

A GREAT PREACHER

Stalwart and staunch of heart and unafraid,
The man of God stands in his pulpit there,
So well equipped, so shinningly arrayed
With the sword and shield of faith with power
in prayer.

That the Christ is lifted up before our eyes
Here in this room, here in this very hour,
And men, beyond dissension and suprise
Are drawn to him by some strange unseen power.

"Hidden in Christ..." the preacher hid in Christ,
Lifted him up to draw all men to him,
Willing that his own life be sacrificed
That the light of all the earth may not grow dim.
O man of God, O man of flame and fire,
I pray your lifted arms may never tire!

-- Grace Noil Crowell--

(Dedicated by the author to Dr. G. W. Truett)

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Shawboro , North Carolina

June 13 , 1948

ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY OF

Melvin James Hughes

Music Prelude

Hymn-----All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Invocation-----Rev. J. O. Pruden
Nelson Park Baptist Center,
Norfolk, Virginia

Special Music (Duet)-----Mrs. D. P. Mullins
Mrs. Thelma R. Hughes
Norfolk, Virginia

Scripture Reading-----

Special Music-----Choir Providence Church

Sermon-----Rev. Mott A. Cumby
Ringgold Baptist Church,
Ringgold, Virginia

Ordination Prayer-----Rev. Frank Hughes Jr.
So. Norfolk Baptist Church
So. Norfolk, Virginia

Presentation of the Bible-- Rev. W. T. Halstead
Broad Creek Village
Baptist Church,
Norfolk, Virginia

Charge to the Candidate--- Rev. W. W. Finlator
First Baptist Church,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Charge to the Church----- Rev. R. E. Wall
Backwell Memorial Baptist
Church,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Hymn ----- Faith of Our Fathers !

Benediction-----Rev. Melvin James Hughes

"Happy if with my latest breath,
I may but speak Thy name;
Preach Christ to all, and gasp in death,
Behold! Behold the Lamb !"