano and most anything that comes along. Her deep consecration and winsome personality is comparable to that of her husband. Therefore Euclid is glad to have them.

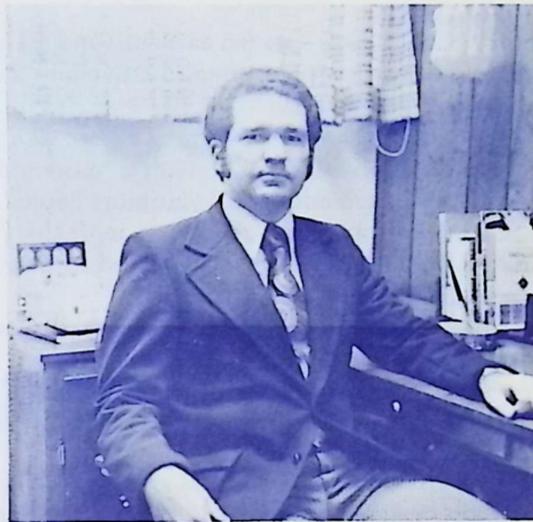
Rev. Russell Case, who for years was the music and educational director of our church, during the ministry of Dr. Paul Roberts and Rev. Garrett R. Graham, has many friends in this area. He comes to lead the singing in our anniversary services. Mrs. Case also will assist. He is now pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. *Above taken from 25th Anniversary Edition, Friendly Messengers. Russell is now retired and continues to live in Decatur, Ga.*



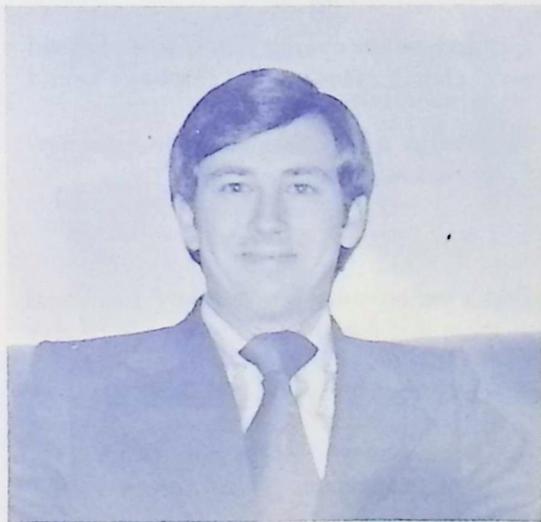
Mr. James Murphy
Minister of Education



Wayne Cumbow
Interim Music Director



Tal Thompson - Minister of Education



Julian Clark - Associate Pastor



Tom Elam - Music Director

TAL THOMPSON

"I was born to Mr. & Mrs. S. T. Thompson on June 9, 1940, in Lakeland, Florida. Our home at my birth was located in Plant City, where I received most of my education through high school.

In 1958, I graduated from Plant City Sr. High with a general diploma. My years at home in Plant City were happy years filled with many fond memories. I was active in most every organization and athletic programs offered in the local schools.

I cannot remember a period in my life when I was not active in a Southern Baptist Church. Since my father was the music director for the Northside Baptist Church, it was not uncommon for me to be in attendance every time the door opened. My participation was not forced. I enjoyed every minute of it.

My profession of faith came when I was seven and seemed to be a natural response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as well the encouragement of my parents.

After high school, I entered Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. At that time I did not have a clear understanding of God's plan for my life. I followed the general liberal arts curriculum. As I neared the end of my college career, I felt the call to Y.M.C.A. work.

In the meantime, I met my future wife, also a student at Carson Newman, (Elizabeth Graves). We were married during the summer of my junior year. Our first home was in a college apartment.

After graduation in 1962, I took a job as Associate Boy's Work Secretary with the Cannon Memorial Y.M.C.A. in Kannapolis, N. C. While in Kannapolis two of our children, Bill and Beth, were born.

In 1966, I accepted the position of Youth Director at the Bristol Y.M.C.A. We lived in Bristol until 1969.

1969 found us moving to Greensboro, N. C. where I served as Youth and Camp Director of the Greensboro Y.M.C.A. While in Greensboro, I experienced a new prompting to move into a church related vocation, after having been with the Y.M.C.A. for 8½ years.

To prepare for this call, our family moved to Louisville, Ky., in early 1970, where I entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I graduated in December, 1972, with a masters degree in Religious Education.

While in seminary, I served as Minister of Music/Youth of the Harmony Baptist Church.

After graduation from Southern Seminary, I accepted a position with the Florida Baptist Convention as Associate Director of the Camps and Assemblies Department. I served in that capacity for one year. While living in Leesburg, Florida, our youngest son, Paul, was born.

In 1973, I accepted the call from the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, Va., to serve as Minister of Education. I am currently serving in this capacity.

Views of History of Church

It is very obvious from reviewing the history of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church that here is a church that is alive and healthy.

Traditionally Euclid has been an evangelistic center. There has always been a strong emphasis on Biblically conservative evangelism. Euclid has always been known as a church with a missionary heart.

Goals for Church

I feel the important goals for the future include:

1. **Emphasis on family life.** The continuing disintegration of the family unit demands that the church give its attention to this important need. I feel this should be a major priority.
2. **Mission Outreach.** Move the church outside the four walls. Let the church be the church that Christ planned it to be. Too long we have been a "come to" church rather than a "go to" church. This type of emphasis would call for a host of new out-reach ministries.
3. **New Member Orientation.** As a new member joins the church either as a new Christian or as a new church member, he/she should be involved in a quality discipling program that would:
 - a. help him understand Euclid Avenue Baptist Church.
 - b. help him develop a personal theology.
 - c. help him discern opportunities for him to exercise his gift.
4. **Increase size of staff.** One advantage of a large church is the fact that a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth can be provided, such opportunities can be provided only if there is sufficient staff available to give full-time leadership.
5. **Church Involvement in Leisure Activities.** Camper Activity Center, family activities.

It is my opinion that the strong emphasis on evangelism has tended to overshadow a healthy, continuing emphasis on discipling. We have been concerned with "winning the lost" but not concerned enough with helping them grow as young Christians. We need a balance between the two, evangelism - Christian growth."

Minister of Education

S. Talmadge Thompson, Jr.⁹

EVANGELISM . . .

Porter Barrington Coming For Revival Oct. 13 thru 27

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PORTER BARRINGTON COMING FOR REVIVAL OCT. 13 THRU 27

With Paul Roberts as Guest Tenth Meeting

Horns And Poore To Lead Revival

DR. CHARL STIVERS LEADS BIRMINGHAM BIBLE CONFERENCE HELPS HELPS HELPS

ME. CHARLES COX IS SERIOUSLY ILL

REV. DAWSON VISITS GRAVES

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A Visit with your Pastor

Rich Limer
 PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD FROM A SHEPHERD'S HEART

The Lord in the sky and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. Hallelujah, there is victory over death in Christ.

Thank you my beloved flock of God for the high privilege of serving as your undershepherd.

Rich Limer
 Rich Limer
 John 10:11

Great Bible Conference Opening At Euclid

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Great Bible Conference Opening At Euclid

MR. ARTHUR H. BARNES, GUEST SPEAKER

ARTHUR BARNES

Bank Diverting Euclid's Music Programs

Presenting Our S. S. Is Standard Radio Ministry



Paul Roberts To Hold Revival

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Paul Roberts To Hold Revival

Meeting Begins November 12

ME. PAUL ROBERTS

THE YOUTH OF EUCLID VIEW THE AMASSMENT QUESTION

Greater Bristol Baptist Youth Rally

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Greater Bristol Baptist Youth Rally

Texas To Be Guest Speaker

ME. DEWEEN FRANKS

Former Pastor At Lebanon

What Jesus Is To Me

PRAY

TAPE MINISTRY

The Euclid Avenue Baptist Church tape ministry has been operating about three years. This ministry consists of maintaining a library of cassette tapes for loan, and providing copies of them to individuals for their personal use where duplication is permissible. The tape library includes tapes of the Sunday Services, revivals, Bible studies, and concerts held at Euclid, and also tapes from various other sources of sermons, conferences, etc.

The tapes are used by various organizations of the church to supplement other material in teaching, and for general circulation to members for private listening. The Extension Department uses them in ministering to those not able to attend regular services at the church.

The benefits of a tape ministry are unlimited. Great messages are no longer restricted to the one time and one place of the initial delivering, but can be heard again and again by an unlimited audience and at any time and place. The cost is within reach of just about everybody that desires to benefit from the media. For many this is their primary source of "instruction in righteousness." It is one way the Gospel is being proclaimed to the uttermost part of the world.

HANDYMAN

One of the much needed missions of Euclid is the handyman. This consists of skilled labor from our church family and designed to help those of low income or who might be taken by high prices. Due to the fact that we have men and women skilled in every field of service, we find it very easy to find someone to meet any need that arises with our older members. Although, this mission is for the men of our church it became necessary to ask some of the ladies to assist on occasions. This is a young organization, but we have offered services in plumbing, electrical work on things like radios and tape players, helping to move household goods or getting someone to town or market. So it is good to have these skills ready when needed.

THE GREATER BRISTOL SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

"The Greater Bristol Senior Citizen's Center was begun seven years ago as an outgrowth of Rev. John Thrasher's radio ministry. He and his wife, Louise, began to meet with some 200 senior adults once a month for a devotional dinner. He sponsored one day and week long trips for them with a Christian atmosphere. The next step was to locate a place for weekday activities and set up a Board of Directors and become incorporated with by-laws and constitution.

At present, we have some 300 members. We are located on Weaver Pike in a two story brick house, which we are paying for. The title deed is in the name of the center.

We have a Monday through Friday activity program which involves a monthly devotional dinner, covered dish luncheons with fun and fellowship emphasis, activities planned for the senior adult to minister in the community (choir sings at nursing homes and home visitation, toy repair at Christmas and other time in the year), one or two short trips a month, educational programs (political visitors, legal aid twice a month, medical and health care, etc.), special fund raising projects (applebutter making, bazaars, meals cooked for the community at a reasonable charge).

We have every week these activities: Choir, ceramics, macrame, Bible study, sewing, quilting, needlework, crafts, and learning new arts. We have a complete photography and dark room, we have a complete wood working shop and kiln for firing ceramics. Some of our ladies are teaching younger women in the community to quilt.

We are funded entirely by contributions from individuals, civic groups and churches at the present.

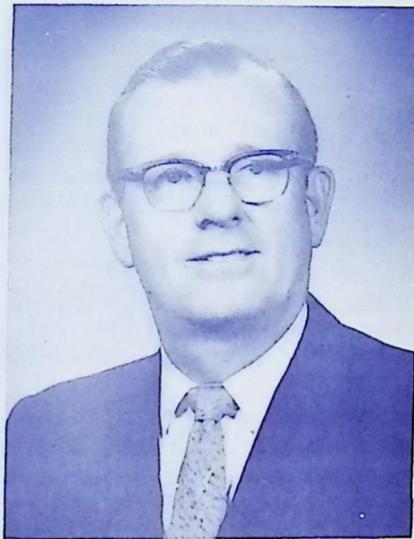
This is a Christian Center for senior adults. Its purpose is two fold: To prepare senior adults to face life in the senior years with the victorious Christian attitude. Three major adjustments - retirement, loss of mate, and failing health. Also, to enable senior adults to reach out to the community with their witness and minister without being limited because of lack of travel or poor health.

I believe this ministry should be supported by our pastors and churches as an extension of their ministry and responsibility to this age group, financially, by prayers and acceptance."

Director of center,

Elizabeth Thompson

A CHILD OF EUCLID BRADLEY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



Rev. E. W. Ely



Bradley Street Baptist Church

Bradley Street Baptist Church was organized Jul 29, 1951. This church grew out of a mission started by Euclid Avenue several years ago. After the first small building was built by Euclid Avenue. (One addition on the left side has been added, which does not show in the above picture, since it became a church.) Under the leadership of Rev. E. W. Ely, who served before organization for one year and a half as Associate Pastor of Euclid, the church has grown. They now have over 200 members and their budget is about \$12,000.00 per year. This is a child that Euclid is justly proud of. They have also finished a beautiful pastorium, the picture you will find in this issue. *Memberships in 1978 is over 500, and the budget \$45,000.*

Rev. Ely was ordained by our church. After pastoring the River Bend Church in Tennessee and the Damascus Church in Virginia, he became associate pastor at Euclid. His responsibilities largely were to develope the Bradley Street Mission. He did that admirably and then he became its first pastor.



First Building of Bradley . . . A Mission Sunday School
(Mr. E. E. Whitson was the Superintendent)

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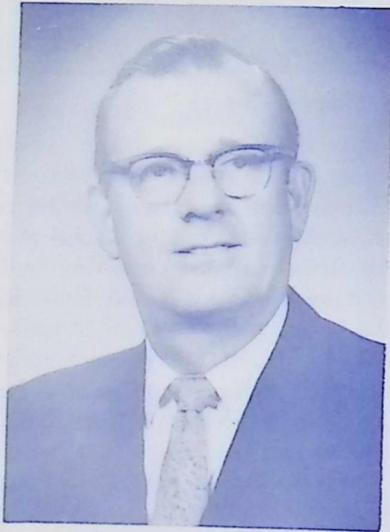
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"BRISTOL, a good place to live; EUCLID, a good place to Worship"

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BRISTOL, VA., AUGUST, 1950

Committee Nan Work Progresses At Bradley Street



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.

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.

Be a Christian than you are. Word is believed and appreciated.

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.

r, with Rev. Arthur Barber he speaker, was held. In way we can say it was a Conference. Rev. Barber is one of God's anointed Bible hers and teachers. He end himself to our congrega- and his fine ministry will n in all our hearts. We end him to our entire Bap- fellowship wherever the

THE BUFFALO MISSION

One of the most entrusting mission efforts of Euclid is the Buffalo Mission. The Buffalo Mission is an effort to reach the people in the area around Buffalo, New York for Christ. It's an area in which there was no Southern Baptist voice just a few short years ago.

The Buffalo Mission is the work of the Veteran's Park Baptist Church, and her pastor, Jim Bullis. What a work it is, this church has three active missions, two of which were started in the last two years, has a summer camp and conducts many many Vacation Bible Schools.

What does this have to do with Euclid? Several years ago the young people in the choir made the initial contact. Each year since this initial contact, the young people of the choir have gone to Buffalo to help the people of Veterans Park. They go out into the communities, parks, and shopping centers to promote Bible Schools, then these same young people conduct the Bible Schools, which have been very successful with children ages 4 to 10. Many of these Bible Schools have been taught by the young people of Euclid, but that's not all they do, they: Work as counselors in the summer camps, build and repair the various buildings of Veteran's Park and her missions.

Buffalo area has been hard hit by unemployment and the money for an operation as the Buffalo Mission is far beyond that which a small church like Veteran's Park could afford. How then is all this possible? Dedicated men like Jim Bullis, who are willing to work for salaries just barely enough for the necessities and financial help from the Home Mission Board and other churches. One of these churches is Euclid Avenue, who underwrites the French Town Road Mission.

Rev. Jim Bullis writes to Orlyn Craig,

"It has been answered prayer. There was no time until the last fifteen days that we were sure the French Road property would be ours. We kept coming up with hurdles and unsolved problems. It was your church's action and others like it that have made it possible for us to see the building in use and stepping out. You have one of the most exciting missions around.

The task up here goes on with another building and another church to start. Please continue to pray for us."

"The mission that you are helping to support is doing great. They had 42 last Sunday and will continue to grow. Their pastor has torn out all of the partitions in the bottom floor and now they have a room that will seat about a hundred. They also have moved the family up in an old walk-up attic and made a family and dining area up there. That means three flights of stairs but they are rejoicing. He has with help from others put siding on the outside and has insulated the building. He also has put rugs and commercial chairs down in the auditorium. The Lord has been very good to them. The people love their pastor and have not seen a person that could take his place. They have no desire nor tendency to want to return to the mother church and we are very proud of them."²⁰

Rev. Jim Bullis



Veteran's Park Baptist Church

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"THE MONDAY FAMILY MOVING UP"

The pastor of the French Road Chapel in Cheektowaga and family are moving up to the third floor.

Mrs. Jackie Monday is excited about moving into the attic. The big house on French Road has been purchased by a H.M. Loan. Mrs. Monday who was sharing part of the first floor with the Mission Sunday School, said the biggest need was to get her kitchen, dining room, and family room moved to the attic. This would give her a time and place to be alone with her family. When you share the home and chapel, one of the results is people in and out all time of the day and evenings. This third floor will separate the family and the chapel.

The big house has been insulated, new siding, storm windows, and painted. The big house must be ready for the winter.

We are thankful for the Monday Bunch who arrive in our area April 1977 and have began a great church in the middle of over 60,000 people."¹⁹

THE HAVEN OF REST RESCUE MISSION

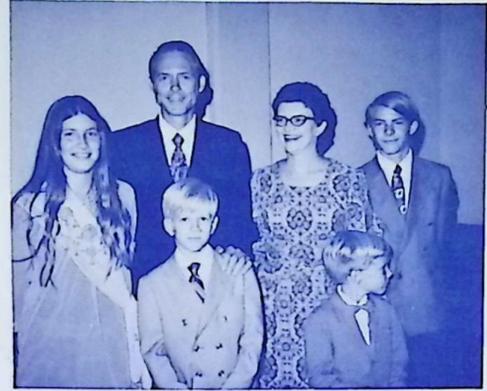
The Haven of Rest Rescue Mission was established on December 1, 1955 at 407 State Street. Rev. Vander Meulen brought his testimony at the Watch Night Service. Rev. W. B. Bennett was first Superintendent. He was succeeded by Mr. Watson Thompson, and Mr. Bill Venable is presently serving as superintendent. The mission was moved to 214 - 7th Street in June 1965. The location was changed to Anderson Street due to Urban Renewal. The mission is an arm of our churches reaching those men and women who are not reached physically and spiritually by we churches.²¹

Our
Missionaries

Missionary Photo Album



Rev. & Mrs. Carl Yarnell, Michael, Vivian & Marianne, outside their home in East Malaysia.



Dr. & Mrs. Eugene Ruble, Danny, Eddy, Linda & Andy. Medical missionaries to Kediri, Indonesia.



Judy & George Brice
Brazil



Melody, Tim, Betty & Web Carroll
Africa



Doug Cather
served in Ghana



Jane, Gene and Karen Eller,
Educational Missionaries to Amman, Jordan



Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Atkinson, John & Jennifer, serving in Chile. *Now resigned.*

THE YARNELLS

"I was born and reared in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1926. My wife, formerly Mary Pate, was born near Blaine, Tennessee, 1929, but spent most of her life before marriage in Kingsport. We both graduated from Carson Newman College in 1950, after having married while students there in 1949. I graduated and Mary attended Gold Gate Baptist Theology Seminary in Berkley, California, 1951-53. I was pastor of churches in Merced, California and Colma, California while in seminary.

1953 - 1955

We served in Holston Baptist Church (above Bluff City).

1955

In March, we were appointed as missionaries by our Foreign Mission Board, (S.B.C.) and left for Singapore and Malaysia in June, 1955.

1955 - 1956

We studied Mandarin Chinese language and started ^{an} ~~an~~ English speaking church in Singapore.

1956 - 1963

I served as president and teacher in our Baptist Seminary in Penang, Malaysia and was pastor of a church in Penang and engaged in general evangelism and church development in North Malaya. Mary was a homemaker, taught school at home, served as a teacher in our seminary and as manager of our Baptist Book Store in Penang.

1964

June - October we served in church development in Ipoh, Malaya.

1964 - 1976

We served in pioneer evangelism and church development in North Borneo, now called East Malaysia, in the states of Sabah and Sarawak.

1976 - 1978

January, we were transferred to Guam to become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

In Singapore and Peninsular Malaysia (Malaya) we worked primarily with Chinese people. In Boredo, East Malaysia, we worked with Chinese and various tribal groups - both in towns and rural (jungle) areas.

Our most meaningful and fruitful years were the last five years in Sabah and Sarawak, when we saw and were used to begin a deep spiritual awakening in the midst of pressures and persecution by the government and the Islamic religion against Christianity.

Due to unfavorable attitudes of the government toward Christianity and a strong resurgence of Islam we were denied continued immigration approved to live and work in Malaysia so had to leave in July 1976. We went to Guam as an alternate place of service.

At present, we are on furlough and do not know where or how the Lord may lead in the next step. We are prepared for remaining in the states and ministering or to go to another overseas assignment, however the Lord leads.

Love in Him,
Carl F. Yarnell, Jr.¹⁵

REV. AND MRS. G. WEBSTER CARROLL

Southern Baptist MIssionaries

(Appointed July 1956)

The Rev. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll are Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Jinja, Uganda, where he is missionary adviser working with local churches in evangelism and membership training.

Mrs. Carroll is a homemaker and is active in church work.

The Carrolls served in Tanzania before going to Uganda in 1963. In Tanzania, they completed one year of language study and worked in church and home evangelism for six years.

A native of Bluefield, W. Va., Carroll was graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., with a bachelor of arts degrees and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., with the bachelor of divinity degree. While a student he did summer mission work in Hawaii, sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Student Union.

Before their missionary appointment he was pastor of churches in Russellville, Tenn., and Itasca and Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Carroll, the former Betty Lou Wilt of Lakeland, Florida, also received the bachelor of arts degree from Carsn-Newman College and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern seminary. Before going overseas she was secretary for First Baptist Church, Lakeland, and stenographer for an insurance company in Dallas.

They have two children: Tim, born in 1959; and Melody, 1964; both students at Rift Valley Academy, near Nairobi.¹⁴

Jim is presently a student at Sanford University, Birmingham, Ala.



G. Webster Carroll



Mrs. G. Webster Carroll

"We were appointed to Tanzania in 1956 and labored there seven years in evangelism. We moved to Jinjo, Uganda in 1963 to help in opening a Baptist witness there. God has blessed abundantly with a harvest of souls and the establishment of about 150 churches. Our peak of missionaries in Uganda was 25 in 1972. Then came a change in political administration and the rule of Gen. Idi Amin and his military government. As he himself is a Muslim the religion of Islam has increasingly been given more encouragement while evangelicals have increasingly been limited. Finally in September 1977, our baptist churches were banned along with some thirty other groups or denominations, thus all of our churches are closed. The government has given us permission as expatriates to remain and to engage in social services which we have thus far felt led to do. We (there are only two couples of us left) are helping the Bible society in distribution of Bibles, doing some agriculture work, a small medical work, and are still expecting our Lord to reopen the door for us to preach His glorious Gospel."

Sincerely,
Web Carroll

THE MISSIONARY ZEAL OF OUR CHURCH IS REFLECTED IN THE SUPPORT GIVEN OUR SIX MISSIONARY FAMILIES THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

THE RUBLES

"I was born in 1936 and grew up in Putnam (near Honaker) in Russell County the second of three brothers. I accepted Christ as my savior at the age of 9 and was baptized in the Honaker Baptist Church. My father was killed in a plane crash in 1946. In 1951, our family moved to Bristol and we were active members of Bradley Street Baptist Church, in fact, were charter members when that mission of Euclid became a church with Rev. E. W. Ely, pastor.

A year or two later Mother, my younger brother Dale, and I moved our membership to Euclid and became active in the church program. I had felt the Lord leading me into the ministry and welcomed the very fine youth fellowship I found in the church, including my good friends Harold Wilson, Doug Smith, Ted Ball, Gerald Martens, Robert Herndon, Judy Hutton, and LaVerne Sawyers. It was out of the sharing with these and other young people there that I first had opportunity to preach in several area churches and the rescue mission.

I attended King College for two years and then transferred to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. There I felt God was leading me into medical mission work and I took a pre-med course of study.

I was licensed to preach at Euclid on August 7, 1957 under Rev. Raymond Smith along with Don Blaylock, Henry Adkins and two others. I graduated from Mercer University with a B.A. degree along with Peggy Comer from Americus, Georgia who was to become my wife. That was 1959. We were married two years later while I was a medical student at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, after Peggy had received her M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary. I graduated from M.C.V. with my M.D. degree in 1963.

With two children, Danny and Linda, we moved to Roanoke where I took a rotating internship at Ronaoke Memorial HOsital. From there I entered the U.S. Air Force and served two years as a Captain in Mobile, Alabama. Eddy was born while we were there. We were active members of Central Baptist Church of Mobile.

Then we moved to Wake Forest, N. C. where I enrolled in Southeastern Seminary. I worked in the state prison in Raleigh for the two years we were in Wake Forest. I completed courses preparatory for mission appointment but did not complete work for a degree. We then moved to Winston-Salem where I completed a three year residency in internal medicine. We were members of Knollwood Baptist Church. Andy was born in Winston-Salem.

We were appointed missionaries to Indonesia on 13 July 1971 at an appointment service in Richmond.

We arrived in Indonesia in February 1972, spent about a year in language study and then went to our hospital in east Java at Kediri where we served our first term. The hospital has been operating for more than twenty years and has continued to provide opportunity to bear witness to many nominal Moslems of east Java. Through it many villages have been opened to the Gospel and work established throughout the area. We were assigned, however, to a new hospital in west Sumatra at Bukittinggi which the mission had been trying to get opened for some 10 years without success. Since it was not open we remained in Kediri and experienced a very rewarding term working in an established area. We believe the Lord knew we needed that. Only as we were leaving on furlough was the clinic in Bukittinggi opened again and, finally, the hospital opened. On return from furlough we have come to Bukittinggi where I am working along side of Dr. Win Applewhite, a mssionary surgeon for over 15 years in Indonesia, and Miss Everly Hayes, missionary nurse from China with Bill Wallace.

Unlike Kediri, the Bukittinggi area is not open to the Gospel, and it has taken years of patient working to see God open the doors of this hospital. Even after it was opened a radical element placed a bomb in the hospital but it never exploded. We are not permitted an open witness through the hospital, but people are coming and our little church here bears a witness and we are confident that God's Spirit is quietly at work in Bukittinggi. While there has been high level resistance to our having work here we find the people quite open and friendly and our clinic is over-run.

Yours in Christ,

Eugene Ruble, M.D.¹⁶

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CALLING ALL BOYS! CALLING ALL GIRLS! WONDERFUL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SESSIONS JUNE 12-18, 9:00-11:00 AM



MR. W. B. CATHER, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Cather Will Not Go To Africa

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cather, Jr. had planned to go to Africa as missionaries. Sometimes the Lord calls with the purpose in mind of creating a willingness in the hearts of His children to go where He wants them to go and without the ultimate purpose of securing their presence in a given field. This seems to be the case in the experience of Brother and Mrs. Cather.

He will be open to the leadership of the Lord in mission work here, teaching, Bible conference

Mr. and Mrs. Cather (Continued from Page 1)
Bible School around him would seem to us that this is not of our Daily Vacation departments it would seem to us that this is not of our Daily Vacation ATTEND. PARENTS have you seek service in some which can produce. The EMPHASIS other area. In all of the parts of these different ages. stories and the Africa in which we labor, we have THE YOUR CHILDREN of the things on an extremely damp season for

JUNE 11, certain months each year. So far singing, character the children will receive a guarantee that you would be sent. TION DAY." All have at least 200 guarantee that you would be sent. TION DAY." All will begin the school We fully realize that this is 1 in their depart- for them on Thursday, going to be a tremendous shock nts. We ought to have closed. to you and Mrs. Cather, and yet wing morning we will have a picnic

JUNE 18th, We believe too that as you con- will have a picnic sometimes "Communion" in prayer about it, that you school class periods CISES" for a public will see the hand of the Lord in what is called forum, 7:45 P. M. it, and will rejoice in His leading. TNAL EXER- church audi- church audi- high points

Pray for the school, we prefer to have the counsel of Mr. year olds will be provided. Nur Reidhead, I feel confident that he also pro- vided. The best school would be most happy to talk with

work or pastorate. He is educated, graduating from Bible College. His wife equally prepared as a fi- mate for her husband. Th their children are as fine as you can find.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

SUDAN INTERIOR MISSION
April 23, 1952
Mr. William B. Cather, Jr.
39 24th St.
Bristol, Tenn.

Dear Brother Cather:
As you know, we have been going over very carefully your health record, including the X-

work in the homeland wherever the Lord might lead.
With warmest greetings,
Sincerely yours,
J. O. Percy, Secretary
What only in the event you could be located in a high and dry area, should we consider you for the field. But if you should get into a damp, moist area, the situation could become quiet serious. The fact that you have these sinus headaches is something to be considered, because as a rule headaches can become rather debilitating.

In view of the above, and the fact that we could under no consideration guarantee that you
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DOUG AND SARAH CATHER AND FAMILY WENT OUT FROM OUR CHURCH TO THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD IN MAY, 1958 TO SERVE IN GHANA, AFRICA.

THE BRICES

In 1965, George and Judy Brice and family were appointed to the foreign mission field to serve in Brazil. In Brazil, they had language study in Campinas until 1966.

George is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth Texas, assistant administrator at Northeast Bible Institute, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil, and interim pastor of a local church and moderator of State Convention.

Judy is a graduate of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. She is a teacher of Sociology and Psychology and Director of Choir of Select Voices at Northeast Bible Institute. She is also the choir director and pianist at a local church.

George and Judy have four children: Twins, Gay and Joy, age 16, in school in Salvador, Brazil; Randy, age 9; and Gary, age 8.

In 1974, an exciting thing happened George and Judy and family came home on furlough in August. It was a joy and a blessing to see them again and hear about their work in Brazil.¹⁷

Their next furlough is August 1979.

THE ELLERS

God continues to work in and through Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. In February 1974, Gene and Jane Eller received word that they had been approved by the Foreign Mission Board to serve in Korea. However, that door was closed, and they were later approved to serve in Amman, Jordan at the Baptist School in Amman. God used Jane in our W.M.U. as she directed mission studies, participated in mission action, served as our secretary, and so beautifully illustrated programs, etc. with her talented art work. Eleven members from Euclid rode the church van to Richmond, Virginia on October 8, 1974 to share in Gene and Jane's appointment service.

In April 1975, Gene, Jane and Karen Eller left for Jordan. Baptist Women asked that tapes of our worship service be made and sent to our Euclid sponsored missionaries.¹⁷

On February 26, 1978 Rev. Fawaz Ameish, (Gene and Jane's pastor), visited our church and delivered the Morning Worship Sermon. He said of Gene and Jane:

"We are very happy to have this wonderful Christian. The Lord is using this family mightily, especially in the ministry of education. He is the director of the Baptist School in Amman and through this school we have a wonderful means of reaching those who we can't reach through the work of the church or through direct witness and evangelism. Each week he visits the students and their families. The majority of the students in our school are Moslems and in our country it is not easy to witness for the Moslem (not because they are heretic but because of the laws we have). But through this school we have great and golden opportunities to reach the Moslems with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for sending Brother Eller and his wife. We are very happy having him and we have the cooperative Spirit. We work together in our country, which is in need of persons who are burdened; who have love for our people; and who want to reach them with the Gospel of Christ."

THE ELLERS

"Jane, my wife, was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. She came to King College for studies. We met at King and were married in 1963. She studied Practical Nursing in Johnson City, Tennessee. Jane worked as a nurse for four years until Karen, our daughter, was born in 1967.

Karen is our only child. She was 11 years old on April 2.

I was born in Glade Springs, Virginia, but grew up in Bristol, Virginia. I graduated from King College in 1963 with a A.B. Degree in History. I began teaching school in Bristol, Virginia in 1963. I taught in the elementary grades for 6½ years. In 1969 I received a Masters Degree in School Administration from East Tennessee State University. In 1970, I became principal of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Bristol, Va. I was there for 4 years until June 1974.

In 1972 God called both my wife and me to serve in foreign missions. We answered that call (after much prayer) in 1974.

We were appointed for Jordan by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in October 1974. After our study for 6 months June-December 1974, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forrest, N. C., we left for 3 months, June-April, 1975, of Orientation in Pine Mt., Ga. Then on May 1, 1975 we landed in Amman, Jordan.

Our first year in Amman was spent in studying the Arabic language. On June 1, 1976, I assumed my duties as the General Director of our Amman Baptist School in the capital city of Amman, Jordan.

God has truly blessed our family during these past three years. We have many opportunities to serve Him in the school.

Our school has 230 Arab students in Grades K-5. (We add a new class of students each - example: in 1978-79 we will increase to Grade 6). It is our plan to go thru the 9th grade. (We pray that if it's God's will we will go further).

All of our teachers are Arab. All of the subjects are taught in Arabic, except the English and French classes. We have an outreach to the average and above average (eco.) families of Amman.

A part of our program is home visitation. We have visited in nearly all of the students home during the past two years. It is our goal to visit in as many homes each year as possible.

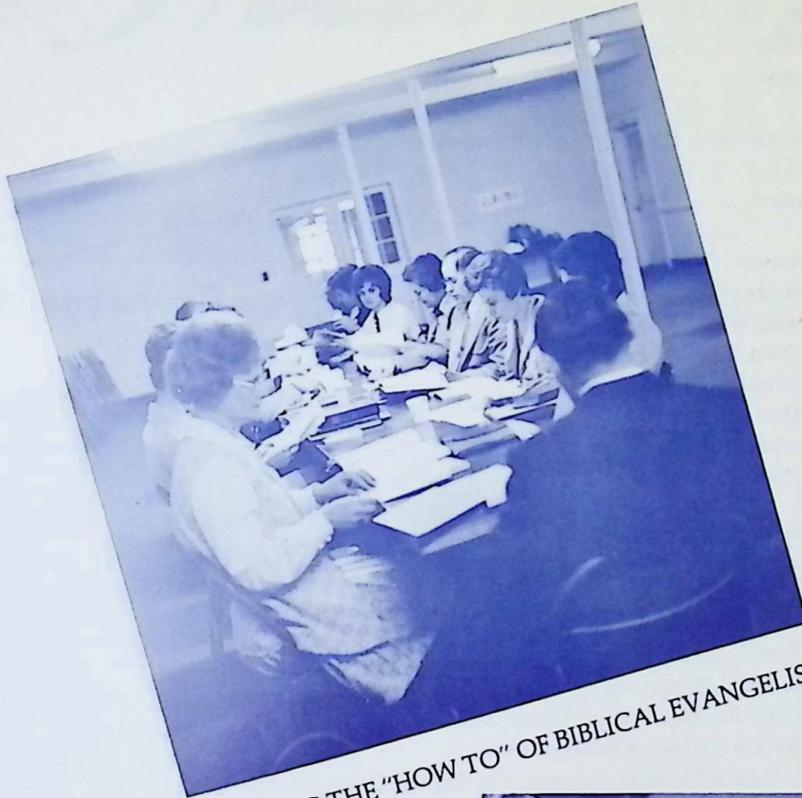
Seventy percent of our students are Muslim. Thirty percent are from "Christian" homes. Over 94% of the people in Jordan are Muslim.

It is our goal to serve God and to be in His will at the Amman Baptist School. We want His Precious Name to be glorified and honored, and all that we do is to be for His Service."

In His Name,

Gene Eller²³

PERSONAL EVANGELISM . . .



LEARNING THE "HOW TO" OF BIBLICAL EVANGELISM



PUTTING IT TO WORK THROUGH VISITATION

MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF EUCLID COMMITTED TO FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

1. Bro. C. C. Roach
2. Bro. Jack Morrison
3. Dr. Hugh Horne, Minister, Writer, Author
4. Rev. E. W. Ely, Pastor
5. Stanley Stanfield
6. Douglas Cather, Missionary, Pastor, Superintendent of Missions
7. Wyndom Odum
8. Rev. Bill Smith, Pastor
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10. Gerald Martens, Pastor
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12. George Blaylock, Minister of Music
13. Don Blaylock, Minister, Pastor, Campus Minister
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15. Mrs. George Brice (Judy Hutton), Missionary
16. Gene Eller, Educational Missionary
17. Jane Eller, Educational Missionary
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20. Mrs. Janice VanHook Drenth, Minister's Wife
21. Roger Duff, Minister of Music
22. Rev. Richard (Dick) Cassidy, Minister, Pastor
23. Margaret Talley, Church Secretary
24. Margaret Leonard, Church Secretary
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26. Mrs. Mike Lovett (Sylvia Bailey), Church Pianist
27. Mrs. Kenneth Burke (Mary Blevins), Secretary in Baptist Offices in Richmond
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30. Mr. J. T. Bragg, Self-supporting Missionary
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36. Bill Cather, Jr., Minister, College Administrator
37. Homer Smith, Licensed to Preach, Pastor
38. Joe Mongle, Licensed to Preach, Pastor, Evangelist
39. Everett Lerch, Jr., Pastor
40. Judy Lerch, Pastor's wife
41. Mrs. Christine Barker, Haggai, Evangelist's Wife

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Euclid Avenue Licensed Three To Preach



MR. HAROLD DRENTH

Brother Drenth, about whom our paper wrote last month, a native of Minnesota and came to our fellowship from the Presbyterian fellowship. He has been used of the Lord greatly and is being received as a devoted fellow-helper. He attended Houghton College, New York, and Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. He married one of our girls here while in Chicago and they have one little girl. He is a good teacher and an able preacher.

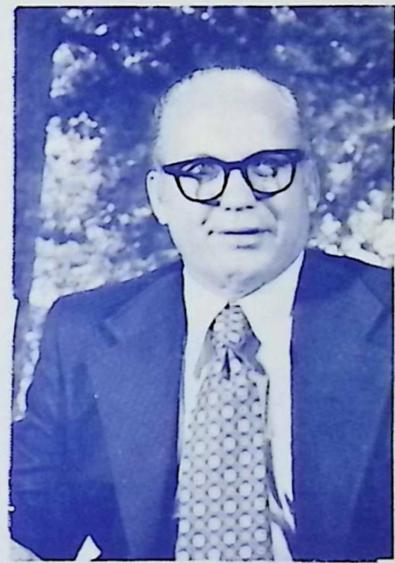
One of the best recommendations for a church is the way the Lord comes to that fellowship and calls men into the ministry. Euclid Avenue has had a long list of men whom the Lord has called since its founding in 1928. Now we are privileged to present



MR. JOE MONGLE

Brother Mongle is a native of Virginia. He attended Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and this past year has been principal of North Bristol school. He has taught Bible classes for years and served as B.T.U. Director of our church. He has been used extensively in Bradley Street Mission this past year and has filled several pulpits. He plans to go to our new Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Mr. Mongle is married and has a little daughter and son.

our recommendation of three men of the very highest type; men who are already much used of the Lord and college trained as well as Bible trained. Surely the Lord is moving among us and not only shall the usefulness of our church



MR. W. B. CATHER, JR.

Brother Cather has recently graduated from Columbia Bible College and Seminary. A native of Virginia, he has had a long standing experience in relation to our church. He is gifted as a good speaker and good soloist. His teaching ability is certainly above par and his love for souls guarantees wherever his ministry shall lead, there will be a blessing. His wife is a native of Iowa and they have two children, both girls.

be felt in the immediate community but these "Arms" shall reach to far distances beyond.

While this is a matter of honor and glory for the church IT IS ALSO A MATTER OF GREAT RE-

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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

2407 SECOND STREET SOUTH EXTENSION

Everett Lerch, Jr., Pastor

NAMPA, IDAHO 83651

Phone (208) 466-9390

March 28, 1978

Pastor Rich Liner
Euclid Avenue Baptist Church
Bristol, Virginia

Dear Brother Rich and Friends,

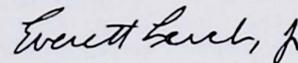
I realize that I should have written this letter long ago, but I have never been much of a letter writer. So much has happened in our lives since leaving there almost a year ago. The Lord was good to us when He led us to this church. When coming here there were about six families in the church, all wanting to grow as a church. The Lord has granted us the desires of our hearts with an attendance of ninety to one-hundred sixteen range in the last few weeks with great hopes for the future. We praise the Lord for so many souls being saved and Christians following the Lord in Baptism.

I would like to thank you Brother Liner for your warm concern and advice last year while the Lord had us waiting on Him for His leadership in this move, I will never regret it. It like any other place of service has its problems, but we are quickly learning the important lessons that He has for us through these things.

We miss all of you but I'll have to admit that a team of horses couldn't drag us back because it is so great to be in His full time service, I love it.

Pray for us that souls will be saved here for His glory.

In His Precious Name,



Everett Lerch, Jr.

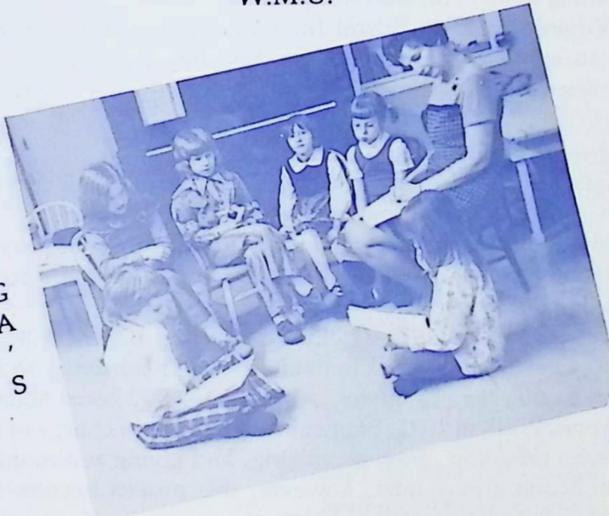
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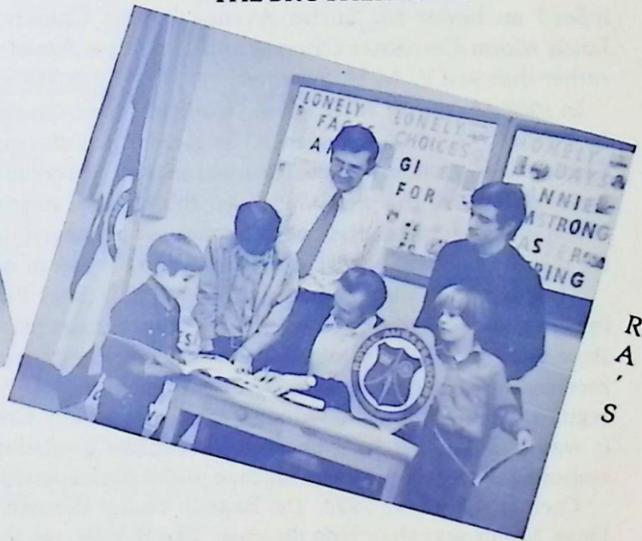
W.M.U.



JERRY WELLS GETS A "LIFT" FROM THE BROTHERHOOD



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MISSION FRIENDS

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was organized in 1928 on Friday, June 8, at the home of Mrs. O. B. Sharrett. Mrs. Emma Laird was elected the first president. In July the W.M.U. was divided into two circles, one called the Ann Judson Circle, for the Virginia side, and for the Tennessee side of town, the Olive Allen Circle. From the very first, this ladies organization was a very vital part of the church. Early "personal service projects" of the W.M.U. included: Buying silver communion plates, collection plates, furniture and rug for the church and ladies lounge, visiting Washington County Alms House, making garments for the Welfare Department and Needlework Guild, furnishing food and clothing for needy families, sending clothing to Good Will Center in Norton, Virginia, also sent clothing to the Baptist World Relief Headquarters, made and distributed quilts. Our ladies assisted in the organization of a W.M.U. at Woodlawn Baptist Church and nurtured it for a year.

By 1941, the W.M.U. was fully organized with all auxiliaries, Y.W.A., Jr. Y.W.A.'s, Intermediates, and Jr. G.A.'s, Intermediate and Jr. R.A.'s, and Sunbeam. A Young Business Woman's Circle was added. All the women and youth observe the special weeks of prayer and offering for Home, State and Foreign Missions.

In 1948, when Bradley Street Mission was started, the women of the W.M.S. had a great part in the Sunday School there, as well as other activities, such as leading prayer meetings.

Euclid was the only "Honor Society" in the Lebanon Association in 1957-58. 1958-59 our Primary Sunbeams received one of six honor awards given in the state, in 58-59 our Y.W.A.'s also received an honor award. Our society received a certificate of recognition for distinguishing work in mission study.

March, 1963, the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia came to Bristol for its annual meeting; it was indeed an honor for Euclid Avenue Baptist Church to serve as host church for this meeting. 1965, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were made "church-wide" offerings, rather than just W.M.U. offerings.

In 1967-68, our W.M.U. ^{mission} studies became church-wide family mission studies.

In 1968-69, W.M.U. experienced its greatest transformation when Circles were changed to groups. Until this time, Circles were always named for missionaries or foreign countries, now groups will be named according to the main activity of the group, such as: Bible study, mission books, current missions, mission action, and prayer. The name Woman's Missionary Society was changed to Baptist Women. In 1969 we had our first prayer retreat, we met at the home of Mrs. Bill Hyatt, and it was a most impressive service.

Through the combined efforts of W.M.U. and Brotherhood, in 1971-72, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church initiated the Religious Herald Club - subscription plan, whereby interested individuals could subscribe to the state paper for a very minimal amount with the church paying the remainder. Also, in 1971-72, our Acteens received a Merit Achievement Award. During W.M.U. Focus Week in 1971, Baptist Women were in charge of the regular Sunday morning worship service, with our women presiding, praying, singing, and giving testimonies. It was in 1972 that Mission Possible became a mission action group; later, however, this project became the responsibility of the Baptist Women under the leadership of the mission action chairman.

Then in October, 1974, the Baptist Young Women of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church was organized, Mrs. Dean Miller was their first director. The B.Y.W. (as they are called) meet on the regular Baptist Women's day, yet separate from Baptist Women. They bring their children to the church nursery, then go out in the community by two's in pre-planned mission action. They have "adopted" a grandmother at the Bristol Nursing Home who is visited regularly. They visit consistently in the Pediatric Ward at the hospital and they visit our church member shut-ins as well as other shut-ins who have requested a visit. They visit and "sit" with a young lady who is handicapped.

In the spring of 1974, a group of ladies from Euclid Baptist Women, journeyed to Trammel and Clincho, Virginia, to tour the Baptist Good Will Center there. As a result of this excursion, Miss Emma Lou McCraw and Miss Laura McFaddin, Directors of the Good Will Center later came to Bristol and burdened our hearts for State Missions.

1976 was a busy and eventful year. In March, 1976, during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Baptist Women ventured in a new experience - a prayer breakfast. Approximately 20 members were present. God was honored, and the fellowship and prayer time was spiritually uplifting.

We were so fortunate to have Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Director of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, come to Bristol and speak to us on October 31, 1976.

In 1976, Carl Jessee, under the leadership of the Baptist Women, prepared and arranged a beautiful pictorial display of our six church sponsored missionary couples. The 12 x 14 portraits are hanging on the wall in the foyer of our sanctuary as a reminder of our world-wide commission.

Through the years our mission action projects have been numerous and have covered a wide variety of ministries including: Commodities and monetary assistance to the Haven of Rest, the Tri-State Children's Home, student summer missionaries assigned to work in Vacation Bible School in the Lebanon Association, Day Camp activities in the Lebanon Association and a foreign student, as well as local students, who needed financial assistance and encouragement, a large Bible for Children's Church, and letters of encouragement to national lay leaders in Uganda. We sent cards, letters, phone calls, fruit baskets, food and clothing to the sick, elderly, shut-ins and needy, sent children to camp and gifts to patients at the Southwest Hospital in Marion. We placed an ad in the local newspaper at Easter. We are supporting a radio ministry in Pittsburg, send gifts to Home and State Missionaries to distribute to needy people, making aprons for our church kitchen and doll clothes for needy children (through the Salvation Army) and rolling bandages for missionaries returning to the field.

Our mission support chairmen have steadily promoted and encouraged our prayer life, have directed our weeks of prayer, and have so ably promoted our foreign, home and state mission offerings. Our initial Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1929 was \$3.85; it grew to \$50 in 1936, then to \$9309.72 in 1977-78. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering grew from \$221.91 in 1964 to \$3863.48 in 1977.

W.M.U. PRESIDENTS

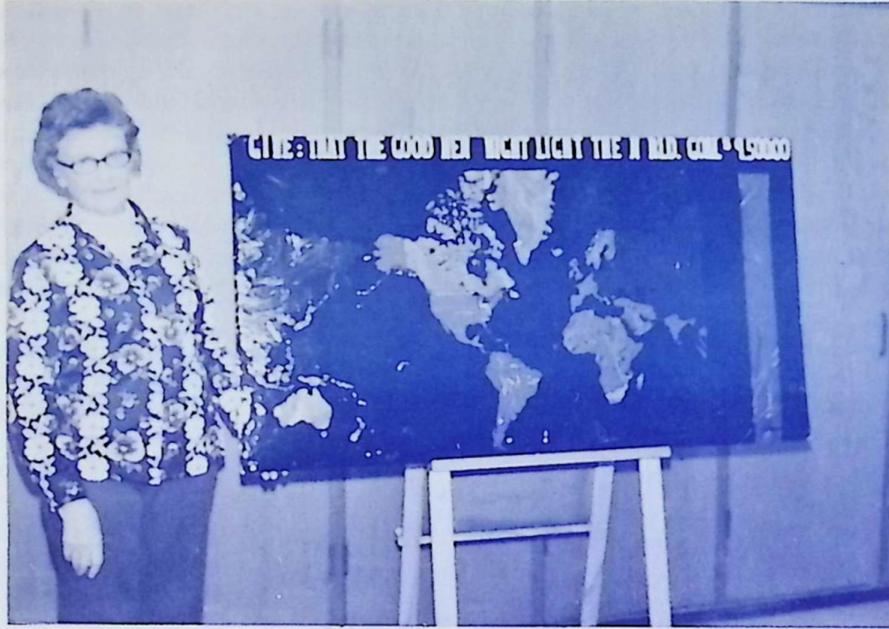
- 1928-30 Mrs. Emma Laird
- 1930-32 Mrs. Edna Crushank
- 1932-33 Mrs. Lee Cowan
- 1933-34 Mrs. John Wampler
- 1934-35 Mrs. Reeves Leonard
- 1935-36 Mrs. L. E. Barnes
- 1936-38 Mrs. A. K. Turner
- 1938-40 Mrs. H. H. Worrell
- 1940-? Mrs. E. B. Cox
- 1940-41? Mrs. Charles Kilgore
- 1941-42 Mrs. Lee Cowan
- 1943-45 Mrs. D. L. Clark
- 1945- Mrs. V. T. Johnson
- 1947-48 Gwen Graves
- 1953-54 Mrs. Lillian Estep
- 1957-58 Mrs. Lillian Estep
- 1959-60 Mrs. Una Brown
- 1960-61 Mrs. Gwen Graves
- 1961-70 Mrs. Dot Fleenor
- 1970-73 Mrs. Joyce Hyatt
- 1974-76 Mrs. Joyce Hyatt
- 1977-78 Mrs. Dot Fleenor

BAPTIST WOMEN PRESIDENTS

- 1967-70 Loretta Dugger

BAPTIST WOMEN DIRECTOR

- 1971-76 Loretta Dugger
- 1976-78 Jeanette Jessee¹⁷



Teach missions



Engage in mission action and direct evangelism



Keep missions and information about missions and missionaries ever before the church family

SOME EARLY BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES

BROTHERHOOD HUSBAND-WIFE BANQUET
February 24, 1959
Euclid Avenue Baptist Church

Walter Conley, Presiding
..... Clarence Fowlkes

INVOCATION

DINNER

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

BUSINESS:

1. Report of Evangelism Committee-Mr. Brown
2. Report of Worship committee Purpose-Mr. Emmert Plans-Mr. Cross
3. Education Committee-Bill Sellstrom

HYMN "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
Men of Brotherhood

SPECIAL MUSIC Mrs. Wm. H. Graves
MESSAGE Dr. Louis H. Taylor

HYMN "Make Me A Blessing"
Everyone sings

BENEDICTION Go on

FRI: 6:00 P.M. THROUGH SATURDAY LUNCH Southwest Virginia Brotherhood Worship of Virginia Intermont. This is the first Southwest Virginia Brotherhood Worship for all Baptist Men. This can be one of the greatest things to happen for our men. You can spend the night or attend part of the Conference. Jim Nunley is in charge of Reservations. This is your opportunity to get a complete understanding of the Brotherhood organization for a Baptist church. This will be your opportunity for fellowship, singing, new friends, inspiration and untold blessings.
September 6, 1956

APPRECIATION

Recently our Nurseryland building received a general "face lifting" on the inside. All of the walls and floors were painted and tile laid on the floor of the Bed Baby Department. The brotherhood accepted this job but the following men specifically did the work: Mr. Carl Emmert, Virgil C. Rutherford, W. C. Mumpower, Dorland Jones, Albert Davidson, Henry Gross, Ray Hicks, and Roscoe Willis. Thank you Gentlemen!
August 30, 1959⁶

REACHING OUT IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH . . .

WORSHIP



PRAYING



GIVING

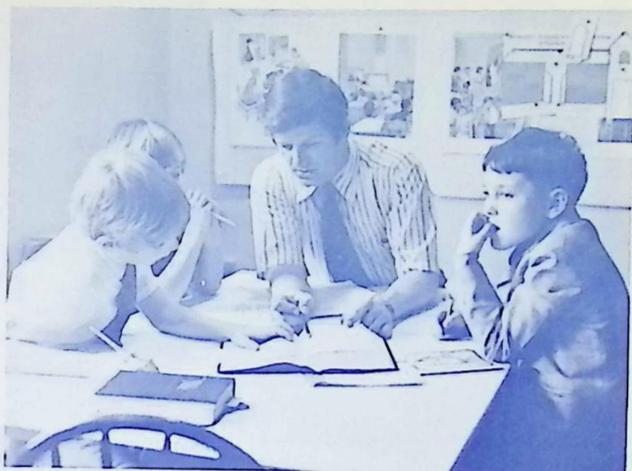


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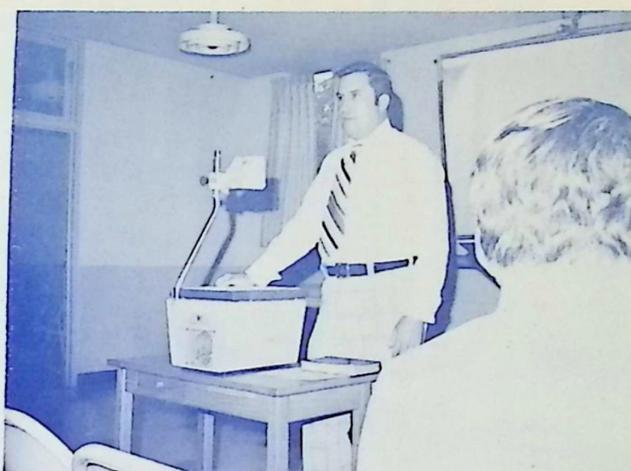


SINGING

BIBLE STUDY FOR EVERYONE . . .



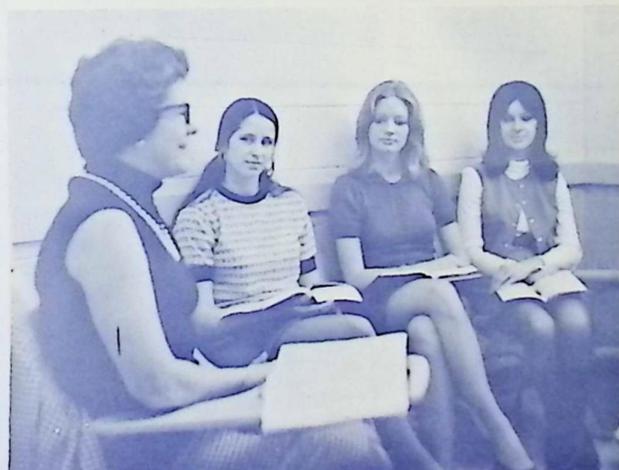
SMALL GROUP STUDY - CHILDREN'S 3



BIBLICAL GUIDANCE FOR FAMILY LIVING



GOOD SHEPHERD CLASS



YOUNG ADULTS



PRE-SCHOOLERS



OLDER ADULTS

Our Sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. L. B. Robinson & Family in the loss of her brother.

VISIBLE RESULTS LAST WEEK

Sunday School Enrolment	1121	Attendance	544
New Members	1	Visitors	14
Training Union Enrolment	418	Attendance	153
Budget Offering	\$1,717.09		
Rescue Mission	29.00		
Community Mission	9.00		
Sunday School Refund	3.00		
Library Memorials	8.00		
	<u>\$1,766.09</u>		

MEN'S CHORUS WILL REHEARSE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12, AT 4:00 P.M. ALL MEN INVITED!

Our Sincere Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Hagy Clayman & Family in the loss of her mother.

PASTOR IN REVIVAL...

The pastor is preaching this week - Sunday thru Friday - in Portsmouth, Virginia. There are many, many people in this area. Please remember the services in your prayers.

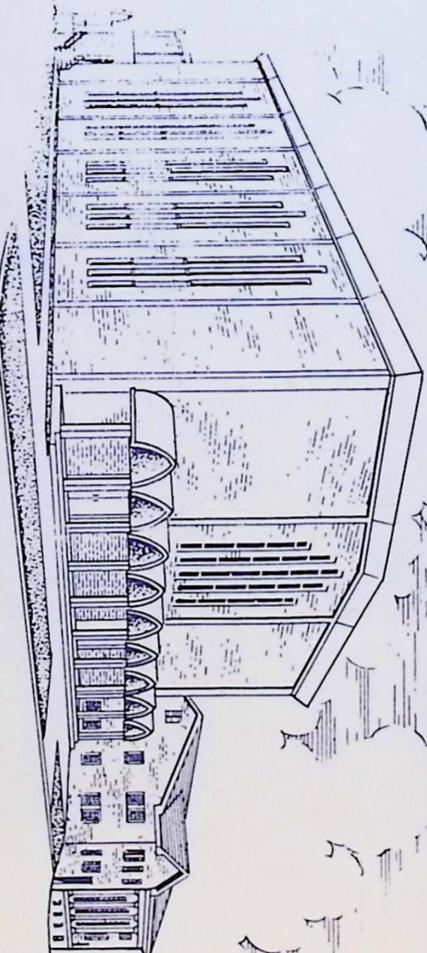
ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
WITNESSING CAMPAIGN - MARCH 13-15

We want to meet with all our Sunday School and church workers Monday and Tuesday evening for one hour to study witnessing and pray for revival.

LISTEN TO MORNING DEVOTIONS OVER WOPI EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:45. PRAY FOR THIS SERVICE.
ATTEND TRAINING UNION TONIGHT.....6:15

Euclid Avenue Baptist Church

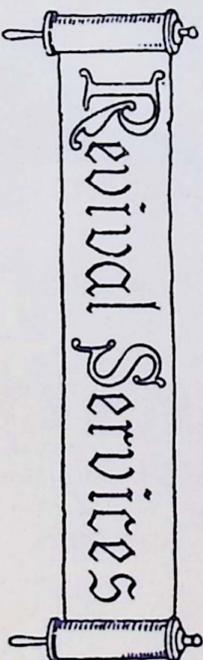
Bristol, Va.



BRISTOL A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE - EUCLID A GOOD PLACE TO WORSHIP

Church Office Telephone 669-6168

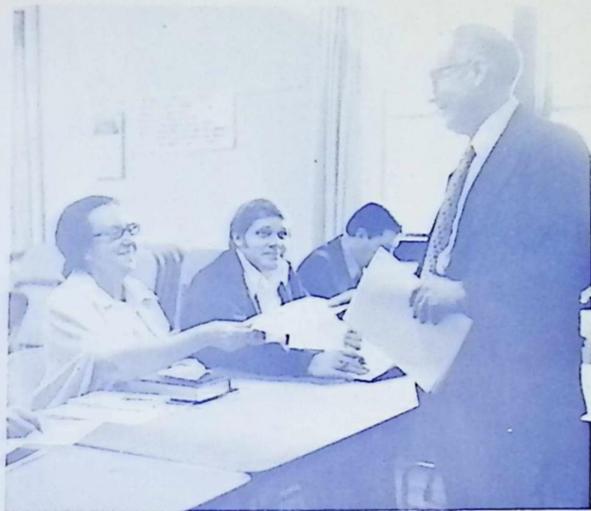
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| Calvin Bailey | Pastor |
| Mr. Tom Eiam | Minister of Music |
| Miss Birdie Scyphers | Secretary |
| Mrs. H. E. Henley | Organist |
| Mrs. H. L. Clayman | Hostess |



DR. VANCE HAVNER

MARCH 19-26

TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE



SPECIAL TRAINING FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION



SEARCHING FOR RESOURCES FROM OUR
WELL-EQUIPPED LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER



TRAINING FOR WORK WITH YOUNGER
CHILDREN

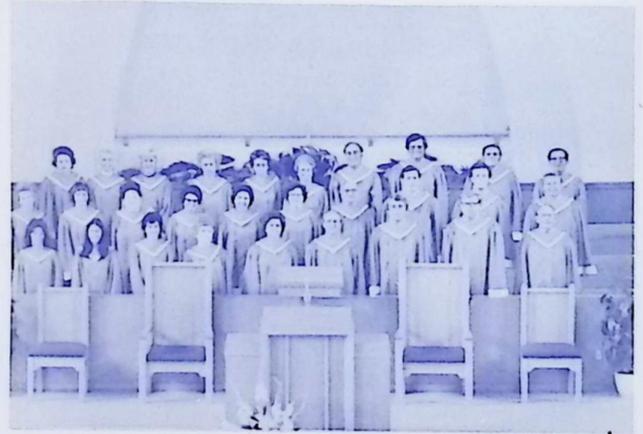
MUSIC MINISTRY . . .



1973 TOURING CHOIR - EUCLID YOUTH SINGERS



YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHOIR



SANCTUARY CHOIR



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS PRACTICING "SAM"

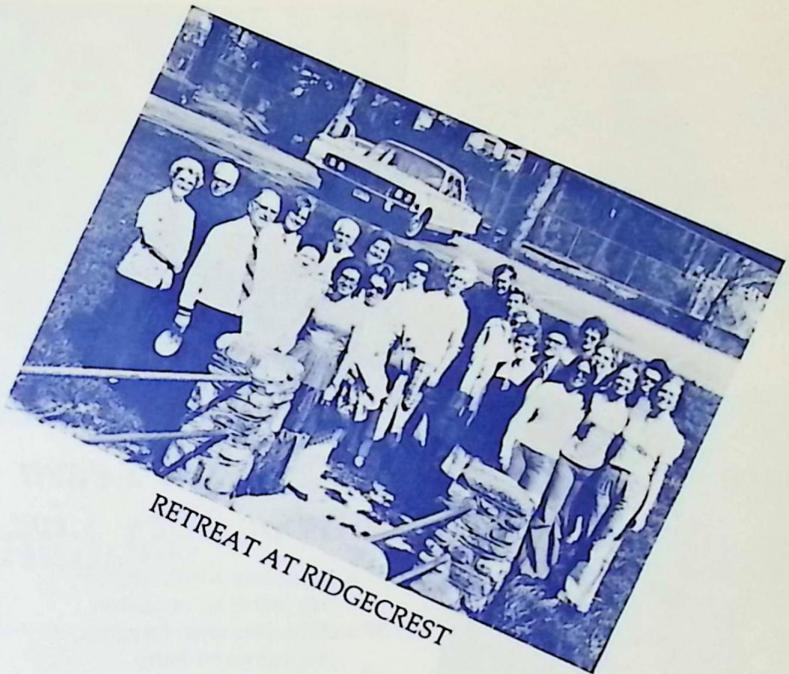


BELL CHOIR

FELLOWSHIP



RETREAT AT THE OCEAN-APRIL, 1974



RETREAT AT RIDGECREST



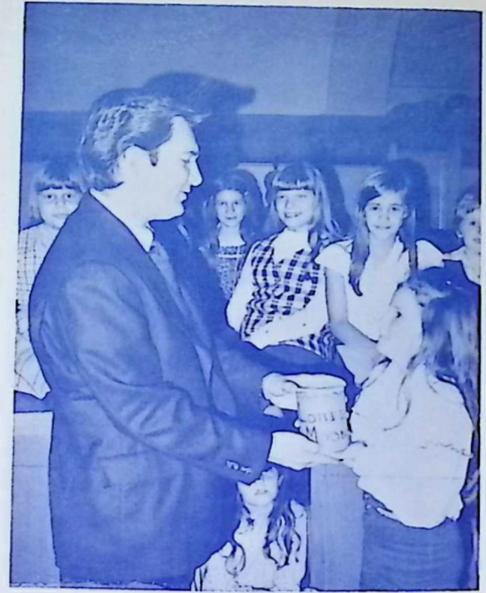
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



FELLOWSHIP

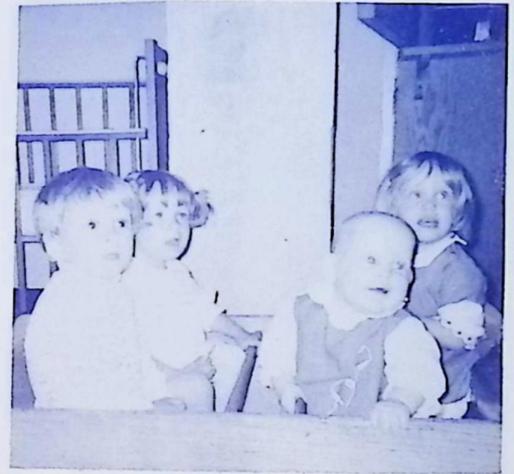


PART OF THE "CROWD"



Children Learn What They Live

- If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

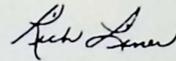


Janie Hamnett Children

Our Pastor Says:

Let us all be bold in our giving for 1978. Let us ask God in faith how much beyond His tithe we should give to His church that others may know there is a Saviour who loves them and forgives them from sin. Thank you, Chairman Wayne Cumbow and Stewardship Committee, for the fine way you have prayed and prepared our 1978 budget.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as
your pastor,



Rich Liner

Our Church Budget:

	1977	1978		1977	1978
I. MISSIONS	\$80,040	\$82,915	VIII. OPERATION EXPENSES	\$43,715	\$43,400
1. Co-Op. Program	27,500	30,250	1. Fuel	6,000	6,500
2. Lebanon Baptist Ass'n	3,300	3,465	2. Lights and Water	6,000	6,000
3. Radio Ministry	2,740	3,500	3. Telephone	3,300	3,300
4. Missionary Fund	31,200	31,200	4. Off. Exp. & Off. Env.	3,500	3,500
5. Student Aid Fund	4,000	6,000	5. Flowers	500	600
6. Benevolence	1,200	1,200	6. Grounds	1,000	500
7. Mission Outreach	7,500	500	7. Janitor Supp.	1,600	1,800
8. Gideons	200	200	8. Insurance (Prop. & Eqpt.)	1,000	1,000
9. Rescue Mission	600	1,200	9. Eqpt. (Off.)	2,000	1,500
10. Bristol Bible Teach. Pro.	1,200	1,200	10. Repair to Prop.	5,015	5,300
11. Senior Citizens' Center	600	1,200	11. Kitchen Exp.	600	1,200
12. Buffalo Mission	XXXX	1,800	12. Food Supp.	1,200	1,000
13. Carson-Newman	XXXX	1,200	13. Laundry	700	700
II. EDUCATION MINISTRY	\$15,751	\$14,400	14. Repair to Eqpt.	6,500	6,500
1. Literature	5,300	5,300	15. Church Van Exp.	1,000	1,000
2. Ldrshp. Training (S.S. & C.T.)	1,600	1,300	16. Piano Replacement	3,300	2,200
3. Church Training	200	150	17. Miscellaneous	500	500
4. PreSchool Division	50	50	18. Special Events	XXXX	300
5. Children's Division	150	100	IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS & PROMOTIONS	\$ 6,050	\$ 5,575
6. Youth Division	200	225	1. Handbills	50	25
7. Adult Division	400	350	2. Newspaper	900	500
8. Vacation Bible School	550	500	3. Outdoor Adv.	100	50
9. Summer Camping	700	800	4. Radio	400	200
10. Ed. Prom. Within Church	200	275	5. Proclamation Print.	3,400	4,300
11. Bible Conference	450	450	6. Spec. Personalities	1,000	500
12. Young-Ar-Heart	400	400	7. New Member Handbook	200	XXXX
13. Supplies	375	750	X. STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$85,237	\$98,595
14. Children's Eqpt. Supp.	575	XXXX	1. Pastor	11,344	12,307
15. Library Media/Center	2,776	2,000	2. Pastor's Hous. Allow.	4,300	4,900
16. Religious Herald Club Plan	225	300	3. Pastor's Hosp. Ins.	1,083	1,083
17. Church Activities	650	500	4. Pastor's Ann. & S.S.	1,582	1,710
18. Staff Convention Expense	950	950	5. Min. of Ed.	11,157	11,652
III. MISSION ORGANIZATIONS	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,000	6. Min. of Ed. Hous. Allow.	3,312	4,100
1. Baptist Men and R.A.	500	500	7. Min. of Ed. Hosp. Ins.	1,083	1,083
2. W.M.U.	2,700	2,500	8. Min. of Ed. Ann.	1,116	1,165
IV. MUSIC MINISTRY	\$ 3,875	\$ 3,625	9. Min. of Music & Youth	14,000	15,874
1. Bell Choir	75	75	10. Pastor's Secretary	5,961	6,552
2. Children's Choir	300	300	11. Financial Secretary	5,307	5,845
3. Summer Mission Tour	1,500	500	12. Fin. Secy. Hosp. Ins.	426	426
4. Sanctuary Choir	1,000	1,000	13. Staff Secretary	5,054	5,554
5. Youth Choir	500	500	14. Staff Secy. Hosp. Ins.	426	426
6. Music Trn. Workshop	500	250	15. Organist	1,890	2,079
7. Equipment	XXXX	1,000	16. Asst. Organist & Pianist	1,200	1,320
V. YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 2,850	\$ 1,500	17. Hostess	1,323	1,455
1. Retreats	800	500	18. Wed. Hostess	1,147	1,261
2. Banquets	200	200	19. Asst. Wed. Hostess	574	601
3. Special Activities	1,000	500	20. Extra Child Card	420	XXXX
4. Transportation	350	200	21. Custodian	5,154	5,678
5. Supplies	150	100	22. Custodians Hosp. Ins.	426	426
6. Youth Training	350	XXXX	23. Asst. Custodian	1,260	XXXX
VI. EVANGELISM MINISTRY	\$ 2,850	\$ 1,850	24. Full Time Custodian #2	XXXX	5,406
1. Revival Expenses	2,850	1,850	25. Church Maid	2,898	2,898
VII. BUILDING FUND	\$26,000	\$26,000	26. Insurance for Custodian	XXXX	426
			#2		
			27. S. S. Tax	2,594	2,768
			28. Pulpit Supply	200	200
			29. Summer Intern	XXXX	1,400
			IX. GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY	XXXX	\$ 2,500
			TOTAL BUDGET	\$269,568	\$283,360

THE ISAAC LEONARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"At the evening services June 1, 1930, the following Resolution was offered by Chas. T. Kilgore, and unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, our late beloved pastor Reverend Isaac S. Leonard, a short time prior to his death, bequeathed his Theological and other Religion books to this church, as a last gift to the church which he loved so well, and so faithfully served up to the time of his fatal illness and,

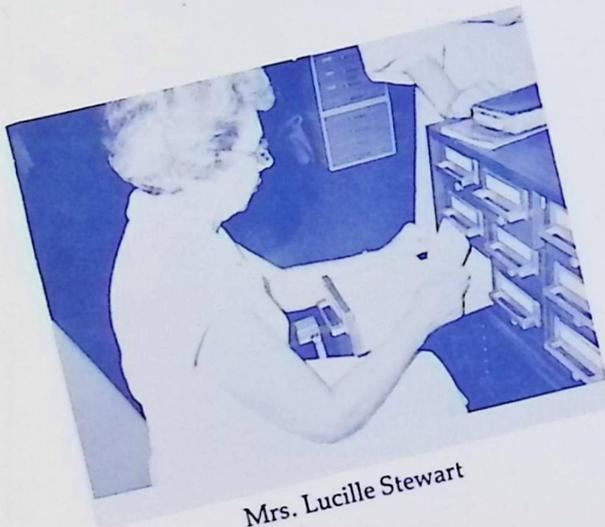
WHEREAS, his widow and three daughters, who have remained with us thus far, at his request and suggestion, now contemplate moving from our midst to LaFayette, Georgia, the last resting place of the beloved husband and father, our departed leader, brother, friend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

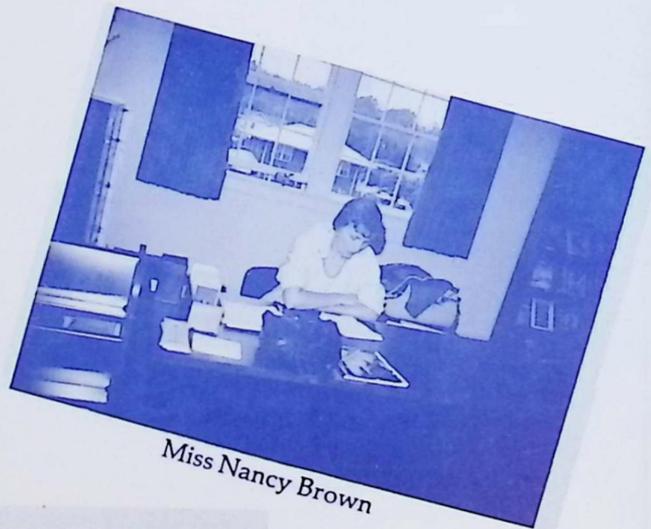
First: That we, the membership of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, very greatly deplore the necessity that causes them to leave us, and we assure Sister Leonard and her daughters, of our unchanging love and friendship for them, and shall always remember them, and pray to our Heavenly Father that their lives may continue to be benedictions to very many in the years to come, and that the beneficent influence of this Godly family, their Christ-like lives, and unselfish service to the church and to humanity in general, will abide with us, as long as the very walls of this church shall stand.

Second: That the books given the church by our late pastor and brother, shall be and become the nucleus around which we shall in the years to come, with God's help, build up and maintain a suitable Church Library, and the name thereof forever shall be, "THE ISAAC LEONARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY."²⁵

The fine library of Euclid is a credit to the church. Two people deserve most of the credit for the growth and development of our library, Horace Martens and Dot Conley.



Mrs. Lucille Stewart



Miss Nancy Brown



Mrs. Dot Conley, librarian
& Mary Lou Dugger

CHURCH STAFF



Mrs. Jean Hancock
Pastor's Secy.



Tal Thompson
Educational Dir.



Wayne Cumbow
Interim Music Dir.



Mrs. Helen Patrick
Church Hostess



Mrs. Frieda Griffin
Organist



Mrs. B. G. Gilley
Assist. Wed. Nite Hostess



Mrs. Lee Smith
Church Maid



Mrs. Berl Rutherford
Wed. Nite Hostess



Jo Davis
Financial Secy.



Clarence Willis
Maintenance Supt.



Bill Ward
Custodian

Personal
Views
of
Our
History

"From its very inception, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church has always had a generous, cooperative, caring and loving membership. An example of this was brought out in the initial meetings of persons interested in forming our church. (I believe I am correct in stating that there was not a Baptist church located in Bristol, Virginia in 1928 except First Baptist Church located on State Street). Since most or perhaps all of the persons attending these early planning meetings were members of Calvary Baptist Church, then located in the 1100 block of Shelby Street, a great many lived in the west end of Bristol, Tennessee. There were few cars owned by this little group in those days and it seemed that those who did own a car mostly lived on the Virginia side near the vicinity where the new church was to be built. When this problem was realized, those owning cars offered to come after the ones needing transportation because of the distance. My family (Keesling) was one of these, and we were faithfully provided transportation for over ten years, until we had our own transportation. We have never forgotten the kindness shown us by the different families who served our need. J. B. Denton served us the longest, though he lived only one block from the church. Sometimes we were "packed in like sardines" by the time we arrived at church; but we enjoyed the fellowship, and were like one big happy family.

It may be of interest to you to know that the little Baptist church on Shelby Street which we originally came from was known as Second Baptist Church in its beginning. (Jim Blair Construction Company now stands on this site). A few years before our church was organized, a new pastor came to this church and suggested the name be changed, as we weren't "second-rate," he said. Calvary was chosen for the new name of the church. Later, after our church was organized, the church relocated at its present site on Broad Street.

I am a charter member, though, a young teenager when our church was organized. The struggles of the young church were not realized by me at the time. These were depression years and the church suffered as did its people. My mother instilled in us children a great appreciation for those men of the church who undergirded our church in a financial way by endorsing the \$20,000 mortgage on the building and lot."

Mary Keesling Emmert
(Mrs. Carl H.)
March 1, 1978

"Learning of the events and dedication from the very beginning of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church has clearly demonstrated the Lord's hand and direction. Every pastor has had a special calling and ministry: One pastor was an evangelist, another a builder, another a counselor and real pastor, another was a strong preacher. Euclid has always had God-fearing Bible-centered preachers.

Another thrill is to look back and see how God has reached down and called so many of our young people into full time service. We have doctors, teachers, missionaries, and pastors serving our Lord throughout our world who have passed through my Sunday School class and Training Union group.

From a personal view, the ministry of Euclid is especially precious, we were married in the old sanctuary. Both of our daughters made their public profession of Christ and were baptized in Euclid.

The future of Euclid is as bright as the promises of God."

Mrs. James R. O'Dell

Frances has been a member of Euclid 31 years.

"I would love to be able to put in words the many wonderful blessings that Euclid has been in my life. I accepted Christ as my savior at the age of 14. I remember the Back Home Hour from our church. Our service would begin Sunday night 7:30-9:00, at nine-thirty the Back Home Hour would be held in the auditorium. It is impossible for me to tell in words everything that my church means to me. I praise the Lord for leading me into the membership of Euclid."

Mr. A. C. Davidson

Mr. Davidson has been a member of Euclid 35 years.

"Euclid has meant a lot to me, and my family. My husband and two children were saved in Euclid, my husband was saved under the ministry of B. R. Lakin and the children under the ministry of Paul Roberts.

I pray every day that Euclid will be a light house to Bristol, and in the coming years we will see many people walk down, and give their hearts to God."

Mrs. Roy Mink

Mrs. Mink has been a member of Euclid 39 years.

"The event that thrilled my heart most was September 1974 when our church voted to make State Missions Day of Prayer and Offering church wide. Previous to this in Virginia, this offering was given only by the W.M.S., our church had never met the goal set by our society. Rev. Rich Liner announced the church's decision one Sabbath and by the next year our goal was surpassed.

Missions grew from that day forward. Goals were met, young people gave their lives to full time service more often. Missions and Euclid Avenue came into God's plan and purpose.

Dr. Eugene Ruble and his family were called to be Medical Missionaries at another church and gave their testimony one Sunday night at Euclid.

Our church took wings for missions, goals were surpassed and prayer became an every day occurrence as families took a certain hour to pray together.

The most thrilling moment came when Eugene, Jane and Karen Eller committed their lives to Foreign Missions.

Next was the placing of the pictures of our missionaries in the entrance to our auditorium.

Another dream came true when Dr. Baker Cauthern visited us to bring the morning message and meeting our missionaries families.

The Shepherds Seminar brought another momentous occasion when Dr. W. A. Criswell was in our midst. Judy Brice came home last summer and brought us a message that lead our heart beats into Brazil in a living realization of missions."

Mrs. Edla Bolling

Edla has been a member of Euclid 11 years.

"Carl is impressed with the discipleship class. We both like the many activities of the church. The church's witness is also outstanding."

Carl and Gerri Helton

Carl and Gerri have been members of Euclid for 7 months.

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS DEACONS

A.
S. A. Arnold
Neal Azbill

B.
C. C. Boyd*
Roy Brown*
L. E. Barnes
B. B. Bryant*
S. S. Brown
O. R. Blaylock
Harry Bailey
Bob Brown
Rob Brooks
Tom Barker
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Martin Burklow

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Henry Cross
W. B. Cather
Brom Crabtree**
Norman Cowan

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Carleton Stewart
Sandy Seay
Eddie Shelton
Fred Slagle*

T.
J. L. Tipps**
Tal Thompson

V.
Bruce Vaughn**

W.
F. M. Worrell
H. H. Worrell
Geo. Walker*
Homer Weaver
E. E. Whitson**
Roscoe Willis
Lee Wright
Joe Watson

* deceased

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CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

1931			
9-6	C. C. Roach	7-8-28/7-8-57 7-8-57/7-15-59 7-15-59/6-30-60	- J. B. Denton* - Homer Weaver - E. B. Cox
1932			
6-10	Jack Morrison	7-1-60/6-30-61 7-1-61/6-30-62	- Carl H. Emmert - Dr. W. H. Graves
8-29	T. B. Freeman	7-1-62/6-30-63 7-1-63/6-30-64 7-1-64/6-30-65	- E. B. Cox - Alvin Denton - Bill Hyatt
1939			
10-29	Herman Mauch Larry McGill	7-1-65/6-30-66 7-1-66/6-30-67 7-1-67/6-30-68 7-1-68/6-30-69	- Carleton Stewart - Dr. W. H. Graves - T. H. Gibson - Homer Weaver
1940			
7-6	Robert S. McBirnie	7-1-69/6-30-70 7-1-70/6-30-71 7-1-71/6-30-72 7-1-72/6-30-73	- Russell Owens - Homer Weaver - Jimmy O'Dell - Dr. W. H. Graves
1941			
3-8	James Thomas	7-1-73/6-30-74 7-1-74/6-30-75 7-1-75/6-39-76	- John Shyrook - Alvin Denton - Orlyn Craig
1942			
9-30	Hugh Horne	7-1-76/6-30-77 7-1-77/6-30-78	- Virgil C. Rutherford - Bob Brown

*Deceased

1943		
3-10	E. W. Ely	
1945		
3-9	Stanley Stanfield	
6-13	Doug Cather	
1955		
8-14	Wyndom Odum	
1956		
	Bill Smith	
1957		
8-8	Ted Ball	
1961		
12-27	Thomas Peake	
1969		
3-19	George Blaylock	
1971		
9-8	John Keller	
1976		
7-14	Mike Bailey	

LICENSED TO PREACH

1940	
9-11	John Ashman
10-6	Hugh Horner Malcolm Dishner
1951	
6-24	Harold Drenth Bill Cahter, Jr. Joe Mongle
1953	
5-24	Homer Smith Frank Burger Eugene Ruble Henry Adkins, Jr. Franklin Gose Don Blaylock
1975	
8-73	Danny Harlow
1976	
8-25	Conny Sauls Al Davidson, Jr.
1977	
1-16	Mike Mays

Any names not included are due to incomplete records.

TRUSTEES

J. G. Barker*
 C. T. Kilgore*
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 J. H. Miller*
 C. F. Beaver*
 W. H. Nave*
 W. E. Glvoer*
 J. A. Phillips*
 H. H. Worrell
 Martin Lytz*
 J. L. Tipps
 B. B. Coffey
 Dr. W. H. Graves**
 Reeves Leonard**
 Carl H. Emmert**
 Jim Nunley**
 Carlton Stewart**

*Deceased

**Now serving on Board

CHURCH CLERKS

5-29-28/9-1-29
 9-1-29/12-5-34
 12-5-34/3-4-35
 3-4-38/4-8-35
 4-8-35/8-10-36
 8-10-36/9-4-38
 9-4-38/1-4-42
 1-4-42/7-8-46
 7-8-46/8-7-46
 8-7-46/11-3-46
 11-3-46/11-10-48
 11-10-48/10-6-52
 10-6-52/10-6-53
 4-13-53/

*Deceased

- J. G. Barker*
 - C. T. Kilgore*
 - Lloyd C. Hall*
 - L. E. Barnes
 - Reeves Leonard
 - Geo. N. Dickson*
 - C. T. Kilgore*
 - J. G. Barker*
 - Reeves Leonard
 - Kelly Keesling*
 - W. H. Nave*
 - J. A. Phillips*
 - Henry Cross
 - Carl Clark

MUSIC DIRECTORS

11-18-29/8-9-36
 11-3-40/2-2-41
 8-23-42/3-9-45
 3-10-45/2-3-46
 8-25-46/2-1-78
 4-5-50/8-19-51
 9-5-51
 1-23-52/5-3-54
 1-3-55/7-2-56
 1-16-57/3-15-59
 12-1-60/2-10-63
 11-6-63/6-9-64
 6-10-64/6-9-65
 6-17-65/9-17-76
 1-26-77

*Deceased

- I. M. Eastman*
 - H. H. Worrell
 - Russell Case
 - Wally Dalquist
 - Carl Mauzy
 - Wayne Buck
 - Raymon Kreiner
 - Ralph Davidson
 - Harry Cowan
 - Eldon Boone
 - Kenneth Archer
 - Bob Goodman
 - Eugene Spencer
 - Tom Elam
 - Wayne Cumbow

8-23-42/8-22-45
 8-25-46/2-1-48
 4-5-50/8-9-51
 1-23-52/5-3-54
 1-16-57/3-15-59
 12-1-60/2-10-63
 6-10-64/6-9-65
 10-8-69/1-5-70
 8-12-73

*Assoc. Pastor

**Music Director

6-3-28/12-4-29
 12-4-29/8-27-39
 8-27-30/12-8-31
 12-8-31/2-9-32
 2-9-32/1-3-34
 1-3-34/12-31½59
 1-1-60/

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

- Russell Case*
 - Carl Mauzy**
 - Wayne Buck**
 - Ralph Davidson**
 - Eldon Boone**
 - Kenneth Archer**
 - Eugene Spencer**
 - Jim Murphy
 - Tal Thompson

TREASURERS

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 - L. W. Smith*
 - F. M. Worrell
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 - C. J. Cruickshank*
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 - Walter Conley

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