MEMORIAL TO RULING ELDERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

June 17, 1975

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

Today we pause to memorialize those Ruling Elders of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley who have, during this past 12 months, gone to be with their Lord and Saviour. Each of these men confessed that he was a "sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy." Each further declared that he "believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of sinners", and that he received and trusted in "Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel."

These brothers have made their confession with their lips. They have ratified it repeatedly with their lives. Their names have been removed from the rolls of the Church Militant and entered upon the eternal rolls of the Church Triumphant.

James Richard McCravey, Jr....Forest.... February 13, 1974
L. E. Graham....... Forest.... May 18, 1975
James Talvey Hataway...... Union..... March 1, 1975
William Alexander Thompson... Louisville. May 23, 1975
H. E. Gobb...... St. Paul, Jackson.. February 8, 1975
George R. Schimmel...... Macon..... December 3, 1974
Joseph A. Shaull..... Center Point March 30, 1974

"For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might, Thou Lord their captain in the well-fought fight, Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way."

W. W. How

Closed with prayer

Robert G. Sweet, Moderator