

29th Anniversary/Retirement

THE BRADLEY YEARS



AT FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. James R. Bradley, Pastor

*July 21st through July 27th, 1997*

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*North Indianapolis*

*Congratulations on your  
29th Anniversary & Retirement Celebration  
Dr., Rev. J.R. Bradley*

*For Twenty-Nine Years  
of Perfecting the Saints,  
for the Work of the Ministry,  
for the Edifying of the Body of Christ.  
-Ephesians 4:12-*



*May your retirement be rewarding  
and may you remain in His good  
pleasing and perfect will.*

*Your Family*

*Raina & Hetra*

*Angela, Holli, Fernanda, Yolanda, & Rena*

## Reflections and Tributes

*"Eddie and I were fortunate enough for us to be the first couple that Rev. Bradley married when he came to Indianapolis and First Baptist. This was in August of 1968".*

Sandra Hall

Dearest Rev. Bradley:

*May the grace God has bestowed upon your life continue to manifest itself in the post-era of your pastorship as gloriously as it has during your pastoral era. The Bridgeforth's will hold fast the very fond memories you have accorded us as our pastor. You've touched our lives in ways we'll forever cherish, commencing with you uniting us in holy matrimony, to our decision to make First Baptist our spiritual abode. The support, guidance, concern and prayers you have so willingly extended us, along with the fatherly understanding your person reflects, not only to us as adults, but to the youth as well, says volumes about the man you are.*

*We say we love you with clear consciences, open minds, and untainted appreciation. The sadness that engulfs one at a time such as this is actually overcome with a joy of knowing you will still be available to us. So our thank yous continue as well as the validity of the things said pertaining to you as a person. We will let you inform Taylor where to seek you out for candy after Sunday services. (Smile!)*

*May God always and forever watch over you and Mrs. Bradley. She too, is all of the things which we said about you. God Speed!*

Duncan, Jackey, Taylor, Collin and Sterling Bridgeforth

To the Congregation of First Baptist:

*Greetings! You are blessed to have had Rev. James Bradley as your shepherd for so many years. I have had the opportunity to work with Rev. Bradley on numerous occasions on behalf of his parishioners and the public at large. In my opinion, Rev. Bradley has exemplified all of the qualities that enabled him to be looked upon as one of our greatest community leaders. May God bless him in his retirement.*

T.C. Watson

Retired, Indianapolis Police Department

Rev. Bradley,

*Congratulations on 29 years of service to First Baptist Church and Best Wishes On Your Retirement!*

Rev. & Mrs. John B. Hart, Elkhart, Indiana

Former Pastor of

7th & 8th Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana

## HISTORY

### *"The Continuing Story of First Baptist Church*

### *North Indianapolis"*

1885

1997

From the beginning, First Baptist Church was "rooted in prayer" since the service to God actually started as a Prayer Band which met at the various homes of interested persons. The church was organized in 1885 in the home of the Founder, the late John Jones, Sr. Rev. Richard Bassett was the first Pastor.

Deacon Jones was born a slave in Rangewood, North Carolina in 1844. He was set "free" in 1865 at the age of 21 by an act of the Civil War, and came to Indianapolis, Indiana. Though unable to read or write, he became one of the city's successful businessmen. His obedience and faith in God rewarded him with great wisdom and foresight, thus he became the founder of the John Jones & Sons Sand & Gravel Company. Much of his wealth was given to the church, and he was blessed throughout his entire life.

Deacon Jones and his wife, Eliza, were the first and second "charter members" of First Baptist Church. Other charter members were: Laura Montague, Elizabeth Ray, William Ray, Katie Miller, John Miller, Harry Webb, Jennie Webb, Sallie Goodrich, William P. Austin, John Francis, Nellie Francis, Mary Richardson, Alexander Richardson, M. Ferdinand, Martha Moss, Joseph Stockton, Jasper Jones, Mrs. Gregory, Henry English, Hattie English, and Laura Sassman. Mrs. Laura Montague, who died on Tuesday, August 21, 1962, at the age of 102 years, was the last surviving charter member. First Baptist was first located at Edgemont and Rader streets. In 1921, a new church was built at 980 Burdsal Parkway. After continued growth, the church purchased the Seventh Christian Church at 877 Udell on May 27, 1951.

Throughout the years, a strong family structure has been a defining characteristic of First Baptist. Even though it has now been 112 years since First Baptist was founded, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other relatives of those founding charter members are still active in the congregation today!

Among the Pastors in the early years were Rev. A. Simmons, Rev. Robert Gregory, Rev. Peter Ferguson and Rev. J.C. Dunn. Rev. Frank Fernando Young became Pastor in 1907 and led the growth of First Baptist throughout many changes for over 50 years. His by-word, "IT'S IN THE BOOK", will always be a confirmation of his unshaken faith in God's spoken word. After serving his flock for 60 consecutive years, Rev. F.F. Young went to his reward on Sunday, September 10, 1967 at the age of 94 years old. His memory is still evident in the community as a nearby park is named after him. It is located at Udell and Rader Streets a few blocks from the present location of First Baptist. The Fellowship Hall located in the basement of our current sanctuary is also named for our former pastor.

Rev. Young's daughter, Sister Naomi Taborn, is currently the oldest living member of First Baptist at 94 years old. Through the grace of God, she attends very regularly and is still an inspiration to other members throughout the congregation.

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Following the death of Dr. Young, Deacon Roscoe Harkins, Chairman of the Board, called a meeting presided over by Dr. J.T. Highbaugh, a member of First Baptist Church, and Pastor of Good Samaritan Baptist Church. A "Pulpit Committee" was elected and formed consisting of Earl White, Sr., Susie Batie, Martha White, Roscoe Harkins, William R. Thurman, Mary Garvin, Warner Fitts, John Winters, Jr. and Joe Black, Sr.

On Monday, March 4, 1968, a special meeting was called, presided over by State Moderator, Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. After hearing several possible candidates, only one was voted on and extended the call to guide the future hopes and aspirations of First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis.

On Friday, March 22, 1968, Rev. James R. Bradley, Sr. of Braddock, Pennsylvania, accepted the call to become Pastor of First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis, and on Sunday, June 9, 1968, Rev. Bradley came to stay, having finished or fulfilled his commitments in Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, July 9, 1968, was our Pastor's first engagement (13th Anniversary of the College Ave. Baptist Church, Rev. Otis Armistead—Pastor). College Avenue Baptist is now named Oasis of Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Armistead is currently an Associate Minister at First Baptist.

The Installation Service for Rev. Bradley was held on Sunday, July 21, 1968. Rev. Bradley's father, Rev. R.B. Bradley was the speaker for the morning service. He was then Pastor of Growing Valley Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. Dr. F. Benjamin Davis of New Bethel Baptist was the speaker for the afternoon service. The evening service featured Rev. C.T. Vivian of Chicago, Illinois, who was the Director of Urban Training Center of Christian Missions. It was truly a wonderful day.

As a tribute to the continuing history of First Baptist, a Candlelight Service in honor of and in memory of Elder F.F. Young and all of the deceased members of First Baptist was held on September 29, 1968 chaired by Mrs. Flossie Buchanan.

#### SPIRITUAL UPLIFTING

Reaching people to become followers of Christ has been central to Rev. Bradley's ministry. The continuation of an upward "Spiritual Thrust" to serve the present age is one of Pastor Bradley's significant accomplishments. Through the 29 years as Pastor of First Baptist, there was an addition of many new members either as candidates for baptism or through Christian experience.

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From the early days of his pastorage throughout the years, one of the songs which Rev. Bradley often sang himself was "My Father Watches Over Me". *The words....I trust in God wherever I may be, Upon the land or on the rolling sea, For come what may, from day to day, My heav'nly Father watches over me. I trust in God, I know He cares for me, On mountain blenk or on the stormy sea. Though billows roll, He keeps my soul, my heavenly Father watches over me.* God watched over First Baptist and Pastor Bradley during the 29 years.

Immediately upon joining First Baptist, Rev. Bradley would encourage every member to develop a love and loyalty to the church. He emphasized how prayer is important in the life of every Christian. Just as First Baptist started as a Prayer Band, the reaffirmation of that focus has been continual.

In an effort to maintain contact with all members of the congregation, a shepherding plan was instituted. Led by the Deacons, this is intended to be a systematic plan for visiting, helping, learning the Scriptures, fellowshiping, socializing, evangelizing, and nurturing the congregation.

During "The Bradley Years" at First Baptist, the church witnessed the ordination of 11 Deacons, the ordination of one minister and the licensing of eight associate ministers.

#### MISSIONS

First Baptist has a long history of being involved in mission work. The church missionary body stimulates growth in witnessing and working to help others in the church and community. As far back as 1936, First Baptist assisted with mission work in Liberia, West Africa. Missionaries on the field at this time were Mr. & Mrs. Ervin. After being in the mission field for over 20 years, Mrs. Letha Ervin returned with her adopted daughter, Margo, a 12 year old Liberian girl. Margo Brooks grew up in First Baptist and the church assisted in the care of the retired missionary, Mrs. Ervin and Margo.

In 1972, early in Rev. Bradley's pastorage, First Baptist supported the Etienne Family in Cap Hatien, Haiti. The church proper supported nine of the eleven children. Two individual families in First Baptist, The Ellison's and Burrus' supported two children. The children were educated and became professional people who contribute to the improvement of their country. The eldest, Rev. Jeanne Etienne, is a Pastor and President of the Haitian Baptist Mission Convention. There are nurses, secretaries and

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electricians.

Through the National Baptist Convention of America, the Indiana State Baptist Convention and Capitol City Convention, First Baptist has supported the planting of churches, schools and clinics over a wide area. In 1976, Rev. Bradley strongly encouraged the church to support one of our own members, who grew up and was trained in our congregation, to be a missionary overseas.

Barbara A. Graves-Oyewo, a trained nurse, was sent to Cameroon, West Africa to help establish a health center and to help spread the gospel in that community. She received continuous support for approximately three years while at the Dorcas-Luke Health Centre in Lysoka, Cameroon.

#### **Home Missions and Outreach**

Ministering to the needs of church and community members from youth to senior citizens is part of the effort to be dedicated to a lifelong program of growth and service.

On a regular basis during Rev. Bradley's tenure, First Baptist has provided food to the needy through the maintenance of a Food Pantry. The Dorcas Room located in the Educational Building has helped to provide free clothing to community members in need.

The First Baptist Senior Citizens were organized in 1969 with Ella Hart as President. First Baptist also provided space for a Lunch Program for senior citizens. The senior citizens group saved stamps which were helpful in purchasing the first church bus. The bus ministry has grown and has enabled the church to assist in the church transportation needs of members from all over Indianapolis as well as being utilized for senior citizens shopping trips and transporting youth and auxiliary groups for various religious and civic activities.

Outreach programs at First Baptist during Rev. Bradley's leadership period have been wide-ranging. The church sponsored a "Home for Girls" who were under the criminal justice system jurisdiction. The home was located on the corner of Annette & Udell. The COURAGE PROGRAM, a state supported program seeking to decrease teen pregnancies and involving family participation is currently a significant part of the outreach effort of First Baptist. The program encourages sex abstinence and seeks to develop male and female personal responsibility and awareness.





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While First Baptist had originally established a building fund prior to Pastor Bradley's arrival, he promoted it heavily and the congregation responded appropriately. Groundbreaking for a new church sanctuary was in 1977. The Building Fund Committee was very active. During the year of the groundbreaking, it was chaired by Sis. Gwendolyn Solomon and co-chaired by Sis. Mary Frances Allen. Other members included Luima Burrus, Augusta Cosby, Scott Hicks, James Buchanan III, Ethel Bratton, Harriet Cheetam, Virgil Jones, Doris Jones, Rose Mitchell and Ethel Tate, who were loyal unto their deaths. Also among the committee were Samuel Barnett, Clara Biven, Dorothy Black, Joe Black, Clarice Hayden, Linda Jones, Marguerite Quarles, Dazell Smith, Marie Gray Thomas, Robertine Wells, Carlena Williams, Helen Williams, Nadine Hayes, Sarah Webb and J.C. Davis. They have all remained very active members.

Construction on the new building progressed in 1978 and the congregation marched into the new sanctuary located on 28th and Annette on Sunday, April 1, 1979. The cornerstone laying services were held on June 17, 1979, "an occasion of historic significance." As part of the process, some renovation was done to the old building on Annette and Udell including adding brick to the gymnasium and razing the old sanctuary for more parking availability. A short time later in 1983, we had a mortgage burning celebration signifying that the debt for the new building was paid. In the late 80's, more progress occurred during the Completion and Renovation stage and a balcony was added to the sanctuary and other needed improvements to both buildings were made.

Always a visionary, Rev. Bradley continued to encourage First Baptist to consider the future and prepare to solidify the growth of the congregation and expand our role in the community. He initiated the establishment of a long-range planning committee. For the past several years the committee has been carefully researching and planning for the future, considering the church's spiritual, physical and program and activity needs as we move toward the new millenium. The property acquisition committee has gradually expanded the church's holdings that may serve First Baptist and the community for future needs.

From celebrating its centennial 100th Anniversary in 1985 to the 105th in 1990, a similar theme has been present...."OUR HELP IN AGES PAST. OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME," Ephesians 3:20,21. The theme which First Baptist had for the cornerstone laying celebration in 1979.."BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS" Psalm 48:11-14 and Psalm 78:6-7 again is reflective of the commitment that Rev. Bradley and the members of First Baptist have in continuing to spread the gospel through all nations!



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As the Pastor, Rev. Bradley shared in the highs and lows in the life and times of the individual members and families of the congregation. He has been there for an untold number of weddings, anniversaries, baby blessings, family reunions and other significant happy events. He will be well remembered for the number of times that he personally called many members of the congregation on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day. He will be remembered for the special fellowships and worship services with other churches and denominations within Indianapolis as well as around the state and nation.

While there are many pictures and memories which treasure the good moments, Rev. Bradley probably excelled even more when his presence was needed during sad times. His comforting spirit and soothing demeanor during the many funeral services showed a caring and compassionate minister who could help make the moment more manageable and touch the lives of the affected families. As Rev. Bradley said, *"It hasn't always been an easy journey, but the scripture lets us know that our sojourn would not always be to our liking. But He promised to be with us in the good times and the bad times."*

The bad times did not escape the Pastor either. On numerous occasions over the years, Rev. Bradley had to struggle with illness himself. He and his immediate family had sorrow in the loss of his son James, Jr. in 1982, his father Rev. R.B. Bradley in 1984 and his son Carl in 1990. There were other times that other relatives of he and Mrs. Bradley have passed away. Throughout all of his struggles, he still showed a strong determination to preach the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God.

### **Youth Interests**

Anyone ever witnessing the long line of children waiting outside Pastor Bradley's office after morning service on Sunday's realizes that he must have made a great impact with them....even if it was the candy connection! Many, many children (and adults also) have known where to go for sweetness which included candy, a kiss or hand-shake and kind, caring and encouraging words. Pastor Bradley has stated how much of a joy it is to see the once "Golden Nuggets" and "youth" now as young adults taking their rightful place in the church, carrying out the work of the Lord.

Youth Activities, primarily through the Youth Fellowship, have been one of the stronger components of the First Baptist ministry. Sister Martha White was the long-time sponsor of the Youth Fellowship. In recent years, Sister Donna McCray has been the youth director and has achieved much success for the participants in the youth fellowship. Over the years, there has been a Drill Team, the Golden Nuggets Choir, the Junior Ushers and now the Faith Choir and the Ensemble, an instrumental music group.

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### *Youth Interests continued*

The accomplishments of the First Baptist Youth Fellowship have shown that there is a positive outlook with hopeful expectations despite the fact that negative images sometimes seem prevalent. Among the youth projects have been after school tutoring, community clean up campaigns, mission outreach as well as an active recreational program which has included basketball, volleyball, softball and community trips in and out of town.

The Summer Enrichment Program/Daycamp has grown into one of the major undertakings of the church and includes a varied program of educational, recreational and even vocational activities such as gardening, crafts and job readiness training for teenagers.

Another facet of Rev. Bradley's leadership which will have long-lasting positive consequences is the promotion of the Scholarship Fund. Its continuous emphasis over the last 29 years has enabled First Baptist to help numerous students from the congregation attain financial assistance for their higher education endeavors.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

*"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."* This passage from Psalm 100:2 is a good example of how the music ministry has progressed at First Baptist over the past 29 years. Pastor Bradley constantly let his appreciation of good singing and music be known. Like many pastors, he seemed to have a very special interest and relationship with the various choirs. Through his support, the church continually upgraded the music staff as well as instruments such as a new piano, organ, keyboard and church sound system. A youthful Tim Bratton was hired as church organist in 1975 and later became Minister of Music. With the help of various other musicians, the music ministry now includes the Golden Nuggets, Faith Choir, Male Chorus, Voices of Joy and the Mass Choir. That singing aggregation has developed to one that is comparable to talented choirs all over the USA.

In earlier years at First Baptist at the 877 Udell location, the church was often referred to as *"The Church With The Big Welcome, The Church With The Big Bell"*. A very large bell that originally came from a firehouse was erected on top of roof of the sanctuary. It was removed when the old sanctuary was demolished. After the new sanctuary was built, Sister Luima Burrus, a long-time member who had served in many offices and given of her time and talent particularly to the music department, had the idea of giving a gift that would be memorable and lasting. *The Carillon* can now be heard throughout the neighborhood on a daily basis as well as being played for special church occasions. It was donated by Mrs. Burrus' family, which includes her husband, Deacon Edward Burrus and her daughters Edith Holt and Clarice Bollen and other family members.

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As is evident, the 29 year leadership that Rev. and Mrs. James R. Bradley have given the First Baptist, North Indianapolis congregation has been beneficial and loving. Rev. Bradley has kept First Baptist in close fellowship with other churches and religious organizations throughout the city, state and nation. He has encouraged continuous involvement with community entities such as the NAACP, United Way, United Negro College Fund and other non-profit organizations.

He has served in leadership positions with the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, and the Indiana Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress. Most of all, he has served a very diverse group of Christians at First Baptist. It is a congregation that comes from all parts of the city; it is a congregation from babies to senior citizens; it is a congregation from uneducated to highly educated; it is a congregation including the disabled and challenged to the healthy and blessed; it is a congregation of people with little wealth and few resources to people with some wealth and many resources; but to all of the congregation, he has many times preached about the following verse: *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* Matthew 6:33

Reverend James R. Bradley served the First Baptist congregation faithfully. He served it well!  
Updated by Eric Cheatham

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If you're looking for a history of First Baptist Church, a good starting place would be in the home of Naomi Taborn. Mrs. Taborn, who at 94 years old is the oldest living member of the church, has a home full of pictures, newspaper articles, anniversary programs, and other items commemorating church events. Not only does Mrs. Taborn have physical remembrances, she has personal memories from giving service to the church for 84 years, including 10 years as Rev. Bradley's secretary.

Mrs. Taborn's memories of Rev. Bradley's years of service are really too numerous to list; but some that have special significance to her are:

- the naming ceremony for F.F. Young Park on June 20, 1971. Rev. Bradley presided over the ceremony at which several city officials, church members and neighborhood residents attended.
- the groundbreaking ceremony for the new church on April 3, 1977.
- the church's 100th Anniversary celebration, for which she served on the anniversary committee and compiled the church's history.
- her retirement party held at the church in August 1977. More than 300 people attended.
- the first joint men's and women's day service in September 1987.
- her many, many trips to all parts of the country representing First Baptist at conventions, congresses and for fellowshiping with other Christians.

After Mrs. Taborn retired, Mrs. Robertine Wells served as secretary for many years and in recent years Mrs. DeLois Watkins has served in that position.

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SUPPORTERS

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

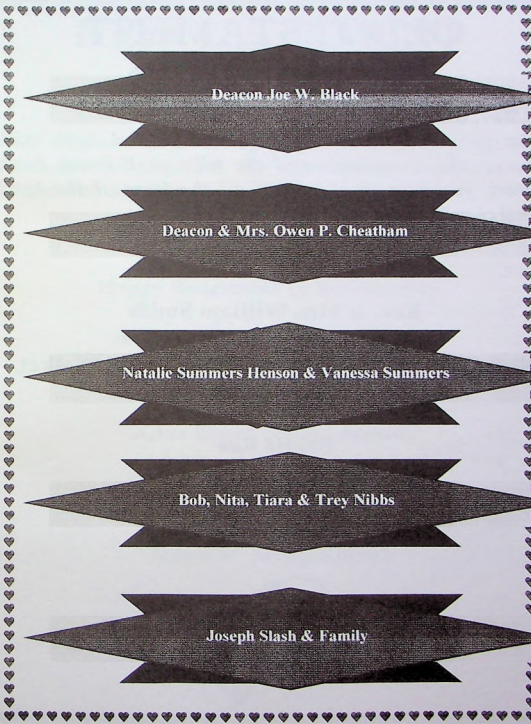
1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



Deacon Joe W. Black

Deacon & Mrs. Owen P. Cheatham

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Bob, Nita, Tiara & Trey Nibbs

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To Rev. Bradley:

*"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12*

Rev. & Mrs. William Smith

New Castle Ford-Lincoln Mercury—Bill Walker,  
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Deborah Lynne Hayes



# NEW TESTAMENT SUPPORTERS

*"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16*

**Happy Retirement To Rev. Bradley**

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**THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
Daria Parham, President**

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SUPPORTERS—YOUTH**

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ROELL REA**

**TASHA GIBSON**

**SHANA, JORDAN-REECE & JARRETT CHEATHAM**

Trust God Only (Exodus 20:3,4)

Worship God Only (Exodus 20:5,6)

Use God's Name In Ways That Honor Him (Exodus 20:7)

Rest on the Sabbath day and think about God (Exodus 20:8-11)

Respect and Obey Your Parents (Exodus 20:12)

Protect and respect human life (Exodus 20:13)

Be true to your husband or wife (Exodus 20:14)

Do not take what belongs to others (Exodus 20:15)

Do not lie about others (Exodus 20:16)

Be satisfied with what you have (Exodus 20:17)



**Congratulations  
To  
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for 29  
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of Service  
at First Baptist**

*From The  
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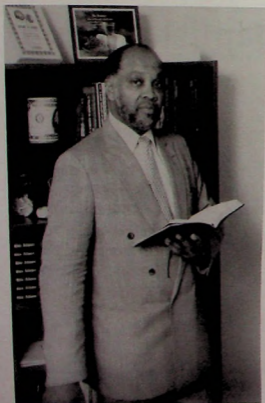


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The entire congregation of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church extends warm wishes and congratulations on the retirement of your pastor, Rev. Dr. James R. Bradley, Sr. May the Lord continue his bountiful blessings upon Dr. Bradley as he moves to higher dimensions in his ministry.

Prayerfully Submitted,

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family - Rev. Dr. M. Samuel Pinkston, Interim Pastor



## CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. JAMES R. BRADLEY On Your Retirement

We praise God for your contribution to the advancement of the Kingdom of God through many years as a Pastor. Also, thank you for being a friend and mentor to me and the Oasis of Hope Baptist Church.

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and your First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis  
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faithful service to the Lord.

Remember, it was the Lord that  
brought us and it will be the Lord  
who will keep us. We know that all  
things work together for good to them  
that love the Lord, to them who are  
the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

to

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Matthew 25:21.

## Dr. James R. Bradley

*May God continue to bless you*

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**May God  
Continue  
to Bless You  
and  
Keep You**

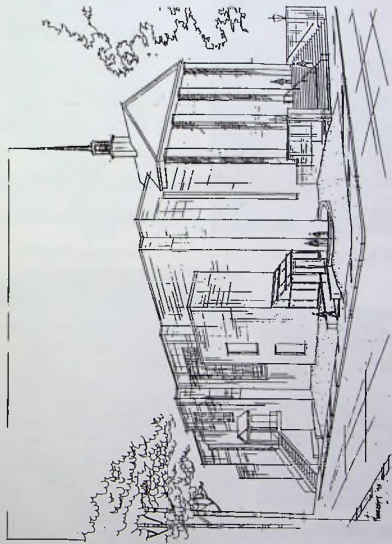
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## *Pastor Bradley Thankful For Blessings of Ministry*

As I look back over my pastoral years, I can only say that, God has truly blessed my ministry.

I was called to preach at the age of eighteen years and was then licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My mother, the late Pearl Bradley and father, the late Rev. R.B. Bradley were a great influence on and in my life. They were great Prayer Warriors.

I remember when I was called to pastor the congregation in Marion, Indiana, my mother coming into the sanctuary and prostrating herself before the altar. She was praying for me and God's people. I feel that their prayers and those of others have been my source of strength.

I am a product of Bishop College, Taylor University, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions.

Mae G. Sexton Bradley, my wife of almost 49 years (Aug. 4th), were married in Texarkana, Texas. We moved to Saginaw, Michigan, where my father pastored. We were blessed with three sons; James Bradley, Jr. (deceased); Carl Von Bradley (deceased); and Archer Adams Bradley. They were all born in Saginaw, Michigan. We were a great team! My pastorage was begun in Saginaw, Michigan at the True Vine Baptist Church. God blessed us to build an edifice there.

Our ministry spanned several states. God blessed our ministry at Second Baptist Church in Adrain, Michigan; Second Baptist Church in Marion, Indiana; Trinity Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio and New Hope Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They are beautiful Christian people that I will always love and cherish. May God continue to bless and keep them.

On March 4, 1968, I was called to pastor the First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Indiana. God said, "Go", and I accepted the call to this pastorage over twenty-nine years ago, trusting and leaning on the Lord.

God really brought us together over twenty-nine years ago. It was through the Holy Spirit that I joined you together. It hasn't always been an easy journey, but the scripture lets us know that our sojourn would not always be to our liking. But He promised to be with us in the good times and the bad times.

Thank God, He looks beyond our faults and supplies our needs; for He knows our heart. The Lord has blessed this body spiritually, numerically, financially, and physically. It is a joy for me to see the once "Golden Nuggets" and the "Youth" now as Young Adults taking their rightful place in the church, carrying out the work of the Lord. I thank God for them!

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## **Pastor Bradley Thankful** *(continued)*

Our work must be evaluated in the light of its faults and failures as well as in the light of its prosperity and glories that were achieved. Yes, the past has moments of regrets, for there were so many more things that I wanted to do. But God knows my heart and will reward me accordingly. I did my best in reaching out across this great city, state and nation touching the lives of people.

My life is dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ, to preach the Gospel and to be a part of building the Kingdom of God. God continues to bless us and is truly merciful.

We often stand in awe of God's great power, and yet we can become still and feel His great presence and the touch of His hand. We know that He will bless us with our wishes and desires.

Then I can sing this song that our choir so beautifully renders.....

*Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
Knowing my help is coming from you.  
our peace you give me, in time of the storm;  
You are the source of my strength  
You are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to you.*

We thank God and the entire membership, for the honor of being named Pastor Emeritus.

Mrs. Bradley and I will always be a part of First Baptist, North Indianapolis. We will work just as diligently and with dedication. You have our love, prayers and support as always.

We know that the Lord has an able leader to carry on this great work. We've already begun praying that God will lead and guide us in the prayerful search for a Leader. One who is a God-sent preacher, an excellent administrator, evangelistic-minded and a true child of God.

Thanks First Baptist, North Indianapolis for your love, kindness, generosity, and support down through the years.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

# Congratulations Pastor Bradley

VBS '97



"I CAN DO ALL THINGS  
THROUGH CHRIST WHICH  
STRENGTHENETH ME."

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

**FIRST BAPTIST  
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Directors

*Congratulations Dr. James R. and Mae George Bradley  
on twenty-nine years of service to Our Lord and Savior,  
as Pastor and First Lady of First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis.  
May God Continue to Bless You in your Retirement.*

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Rev. & Mrs. Bradley  
May the Lord Bless and Keep You  
Always in His Holy Righteousness

From Vera Craig

## IN HONOR OF

Linda W. Jones  
From Tracie Stewart  
and  
Kyron Stewart

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Dorothy J. Taylor  
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From Marshall Taylor

## IN MEMORY OF

George E. Weaver  
From Lois B. Weaver

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## IN MEMORY OF

Julia C. Black  
Julia C. Pickett  
Michael E. Black  
From Joe W. Black, Joseph Black  
and Maxine & Joe Calvert

## IN MEMORY OF

Arthur Black and Mary Black  
From Joe W. Black

## IN MEMORY OF

Lucille Rachel Ray  
From James Ray, Husband  
The Harris Family  
Paul, Lettie & Cicely

## IN MEMORY OF

Peter Lind Gray  
From H. Marie Thomas, Mother  
Marie, Tommy, Anthony, Vernon, Sonja, Clyde,  
Curtis Alfred, Jon and all Grandchildren and  
Great Grandchildren

GOD IS LOVE

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# ***MEMORIALS***

***Loved Ones Gone Before,  
But Their Precious Moments Last!***

Martha & Phillip Harris, Sr.

Turner Bell

Phillip Harris, Jr. & James P. Harris

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Shelton Jackson

Olene & Rev. James W. Robinson

John C. Williams

Geraldine & Marcella Black

Julia C. Pickett & Willie C. Pickett, Sr.

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Ella Davis

Charles Patterson

Melvin Young

Bryant Hurd

Bernard T. Williams

***Memory has a magic way of keeping loved ones Near.  
Ever close in mind and hearts,  
are the ones we hold most Dear.***

*From The Black's, Williams' Hurd's, Early, Green, Thomas & Young's Families*

# MEMORIALS

*IN MEMORY OF*

George E. Weaver

*From Lois B. Weaver*

*IN MEMORY OF*

George Winters  
Lorene Winters  
Calvin Winters  
Sherry Phillips  
Don Winters, Jr.

*From the Winters, Shane & Lane Family*

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

Ethel E. Bratton

Tim

*IN MEMORY OF*

Sis. Gertrude Blackwell

*From Margaret Lee*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Ethel Lee Tate  
George Washington Tate

*From the Crockett Family  
and the Jones Family*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Sis. Veanie D. Dawson

*From Margaret Lee*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Mrs. Bennie Kimbrow

*From Azilee Kincaide*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Minor & Sallie Parham Tyson  
Alonzo & Rosa Patton Mitchell  
Estella Patton  
Grace Sherron, Mabel Hayden  
Willie Quarles

*From Marguerite Quarles & Family*

*"Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my  
decease to have these things always in remembrance."  
II Peter 1:15*

# MEMORIALS

*IN MEMORY OF*

Byron Hayes

&

*IN HONOR OF*

Eleanor Hayes

*Mr. & Mrs. William Jenkins*

*Damon Jenkins, Jeffrey Jenkins & Great-Grandchildren*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Thelma Marie Taylor

6/15/93

Ronald Edward Lucas

11/3/93

*Anna Lucas Brown  
June Barnett*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Robert L. McGuire

N. Marie McGuire

Eric L. McGuire

*D'Coby McGuire & Family*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Anthony "Cap" Watkins

*DeLois Watkins*

*Nelson, Marguerite, Chris & Michael Watkins*

*Robin, Eric & Jason Sinnons*

*Vickie, Doug & Marcus Presley*

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

William (Shorty) McCray

Morris William McCray

Elwood Thomas McCray, Sr.

Elwood Thomas McCray, Jr.

Rev. William (Billy) McCray

*Helen Williams, Donna McCray*

*Shari Snowden, Garrison Snowden*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Deacon & Mrs. Henry H. Hayes, Sr.

Dolores M. Chenault

*"Gone But Never Forgotten"*

*Children, Grandchildren*

*and Great-Grandchildren*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Agatha Ellis

Brian Outlaw

&

Hulda Talley

*Bryson, Moore, Outlaw & Elliott Families*

*IN MEMORY OF*

Margo C. Brooks

*From The Thanksgiving Breakfast Club*

*"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2*

***GOOD WISHES!***

***May God Bless You  
Rev. J.R. Bradley***



***We Love You.***

***Elizabeth Gore  
Carol Campbell  
Mattie Holliday  
Patricia Markey***

***IN MEMORY OF  
REV. L.S. GASTON & FAMILY***

# CONGRATULATIONS

TO



Rev. James R. Bradley



on your

## Anniversary/Retirement Celebration

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is  
planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A  
time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast  
away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain  
from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to rest, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to  
love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)*

**This is now your time!  
Love, your other daughters**

**Vanessa J. Summers and Natalie Summers Henson  
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"Uncle J.R."

Congratulations  
On Your  
Anniversary/Retirement

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Congratulations To Pastor J.R. Bradley

Thank You For The Many Years of Dedicated  
Service In Christian Ministry. May God Con-  
tinue To Bless You As You Enjoy Your Retirement.



G. Thomas Turner, Sr., Pastor

*Congratulations & Best Wishes*

*Dr. James R. Bradley, Sr.*

*On your 29th Pastoral Anniversary  
and Retirement Celebration*

*May God continue to bless you.*

*from*

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TO

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ON THEIR 29 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

TO

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AND

BEST WISHES

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OF  
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*"Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;" Psalm 106:5*

## Amongst Those Who Have Gone Before Us During "The Bradley Years at First Baptist"

<p>1968 Betty Lane Jessie Alexander Eliza Greene Deacon Herschel Hayes Rev. George Tolbert Elizabeth Brown Mary Fitts 1969 Dollie Robinson Jeanette Watkins Sarah Henry Sarah Wagner 1970 Leatha C. Ervin Deacon Arthur Black 1971 William T. Bollen Juanita Wright Mae Townsend Dupree Clara Gaston Admiral B. Hill Charity Ricks Reba Diggs Thelma Williams Birdie C. Hutcherson 1972 Harriet T. Banks Hayes E. Bransford Dr. Abraham King Jennie King Phillip Harris, Jr.</p>	<p>1972 Fred West Andrew Ricks 1973 Martha Irwin Deacon Elmer Taborn Oliver Simmons David Hutcherson Laura Lane 1974 Bennie Kimbrew Claude Rutledge Dorothy Riggs Rev. W.M. Madden James Huley John G. Cheetam 1975 Eunice Dykes Emma Hayden 1976 William Collins Virgil Jones, Jr. Ronald Woods Manilla Stewart George Winters Anna Kirby William McCray Chester Walker Charles Halsell 1977 Alberta C. Young Agatha Parham</p>	<p>1977 Howard Wilson Hazel Thurman Peter Gray Lucille Nelson Robert Dykes Frank Y. Moore Morris Rice, Sr. 1978 Thomas Parker Sadie Griffen Chester Hughes J.D. Solomon Jefferson Suber James Stovall 1979 William R. Thurnman Alfreda Thurman Ora Ratliffe Charles H. Youree James Crenshaw Rev. Wm. D. Edwards 1980 Robert D. Wood Minnie L. Riggins Cody Blackburn Elbert Suber James O'Neal Smith Fred E. Collins Elizabeth Porter Minnie P. Aldridge Mary Greer</p>	<p>1980 Joseph W. Graves Rev. E.M. Pendleton Dr. J.T. Highbaugh Blanche Peck Robert L. Griffen 1981 Mary Highbaugh Oscar Williams Luther Griffen Emma Finley Herinan Gurnell Willa Thomas Sherry Phillips Dora Smith Alice Edwards William Rhodes 1982 Yowel Jones Emina Johnson Bessie Gill Chastine Smith Dea. Alonzo Mitchell Charles O. Morlon Lillie M. Watts Lola D. Canady Deacon Win. Howard Juanita Roberts Wylie Johnson Agatha S. Ellis Helen Middleton Mayme Suber</p>
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# Amongst Those Who Have Gone Before Us During "The Bradley Years at First Baptist"

1982

James R. Bradley, Jr.  
Corean Reed

1983

Ardelia Halsell  
Lillian Hayden  
Mary Monger  
Charles Monger, Sr.  
Laurabelle Corbitt  
Warner Fitts  
Theodore Bowman  
Lucille Ervin  
Sarah Holeman  
Cordelia Miller  
Fannie Powell

Samuella Durham

Ella C. Graves  
Benny Small  
Charlie Bridges  
Josephine Burns  
Marie Turner

1984

Mary C. Garvin  
Susie B. Hicks  
James A. Black, Sr.

Theodore Bell  
Bruce E. Hill, Sr.

Lynn Renee Kennedy

Violet B. Eatherly  
Eddie Strange  
Malissa F. Johnson  
Eugenia Hayes  
John Williams

1985

Maxwell Cosby  
Frazier Torain  
Scott Hicks, Jr.  
Augusta Gray  
Samuel Garvin  
Doris Etta Jones

1985

John H. Rutland  
Nellie Madden

1986

Jack O. Nelson  
Anna Lee Jones  
Lee D. Jones  
Goldie Thompson  
Eugene Kee  
Joshua Gaston  
Bessie Rutland  
Lee Jones  
Aurelia Hayden  
Harry Gurnell

1987

Elizabeth Hindman  
Vida Roach  
Alberta P. Wilson  
Wilburn Turner  
Lucille Ray  
Brian Outlaw  
Rev. L.S. Gaston  
Elwood T. McCray

Sarah Gracie  
Willie F. Fisher  
Juliette C. Fitts

1988

David Jackson  
Addie Porter Gill  
Albert Blunt  
James Cole  
Ruby Underwood  
Mary Lee Black  
Jay Thomas Smith  
Dora Hughes  
Richard Brooks  
Jeff Williams  
Julia Pickett  
Augusta Newton  
Byron S. Hayes

1988

Thora Henderson  
Myrtle Cheatham

1989

Elizabeth Hayes  
Pelman Johnson  
Jonathan Carter  
Georgia Ann Brown  
Willie E. Finley

1990

John Julius Young  
Ida Mae Davis Thomas  
Helen Thompson  
Gertrude Blackwell  
Harriet V. Cheatham  
William Bell  
Morris McCray

1991

Rosa T. Mitchell  
William Southern  
Martha White  
Virginia Parrish

1992

Frances P. Smith  
Rev. E.J. Odom  
Bibes Hart

Leora Davenport  
Olivia Morton

Vernice K. Brent  
Earl Young  
Rev. Edward Gurnell  
Thelma Crenshaw

1993

Ruth Y. James  
Dollie Howard  
Nelontine Halsell  
Vera Arrington  
George Weaver  
Rev. Wm. McCray  
Augusta Cosby

1993

Ronald Lucas  
Sylvester Dupree  
Eula L. Winters

1994

Blanche Montague  
Julia Black  
James Buchanan  
Virgie Burton  
Ethel Tate  
Luima Burrus  
Floni Adams  
O. Margo Brooks  
Fred Lathan

1995

Henry Utterback  
Hilda Tolbert  
Ida T. Wilson  
Hettie Halsell  
Josephine Richey  
Ruby Bell  
Edna Dickerson  
Ethel Bratton  
Florine Rowland  
N. Marie McCuire

1996

Carl Bradley  
Willie Quarles  
Willie Gray  
Marie Armistead  
Alberta Strange  
Flossie Buchanan  
Alexis Garvin  
Clara G. Franklin  
George Poindexter  
Booker Dunscomb  
Dorothy Vorhis  
Verna Turner  
John T. Moore  
Hulda Talley  
Willia Hurley

1997

Blanche Martin

For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him. Luke 20:38

**Pastor & Mrs. Bradley**

*May God Keep You  
and  
Continue To Bless You!*

*You Have Been  
An Inspiration To Many*

*Thank You Pastor Bradley  
For Opening The Door  
To Start*

**The C.O.U.R.A.G.E.  
Program**

Kim Flowers, Director  
Staff, Volunteers and Participants



## Reflections and Tributes

*"Rev. and Mrs. Bradley are great travel companions. They were with me on my first jet flight. We flew to the World Baptist Convention in Japan in 1970. Rev. Bradley conducted my wedding ceremony in 1971. He preached the funeral service of my first child, Kimmell Rachell Harris (1974) and my mother Lucille Rachel Ray (1987). I served as director of Vacation Bible School for 26 years under Rev. Bradley" .....Lettie Harris*

*John J. and Marie D. Young repeated their marriage vows celebrating 50 years of marriage on April 11, 1987. Marie D. Young was chairman of the 100th Church Anniversary under Rev. Bradley in 1985.*

*"I'll always have many good memories of Rev. Bradley, but two really stand out. (1) His kindness during the illness and passing of my mother, Thelma Williams, a former member of this church. She passed in 1971 and at that time was a member of West Chestnut in Louisville, Kentucky. He generously opened his church and pulpit to her minister Rev. Offutt and members for her going home services. Thanks Reverend. (2) Several months ago, somehow a raccoon made his way in my home through the attic. Rev. Bradley was very concerned about my safety because although the raccoon was never caught, it was assumed by the police, friends and family that it went out the same way it came in. Every day since, Rev. Bradley asked if I slept okay the night before with no intruder. I bought him a stone raccoon to keep for me. I've had no problems since. Thanks Rev. Bradley—keep the raccoon for me.....DeLois Watkins*

*Rev. J. R. Bradley has been my Pastor and my brother since he baptized me 28 1/2 years ago. Then, 24 years ago he joined me and my wife, Shirley, in Holy Matrimony. Rev. Bradley has been a preacher, a teacher and a counselor for many thousands, and he has helped me to grow into who I am today.....J.C. Davis*

*"Thank you for your spiritual humor. Remember the talking toilets?...Rose Pettygrue*

*"We've enjoyed every service. Our children talk about you all the time."...Byron & Romona Griffin.*

*"I like Rev. Bradley because he gives me candy". Camille Hayes, 5 years old.*

*"I've appreciated everything you've done for us". Stephanie Edwards*

*"You've been an inspiration in my life in so, so many ways." "Rev. Bradley, do you remember the time that the Young Adults gave you those cowboy boots and hat? Do you still have them? .....Robin Simmons*

# PATRONS

Charles D.	Albert	Beatrice	Bush
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Alex	Baker	Leatha	Caudle
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Deacon William	Barnett	Marie	Clark
June	Barnett	Ethel	Clay
Kim	Barnett	Wesley	Clay
Robert	Bass	Elizabeth	Clemons
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Mary	Bell	Robert	Colbert
Arlene & Teoun	Benning	Ora	Cole
Willie	Berry	Ron	Coleman, Jr.
Doc	Bertram	Vera	Craig
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Herman	Brown	Kenneth	Gant
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Lee Emma	Rice	Bill	Walker
Ronald	Rice	Brenes	Walker
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Chris	Robinson	Lucille	Washington
Martha B.	Robinson	Robbin	Watson
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Riley	Smith	Beulah	White
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Michael Taylor  
Donald Parham  
Michael Johnson

## BANQUET

Marshall Taylor, Chairman  
Linda Jones, Co-Chair  
Timothy Bratton, Program  
Keith Hayes, Program  
Dessie White, Gifts & Decorations  
Linda Thomas, Housing  
Sandra Johnson, Housing  
Horatio Brown, Housing  
Aaron Thomas, Housing  
Elizabeth Gibson, Tickets  
Charlene Cheatham, Tickets  
Eloy Pettiford, Tickets  
June Barnett, Tickets  
Phyllis Outlaw, Tickets  
Helen Williams, Tickets  
Andrea Parham, Hostesses  
Robert Bass, Transportation  
Leonard Clark, Photographer

## KITCHEN/DINNER

DeLois Watkins, Chairperson  
Phyllis Outlaw, Co-Chair  
Hazel Tinson  
Doris Coleman  
Robin Simmons  
Helen P. James  
Jeffrey Taylor  
Arlene Benning  
Robin Anderson  
Clara Biven  
James Biven  
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Linda Jones  
Edward Burrus  
William Barnett  
Natalie Bullock  
Wanda Bunch  
Hiawatha Mosley  
Debbie Colbert  
Horatio Brown  
Nelson & Marguerite Watkins

## PROGRAM/BOOKLET

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Jacquelin Edmonds  
Lisa Hayes  
COURAGE PARTICIPANTS  
Eric Simmons  
Michael Taylor  
Anthen Malone  
Kim Flowers

## RECEPTION

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Clara Biven  
Andrea Parham  
Naomi Wells  
Julie Webster  
Lisa Moore  
Cathy Michelle Hayes  
Ladies of the Voices of Joy  
Gifts  
Wanda Scisney  
Jackie Fykes

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Owen Cheatham  
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Robertine Wells  
Deborah Hayes  
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