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Faculty Quartet

First Tenor: Dr. Miroslav Kis, Professor of Ethics; Chair of Theology and Christian Philosophy Department
Baritone: Dr. James J. North, Jr., Professor of Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy; Seminary Chaplain
Base: Dr. John T. Baldwin, Professor of Theology
Second Tenor: Dr. Martin Hanna, Associate Professor of Historical Theology

*Remembering
Elder Edward Earl Cleveland*

*Learning from a Life of
Mission and Ministry*



*7:00pm
September 23, 2009
Seminary Chapel
Andrews University*



A Legendary Life

- 1921 Edward Earl Cleveland is born on March 11 to William C. and Eunice Cleveland on Pulaski Pike in Hunstville, AL.
- 1939 Graduates from high school in Chattanooga, TN. He is valedictorian and president of his class. That fall he enters Oakwood Junior College.
- 1941 Graduates from Oakwood Junior College.
- 1942 Hired as intern by Carolina Conference. President H. E. Lysinger predicts he will be the next Sidney Scott if he will keep his feet on the ground.
- 1943 Earl marries Celia Abney on May 29 in Meridian, Mississippi.
- 1946 When the South Atlantic Conference is organized, he is hired as a pastor/evangelist. After pastoring for seven years, he becomes a full-time evangelist in 1949.
- 1950 Cleveland becomes evangelist for the Southern Union Conference.
- 1954 Cleveland is elected Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He serves there for 23 years.
- 1954 Holds historic evangelistic meeting in Montgomery on the corner of Smythe and High where over 500 persons are baptized.
- 1964 Publishes first of two Sabbath School Quarterlies that he wrote. The other was published in 1981.
- 1965 Holds meeting in Port-of Spain, Trinidad, where 812 are baptized and another 400 in follow-up meetings. As a result, the Cleveland Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church is organized.
- 1968 Publishes *Mine Eyes Have Seen*, the first of 16 books that he authored.
- 1968 Andrews University confers Doctor of Divinity degree on Cleveland. He is the first African-American to receive honorary doctorate from this school. He received an L.L.D. from Daniel Payne College the same year.
- 1972 Evangelism Coordinator for the North American Division until 1977.
- 1977 Becomes Director of the Department of Church Missions at Oakwood College in Hunstville, AL.
- 1978 The South Park Seventh-day Adventist Church is established in Birmingham, AL, from members baptized during summer evangelistic meeting for his brother, William J. Cleveland.
- 1979 Founded the Annual Council on Evangelism which is held each winter at Oakwood College.
- 1986 On October 22 he is invited to the White House for a briefing with President Ronald Reagan on International and National Affairs.
- 1990 Holds final tent meeting in Nashville, TN. It is a citywide meeting in which nearly 200 persons are baptized.
- 1993 Inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Collegium of Preachers and Scholars at Morehouse College.
- 2003 His wife, Celia, dies on May 31 after 60 years of marriage and work together.
- 2006 Holds final evangelistic meeting, a 4-week meeting conducted for Dr. Calvin Rock at the Abundant Life Church in Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 Cleveland dies on August 30 in Huntsville, AL after more than 65 years in ministry.

Program

- Welcome..... R. Clifford Jones
- Prayer..... Josian Frampton
- Opening Hymn #633
"When We All Get to Heaven"
- Responsive Scripture..... Nathaniel Lyles
Psalms 23; Isaiah 65:17-25, TNIV
- Remarks Niels-Erik Andreassen
- Musical Selection Journey
"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"
- Tributes
- E. E. Cleveland as a Leader* Harold Lee
- E. E. Cleveland as an Evangelist*..... Russell Burrill
- Musical Selection Simona Mills
"I Don't Know About Tomorrow"
- Tributes
- E. E. Cleveland as a Mentor* James North, Jr.
- E. E. Cleveland as a Preacher*..... R. Clifford Jones
- E. E. Cleveland's Historical Significance*..... Merlin Burt
- Responsive Reading Jeanie Craig
1 Corinthians 15:51-55; Revelation 22:1-5 TNIV
- Seminary Student Forum Scholarship Fund Paul Muniz
- Cleveland in His Own Words Video Presentation
"Have Faith in God"
- Musical Selection Seminary Faculty Quartet
"Dig a Little Deeper"
- Benediction Timothy Nixon
- Organ Postlude..... James North, Jr.