

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS  
**REV. WILLIAM D. EDWARDS** Mt. Helm Baptist Church  
1660 Yandes will celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary  
and retirement of its pastor, Reverend William D.  
Edwards, beginning Monday, October 17, 1977. This  
anniversary will mark the fiftieth year of ministry for  
Reverend Edwards, who was called and licensed  
November 27, 1927 at First Baptist Church, North  
Indianapolis under the pastorate of Reverend Frank  
F. Young. He was ordained March 28, 1928.

The Church invites the public to join them in the  
celebration of this great occasion and paying  
homage to this faithful servant of God and mankind  
by participating in a planned weeklong program to be  
held at Mt. Helm. The theme of the anniversary is "A  
Faithful Man Shall Abound With Blessing", Proverbs  
28:20, beginning

Monday, October 17, 1977 at 7:30

p.m. with Reverend Frank A. Douglas, Little Egypt  
Baptist Church.

Tuesday, October 18, at 7:30 pm., with Reverend  
James T. Thomas, St. Mark Baptist Church.

Wednesday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m., with Reverend  
Jesse Fox, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

Thursday, October 20, at 7:30 p... with Reverend  
James Brown, Grace Memorial Baptist Church.

Friday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m., with Reverend  
Granville M. Mimms, Bethesda Baptist Church.

Sunday, October 23, at 3:30 p.m., with the guest  
pastor. Reverend Calvin C. Wood, Galilee Baptist  
Church.

Reverend Edwards' work has included service on the local, state and national level for the National Baptist Convention, Inc., in the capacity of Vice-President of the Union District of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., member of the Finance Committee for fourteen years as Assistant Treasurer and then Treasurer since 1969 to the present.

Reverend William D. Edwards took his first pastorate at First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Indiana from 1927-1934. In June 1934, he was called to First Baptist Church, West Indianapolis, where he remained until 1936. In April 1937, he was called to Second Baptist Church, Brazil, Indiana. His ministry during the six years in Brazil included pastorate of Shiloh Baptist Church, Terre Haute, Indiana in 1938, and two years of Second Baptist Church, Rockville, Indiana.

Simultaneously, Reverend Edwards served as Moderator for the Western District Association of the Boyd Convention, 1937-1942. Reverend Edwards came to Mt. Helm Baptist Church on October 23, 1942, where he has remained these past thirty-five years.

Locally, Reverend Edwards worked diligently with the Baptist Minister's Foresight of Indianapolis and served as President of this organization. 'An accomplishment of his presidency was the restructuring and re vitalization of the Foresight under which it is operating currently. He has given unselfishly to, on many occasions, the Indianapolis Christian Community.

Reverend Edwards worked at Magic Chef Stove for many years until 1954, when the company moved out of the state. He is the father of eight children, all living and has been married to his wife Alice sixty-two years. This 35th Anniversary at Mt. Helm Baptist Church will mark Reverend Edwards' retirement from active ministry, due to failing health. He has been appointed Pastor Emeritus at Mt. Helm Baptist Church.