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POPE'S CHAPEL ANNUAL HOMECOMING

11:30 a.m. - October 6, 1974

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Prelude - Mrs. Pearl Bufford

Call to Worship and Invocation - Rev. Harold Lawrence

*Hymn No. 14 - "All Hail the Power" - Mr. Lester Jones

Hymn No. 64 - "Blessed Assurance"

Welcome - Mrs. Walker Satterfield

Response - Mrs. Horace Truitt

Recognition of Special Guests - Mrs. Sybil Roper

Prayer - Rev. Lawrence

Hymn No. 25 - "Whispering Hope" - Mr. Lester Jones

Offering

*Doxology

Special Music - "I Believe" - Mrs. Pat Roberson,
Mrs. A. L. Roberson

Introduction of Speaker - Mr. John Boyd

Address - Mr. Dixie Wiggins

*Hymn No. 277 - "God Be With You" - Mr. Lester Jones

Benediction - Rev. Lawrence

Our new well and equipment is a gift in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wynn Fortson, Sr. by their children. The Pope's Chapel members and friends are deeply grateful.

AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:15 p.m.

Opening Hymn No. 121 - "Church in the Wildwood"
Prayer
Business Session
Hymn No. 87 - "Bless Be the Tie"
Benediction

1974 HOMECOMING OFFICERS:

John W. Boyd, Sr. - President
Mrs. Arthur J. Hobbs. - Vice President
Mrs. Sybil S. Roper - Secretary
Mrs. Farmer Combs - Treasurer

Ushers:

Jimmy Norman
David Sale
Jack Walton

Guest Registration:

Mrs. Elizabeth Chafin
Mrs. Carolyn Butler

Nominating Committee, 1975 Officers:

Mrs. Clarence Bohler
Farmer Combs
Tom B. Wiggins

Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. there will be an Organ Dedication Ceremony at Independence Church. The organ was given in memory of Mrs. E. F. Boyd by the Boyd family and friends. The program will be a recital by Mrs. John Bamford of Albany, New York, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. An open invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

The Endless Line

In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed.

—John Wesley's Journal

Thus does John Wesley describe the heart-warming experience that brought about the birth of Methodism and represents a link in the endless line of influence of the mighty reformer, Martin Luther.

The "Preface" was prepared by Luther in connection with his translation of the New Testament into German, which first appeared on September 21, 1522. Most of the books in this "September Testament" were accompanied by short prefaces. The "Preface to the Epistle to the Romans" has a special place among them, because Luther felt that Romans is "the most important document in the New Testament, the gospel in its purest expression."

The "Preface" is not simply an introduction to the book of Romans, listing some facts about it and giving an outline of its contents. It is an essay in itself on the meaning of the gospel message. It is a connected exposition on the plan of salvation worthy of being read independently of the book of Romans. In fact it was just in such manner that Wesley heard it.

We do not know exactly the words that affected Wesley so strongly, but regardless of the particular words which were instrumental in the change, it was faith as an attitude of heart and a way of life that Wesley learned from Luther.

Although Wesley never became a disciple of Luther, he appreciated him and was influenced by his work.