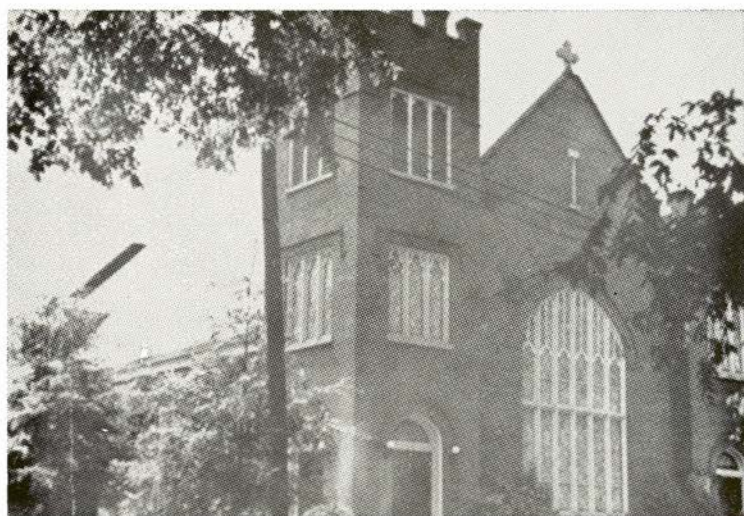


*Calvary Methodist Church*  
*Durham, North Carolina*

**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**  
**1916-1966**



*Calvary Methodist Church*

Corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street

Durham, North Carolina

OUR CHURCH

YESTERDAY

TODAY

TOMORROW

Published on the Occasion of Our  
Fiftieth Anniversary

May 1, 1966

## *Dedication*

The membership of Calvary Methodist Church is honored to dedicate this Fiftieth Anniversary Booklet to the memory of Christian men and women of Durham, who in the latter part of the past century worked with great devotion to establish a mission; to those who persevered with loyalty and sacrifice to build and maintain our Church; and to future members, in anticipation of their using their opportunity to further glorify God through Calvary Methodist Church. May they find in our Lord and His Church "the Way the Truth and the Life."

## *Foreword*

This Booklet is prepared in the hope that you will find inspiration in the history of our Church, take pride in its accomplishments during the years, and hold a great faith in its future.

We trust that our membership will experience not only an awakening sense of indebtedness to those who have served this church in the past, but also a realization that we, in turn, have a great debt of responsibility to future generations who may come here to worship, learn, and serve.



The Reverend Robert L. Nicks

1966

Message  
from  
our  
pastor

Calvary Methodist Church has a wonderful heritage for which may we ever be thankful. The records of the early beginning of this church show a real kinship to the records in the Acts of The Apostles. Members of this church were dedicated to the Church of Jesus Christ to the extent of doing without, of self-denial, and sacrificial living and giving.

For our present membership and leaders we are grateful. It is our hope that the church of today may be so inspired that our own faith may glow brighter with deeds of love and kindness. May we so love God as to be willing to minister to the least of these wherever the need arises. May it be that the church shall ever reach out portraying the power of a risen Christ and a living Lord. This is our sincere desire and prayer for Calvary Methodist Church.

*Robert L Nicks*

1916

Pastor  
to hold  
first worship  
service  
in  
Calvary



Bishop Costen J. Harrell

The Reverend Costen J. Harrell was appointed to Mangum Street Methodist Church in November of 1913. Under his pastorate, plans were made and carried out for the construction of our present church. Calvary was the name chosen by the Reverend Mr. Harrell. The first worship service on the first Sunday in December 1916 was a sunrise service of Holy Communion. The choir and the minister entered the sanctuary just as the first light of the sun broke through the windows on the east. Today, Bishop Harrell writes on our fiftieth anniversary, "The scene lingers with me. I have never been more conscious of a Presence."

## *Our Church Yesterday*

Calvary Methodist Church's history begins in the 1880's during the booming growth period of Durham's tobacco industry, when a Mr. E. A. Whitaker, music dealer and Methodist layman, opened a Sunday School mission on the second floor of a store building situated in the 800 block of North Mangum Street. Playing his portable organ and leading the singing, Mr. Whitaker provided the leadership for the afternoon Sunday School sessions until he moved from Durham. Laymen like Peter Briggs, E. J. Parrish and James H. Southgate continued the mission until almost 1890, when the Rev. Mr. Reuben Hibberd assumed leadership and provided regular church services as well as Sunday School. Primarily through the efforts of Mr. Hibberd and the generosity of B. N. Duke, a Chapel was built near the intersection of Cleveland and North Mangum Streets, and was named Mangum Street Methodist Episcopal Church South upon its admission to the North Carolina Conference in 1902. While still a mission with eight members the minister on record was the Rev. C. M. Lance, who was succeeded by the Rev. E. M. Hoyle, first minister to the Church. Mr. Hoyle's dynamic leadership for four years provided the rapid growth needed for the Church to double the size of its building. As a member of conference the membership increased from 8 to 81. The firm foundation had been laid. A roll of 100 was reached in 1909.

In 1914 under the pastorate of the Rev. Costen J. Harrell, the Quarterly Conference appointed a building committee of D. B. Cameron, O. F. Harris, W. J. Woods and John H. Suggs to provide a location for a new church building. After purchase of the property at the corner of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street, a meeting was called in March to receive subscriptions toward the cost of construction of the new church. Talks urging the construction of the building were given by Mr. James H. Southgate and General Julian S. Carr, and after an initial subscription of \$500.00 from Mr. D. B. Cameron, a dedicated layman of the Church, over \$3,000.00 was pledged at this meeting. Self-denial and sacrifice became a way of life for the congregation, and on April 30, 1916, Mrs. C. W. Ezzell laid the first brick in the new building on a cornerstone containing a New Testament which Mr. Harrell had used in pastoral visiting, as well as a history of the Church until that time.

From its first worship service on the first Sunday in December, 1916, the congregation of 251 members grew and the

Church became self-supporting financially in the 1920's. Under the pastorate of the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt the \$1,000.00 pastor's salary was increased to \$3,000.00 as well as other funds proportionately, and the property on Elizabeth Street adjacent to the church land was acquired for use as a parsonage at a cost of \$7,500.00.

In the 1930's further Sunday School expansion was realized through the construction of a log cabin for the men's class, and this building was enlarged in approximately 1940.. During this same period the church acquired a Moller Pipe Organ primarily as a result of excellent committee work and the personal efforts of the family of Mr. B. C. Woodall, in whose memory the organ was given.

During the late forties additional property immediately adjoining the western boundary was secured. In February 1955, a new parsonage at 508 Everett Place was purchased for \$18,000.00; and also in 1955 a drive to raise \$167,000.00 for the construction of the Educational Building was begun. Success was again the reward for faithful work as ground-breaking services for this building were held on Palm Sunday, March 14, 1957, followed by the laying of the cornerstone on Sunday, March 9, 1958. This cornerstone contains a history of the Church School officers, teachers and membership at that time, copies of Church School literature and a Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The completed basement and first floor portions of the new Educational Building provided much needed class rooms and activities areas, but soon it became necessary to finish the second floor of this building in order to adequately accommodate a growing membership. This job was completed in 1964.

In the meantime, in 1959, the large corner lot of Trinity Avenue and Elizabeth Street, east of the Church, was acquired for future use.

In fifty years Calvary Methodist Church has grown from the humblest of beginnings to a physical plant valued at \$411,000.00, but even more important are the many lives touched by its ministry. Membership now totals 708 persons and prospects for stabilized growth are good.

Calvary Methodist Church is a living example of the strength of a few really dedicated Christian persons united in a common effort to spread the ministry of Christ. The most exciting, demanding, and opportunity-filled years in the history of the world are before us. With the unlimited resources of the future we can further enlarge and glorify God's Kingdom in this area, building on the history of the past, and drawing encouragement from the heritage of earlier accomplishments. May God's Grace be with all of us now and forever.



# List of Pastors and Membership

	Appointed Conference Year		
C. M. Lance .....	1902		
E. M. Hoyle .....	1903	- 1908	Increased from 8 to 81
H. E. Spence .....	1908	- 1910	100
Sent to Trinity College to teach			
L. B. Jones .....	1910		
Served 4 months for Spence			
T. M. Grant .....	1910	- 1911	128
C. B. Culbreth .....	1911	- 1912	
C. J. Harrell .....	1913	- 1916	Increased to 251
J. H. Frizelle .....	1916	- 1917	272
L. D. Hayman .....	1917	- 1919	352
S. E. Mercer .....	1919	- 1921	332 Revised Roll
L. E. Thompson .....	1921	- 1922	352
D. E. Earnhardt .....	1922	- 1926	Increased to 514
J. H. McCracken .....	1926	- 1928	658
C. B. Culbreth .....	1928	- 1929	711
E. F. Lee .....	1929		
Served one month prior to death			
O. I. Hinson .....	1929	- 1933	535 Revised Roll
R. F. Munns .....	1933	- 1935	
Daniel Lane .....	1935	- 1938	
D. E. Earnhardt .....	1938	- 1942	
H. E. Spence .....	1942		
Finished out year for Earnhardt who went in the World War II as a chaplain			
S. A. Maxwell .....	1942	- 1943	
J. H. Lanning .....	1943	- 1945	736
L. M. Hall .....	1945	- 1951	812 to 1005
Allen C. Lee .....	1951	- 1954	
Kermit Wheeler .....	1954	- 1957	917
J. H. Miller .....	1957	- 1961	
M. D. Tyson .....	1961	- 1965	
R. L. Nicks .....	1965		708*

\*3 new churches established in area in 1950's.

In 1966 we have two ministers who consider Calvary their church home. These men are: The Rev. B. C. Reavis and The Rev. J. H. Miller.

Members of Calvary are these ministers' wives: Mrs. B. C. Reavis and Mrs. J. H. Miller. Widows of ministers who are members are: Mrs. Arnold C. Thompson, Mrs. N. M. Wright, and Mrs. H. B. Porter.

Young men of Calvary who have gone into full time Christian Service are: Waylon Cooke and Edward Ridout.



The Reverend E. M. Hoyle  
and family  
1903-1908

First inspirational minister  
of  
Mangum Street Methodist  
Episcopal Church, South

Mr. Harry J. Whitmore was the first Sunday School Superintendent of Mangum Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was a dedicated Christian, devoting both time and talents to the church. In 1966 his faithfulness is recalled with these words from Mrs. Annie Maynor Edwards, "The only Sunday that I can remember that he missed services was the Sunday the first baby girl (Myrtle) was born." Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore were charter members in 1902.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Whitmore and Myrtle

## *D. B. Cameron's Sunday School Class 1914*



First row: left to right Mrs. Horace Harton, Costen J. Harrell, Minister, D. B. Cameron, Teacher, Irene Perry, Bela Outlaw.  
Second row: Lizzie Broadwell Jones, Eunice Pate Mangum, Betty Henderson Paschall, Bonnie Pate Parrish, Mrs. John Harris, Roxie Cash Stanley.

Third row: Annie Maynor Edwards, Ruth Ray Chambers, Addie Mae Outlaw, Maude Maynor Thompson, Vida Johnson Blalock.

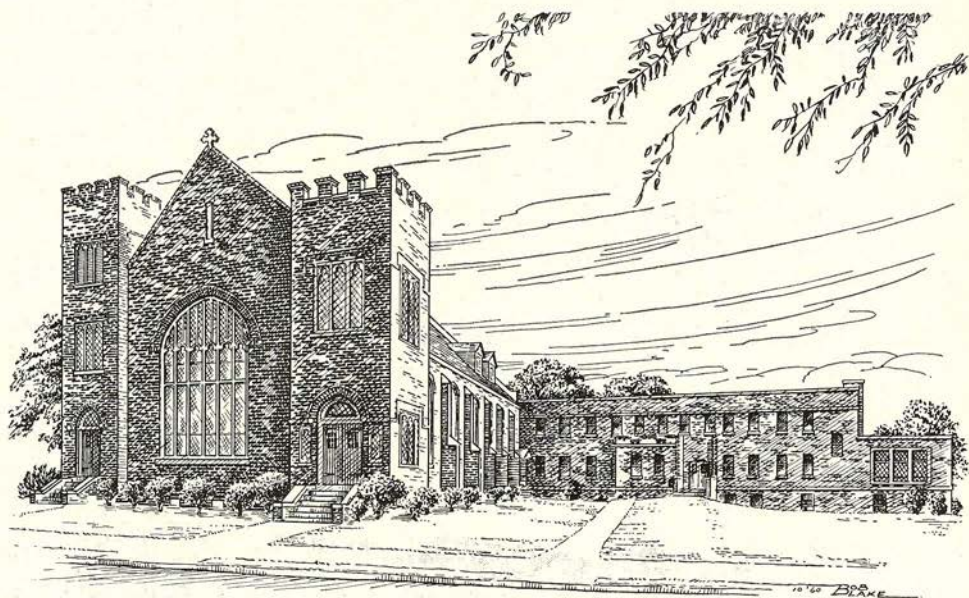
## *The Ladies Aid Society - Date Before 1916*



Seated: Mrs. C. E. Glenn and Mrs. Carter.

Left to right: The Rev. Costen Harrell, Pastor, Mrs. Hilda Beasley, Mrs. Stella Mangum, Mrs. Burl Smith, Mrs. Julia Bryan, Mrs. S. R. Tyson, Mrs. Mamie McKay, Mrs. O. F. Harris, Mrs. W. J. (Dee) Woods, Mrs. Tom Carrington, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. John Harris.

# Our Church - Today



*Calvary*



“O come, let us worship and bow down—”

"Let us kneel before the Lord, Our Maker - "



Anna Hall Memorial Chapel



The Reverend Leon M. Hall

The newest addition to  
our church is the chapel  
in memory of  
Anna Clement Hall  
wife of  
The Rev. L. M. Hall,  
our pastor during the  
years 1945-1951

"Come into His presence with singing - "



Mike Earp—Organist  
1966

The Moller pipe organ was a memorial to the memory of B. C. Woodall, whose death a short time before installation, brought a loss to the community and an even greater loss to our church in which he was a pillar of strength.



CHOIR — CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
December 1965

"Serve the Lord with gladness - "

One of the largest classes in our church is the Annie Bowen Class, whose teacher is the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor during 1957-1961.



The Reverend J. Herbert Miller



ANNIE BOWEN CLASS



"We are His people - "



The B. C. Woodall Class  
The Fellowship Class

The Crompton Class  
The Pathfinders Class

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

" and the sheep of His Pasture."



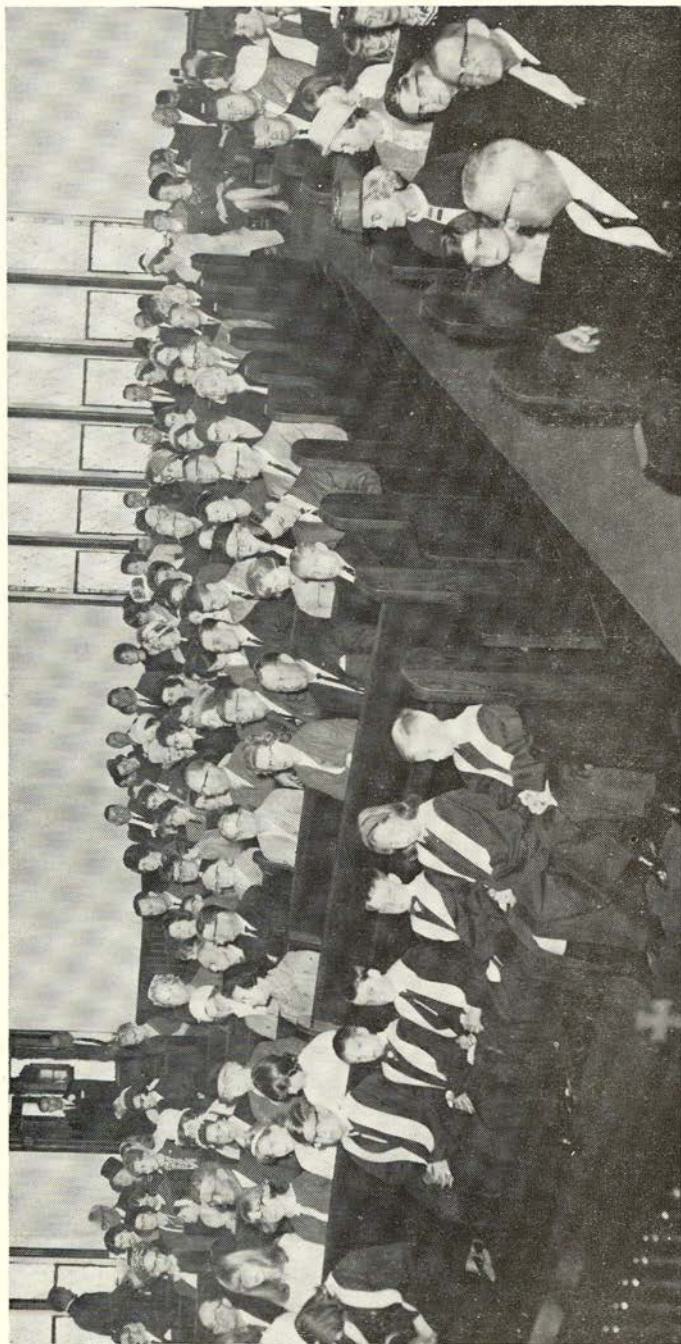
The Junior High

The Senior High Boys and Girls

The Older Youth

EAST ENTRANCE OF EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

*Morning Worship Service*



MARCH 13, 1966

# Our Church Today

Calvary Methodist Church is a composite of many organizations and Christian laymen working in fellowship for a common cause, "We are His people." Below is a list of organizations and church officials in 1966. Each contributes in special ways and the united efforts of all are needed for progress.

## MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Paul N. Garber .....	Bishop, Richmond Area
O. L. Hathaway .....	District Superintendent
Robert L. Nicks .....	Minister
J. A. Woodall, Jr. ....	Chairman of Official Board and Lay Leader
Mrs. Jeannette Woods .....	Church Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Walker .....	Church Secretary
Mrs. S. L. Hunt .....	Choir Director
Michael Earp .....	Organist

## THE OFFICIAL BOARD

J. Arnold Andrews, Mrs. A. D. Edens, Mrs. H. W. Murray, Sr., Melvin McKeel, J. C. Stanfield, H. E. Stephenson, Jr., William C. Wingate, D. F. Grady, Haywood A. Jones, III, R. Glenn Kale, Arthur Vann, Richard P. Butler, Eugene Chesson, Curtis C. Cook, Jack H. Earnhardt, L. N. Hesse, J. P. McKellar, W. W. Mims, Wm. C. Phillips, vice chairman; Jake Woodall, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, secretary; Mrs. Earl Stanford, Mrs. George Tyson, Mrs. H. J. Ridout, Gerald T. Williams, J. T. Carlton, Morris Taylor, D. B. Cameron, Wallace D. Glenn, W. Rainey Hawkins, P. P. Wilson, Roy A. Pearce, George F. Tyson, Carl Woods, Jr., A. K. Umstead, Jr., Madison Yarbrough, Jr.

Honorary Stewards—Rev. J. H. Miller, E. T. Vickers.

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Gerald T. Williams, General Superintendent; L. C. Winfree, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. J. B. Cook, Secretary.

## WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. Earl Stanford, President; Mrs. L. T. Gill, Vice President; Mrs. Marvin Wheeler, Secretary; Mrs. Mildred Walker, Treasurer; Mrs. Bobby L. Tyndall, President Wesleyan Service Guild.

## METHODIST MEN

J. T. Carlton, President; Lee Ribet, Vice President; H. L. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

## BOY SCOUTS

John B. Cook, Scoutmaster; Lee F. Ribet, Explorer Adv.; Harry Rainey, Cubmaster; J. P. McKellar, Cub Chairman; Mrs. J. B. Cook, Mrs. W. W. Weaver, Den Mothers.

# *Our Church Tomorrow*



NURSERY

KINDERGARTEN



ELEMENTARY I - VI

# *Our Hope For Years To Come*



MEMBERSHIP CLASS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM THE PASTOR — 1966

## THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW

We move into the church of tomorrow day by day.

The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of believers and followers of Jesus. To the extent that we follow Him, we are the church working and witnessing together. The church is God's redemptive community and Jesus must occupy the central place in our lives.

May we co-operate in the life of the Church, that we may be a vigorous and growing church, on whose foundations a better tomorrow can be lived and enjoyed to the glory of God.

Let us go forward in one mind, one spirit, and one faith to face tomorrow, for in Revelations 2:26 are these words, "He who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him power over the nations."

May the church never fail to speak its message.

Jesus commanded his beloved twelve in Matthew 28, verses 19 and 20, to go and to make disciples of all nations; to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; to teach them to observe all that He had commanded. He closed with this promise, "I am with you always to the Close of the Ages."

This is the Church of Tomorrow!

*In Memory Of* —

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The Reverend Arnold C. Thompson  
by wife  
Margaret M. Thompson

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mullen  
by daughter  
Margaret M. Thompson

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Mrs. R. C. Yates  
by friend  
Margaret M. Thompson

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Mr. and Mrs. Alvis K. Umstead, Sr.  
by  
Their Children

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Miss Louise Umstead  
by  
Her Sisters and Brother

---

Dr. Luis Alonso Ruiz  
by daughter  
Estela Pandiello

---

Mrs. Annie Bowen  
by  
Annie Bowen Bible Class

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Mrs. Margaret Cameron Tyson  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Tyson  
and family

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Richard Cameron Tyson  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Tyson  
and family

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tyson  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Tyson  
and family

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." — John 11:25, 26.

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Mrs. Maude McIver Broughton  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. George F. Tyson  
and Bob Tyson

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Mr. J. R. Mitchell  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chesson

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Duhling  
by  
Their Family

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Mr. Otho L. Holloway  
by  
Allen and Judy H. Williams

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Mr. and Mrs. David Long  
by  
Tulah Long Norman and  
Maude Long Holloway

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Mr. Sam C. Long  
by  
Tulah Long Norman and  
Maude Long Holloway

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Mr. Otho L. Holloway  
by wife  
Maude L. Holloway

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Our daughter,  
Edna Earle Cameron  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Bruce Cameron

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Mr. and Mrs. D. Bruce Cameron, Sr.  
by  
D. Bruce Cameron  
Viola Cameron Wright  
Rebecca Cameron Veasey

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Mrs. Hettye Parr  
by  
Mildred M. Walker



# In Honor Of —

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The Reverend Robert L. Nicks  
our father  
by  
John, Mariana and Nancy Lou

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Mrs. Leta Suggs Cash  
by sister  
Miss Jessie P. Suggs

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Dr. and Mrs. Walter P. Hardee  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chesson

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Mr. John H. Suggs  
by sister  
Miss Jessie P. Suggs

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Mrs. Lizzie Suggs Broadwell  
by sister  
Miss Jessie P. Suggs

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My Mother,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Cheatham  
Age: 91  
by daughter  
Mrs. H. E. Stephenson, Sr.

Mrs. Lila Cotten Durham  
by  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Johnson

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My Mother,  
Mrs. H. E. Stephenson, Sr.  
by son  
H. E. Stephenson, Jr.

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Mrs. I. S. Rogers  
by  
Frances McAdams

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Jake Woodall  
Chairman of Official Board

Gerald Williams  
Church School Superintendent

Mrs. Earl Stanford  
President of W. S. C. S.

Julian Carlton  
President of Methodist Men

Mrs. Bobby L. Tyndall  
President Wesleyan Service Guild

T. Alan Williams  
President of M.Y.F.

by Robert and Lou Nicks

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George Tyson

Mrs. Wallace Upchurch

Milton Vickers

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Jake Woodall

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Mrs. Madison S. Yarbrough, Jr.

“I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the House of the Lord.”

—Psalm 122:1