

# Memorial Resolution for Frederick Raymond "Cookie" Clark

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was born on July 8, 1926 in Yazoo City, Mississippi to Christian parents and soon afterwards baptized as a covenant child of Anna and Andrew Clark; and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was given and exercised saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and King, and was received by the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi when he was eleven, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark graduated from Yazoo City High School and Mississippi State University, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II as a tailgunner on a B29 aircraft, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark married Dora Lee Livingston on June 18, 1953, and enjoyed fifty three years of blessed marriage and with her raised four Christian daughters: Lee, Anna Katherine, Nettie, and Elizabeth, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark, following the War, completed his education and returned to Yazoo City where he became a partner in Williams, Williams & Clark, a civil engineering firm, where he served as managing partner, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was ordained as a Deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi on January, 4, 1954, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was ordained as a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi on December 18, 1964, being the youngest man to hold this office in the church's history, and serving the Lord in that capacity for forty six years until his death, and who also was one of two Ruling Elders from the church who served as delegates at the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark, in obedience to God's call on his life and because of his Christ-like compassion, for over thirty years weekly visited the two nursing homes in Yazoo City and went from "door to door" praying with and encouraging the residents to trust Christ with all their hearts, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark, with the heart of a true shepherd, often visited and prayed with the elderly, the home bound, the hospitalized, and the sick of the church, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was a man of persistent prayer who for over fifteen years prayed privately and publicly for God to intervene in the hearts of the Communist leaders and tear down the Iron Curtain, and who lived not only to see his prayers answered but, in God's kind providence, eventually experienced the added joy of having two grandchildren adopted from Russian in 1999 and 2001, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark was known to be a man with the "spirit of Barnabas," who was a faithful supporter, loving encourager, and intercessor for many but especially the pastors of First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark, in the last years of his life, weekly participated in the "Good News Club," a ministry of First Presbyterian Church to African American children in a local housing project, where he taught the children the catechism, prayed with and for them, talked with them, hugged them, and constantly showed them the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and;

WHEREAS, Frederick Clark, in God's wisdom and perfect timing, had Christ gather this precious soul unto Himself in death, on September 16, 2006, when he was eighty years old;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted and praised for His perfect work of redemption through which He secured a place for Frederick Clark for all eternity in heaven and a seat among the great cloud of heavenly witnesses and the spirits of righteous men made perfect, and for His gracious gift to His Kingdom, the extended Clark family, and the community of Yazoo City in the person and life of Frederick "Cookie" Clark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be given to his wife, Dora Lee, and their four daughters and spread upon the minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi and presented to the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at its Stated Meeting on August 7, 2007.

  
Joe Easterling, Moderator