

"Our Father..."



TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Thanksgiving Eve

Seven-thirty O'clock November 22, 1961
Giving thanks always for all things unto God...Eph. 5:20

* PRELUDE Prelude in D Major Fischer
PRAYER WITH THE CHOIRS

* PROCESSIONAL "Come, Ye Thankful People" No. 525
-Congregation sings all stanzas, stand on second-

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his steadfast love endures
forever! Let those who love the
Lord say,

People: His steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation. Open to
me the gates of righteousness, that I
may enter through them and give thanks
to the Lord.

INVOCATION and Lord's Prayer

ANTHEM "Prayer of Thanksgiving" Choir School

* HYMN "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand" No. 523

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

We thank Thee, O God, for thy blessings.
For all thy blessings in creation, for the
beauty of earth and sea and sky, for thy mani-
fold works, and the wisdom with which thou hast
made them all,

We thank thee, O God.

For the happiness of our earthly life, for
peaceful homes and healthful days, for our
powers of mind and body, for faithful friends,
for the joy of all human loves,

We thank thee, O God

For the revelation of thy love and for the
newness of life in our Saviour, for the blessings

brought to us by thy holy Church, and for our fellow-
ship with thee in Christ,

We thank thee, O God

That it may please thee to bless with wisdom and
courage thy servant the President of the United
States, and all who bear with him the responsibi-
lity of the nation, and to give thy guidance and
blessing to all the Council of the Nations.

We humbly beseech thee, our Father.

That it may please thee to strengthen and
encourage all those who by reason of temptation,
hardness of circumstances, or personal loss find
it difficult to be thankful and to praise thy name,

We humbly beseech thee, our Father.

And now may the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the light
of God, remove all darkness from our hearts. Unto
thee, O God, do we give thanks; unto thee do we
give thanks for thy great mercy toward us.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with
all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify
thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, Amen.

ANTHEM "List to the Lark" Dickinson
Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 148 p. 505, Sel. 34

ANTHEM "Being Thankful Every Day" Carol Choir

CALL FOR THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Te Deum Laudamus" Titcomb
Chancel Choir

AT THANKSGIVING

A MEDITATION IN SCRIPTURE, SONG AND PRAYER

RECESSIONAL "Now, on Land and Sea Descending" No. 67

BENEDICTION and Choral Response POSTLUDE

* Latecomers may be seated.

THE OFFERING RECEIVED TONIGHT WILL GO TO THE WORK OF OUR
Children's Home at Barium Springs. Let us be generous.

APPRECIATION to Mrs. Dan T. Carr and Mrs. W. R. Patton for
the lovely Thanksgiving arrangements.

Down deep in their hearts, they longed for the day when their dearest dreams could be fulfilled. They wanted a home and children. God graciously gave them a son, Daryl, and a curly headed daughter, Brenda. These two children were dedicated to God in baptism and the whole family worships regularly in the Presbyterian church where Paul is now an officer.

Thus, the shadow that fell across their separate homes in yesteryear has, in some measure, been replaced by the lovely light shed upon them through the blessings of God in the establishing of thir own home. Paul, Elsie, Daryl, and Brenda are now fulfilling their dreams and the dreams the church had in establishing the Home at Barium Springs where these two met.

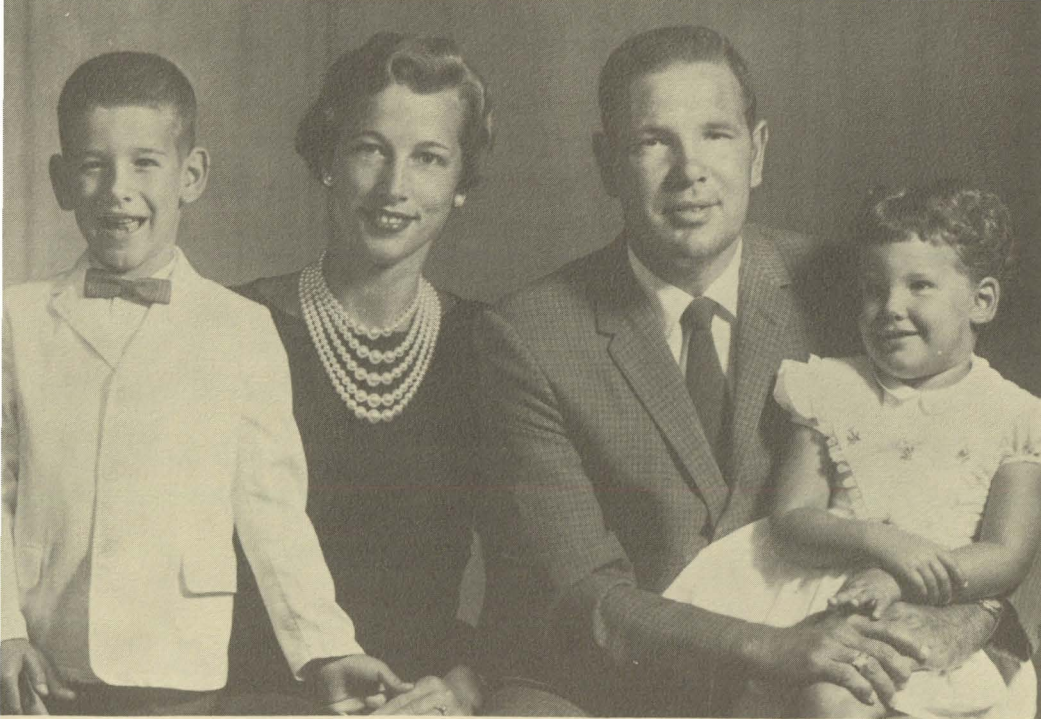
This love story is beautiful indeed and all the more so because it unfolded within another great love story. Barium Springs is love in action. Thanksgiving offerings and regular gifts show forth God's love in the hearts of people. "Inasmuch as . . ." was the Master's measure of our love for Him.



BARIUM SPRINGS HOME FOR CHILDREN
Barium Springs, N. C.

Paul and Elsie

A Barium Springs Love Story



Nearly two decades ago, a dark shadow fell across two homes in North Carolina. Sickness and death had taken the mothers and left the children in each of the two homes deeply distressed. The churches in the communities heard the cry and together with the families found Barium Springs to be the answer. Thus, Paul and his two sisters from the western part of the state came to Barium and Elsie with her three brothers from the eastern part of the state joined the big family on the campus. It was a strange and new day for them as they took their place among the other boys and girls in the big dining room, but they were not long in discovering that they had a new home. Little did Paul and Elsie know that the events of their coming would lead to the lovely picture on this page and the story that it presents.

Elsie was a thin-faced little girl with big eyes that seemed to see everything and yet were deep wells to a sympathetic soul. Paul was a round-faced chubby lad with bright eyes and a winsome smile. Through the primary and elementary school they

moved as they grew in body, mind and spirit; then, on into high school and graduation, with Paul finishing before Elsie because he was a little older. The high school days left behind a good record for both. Elsie had been active in all the affairs of the school. She was a member of the church choir, the school glee club, and an outstanding player on the basketball team for four years. Neat in her appearance, she was very attractive in her manner, so much so that Paul found himself inevitably attracted to her. This association became so regular that the name of "Paul and Elsie" became almost one term. Paul's record in high school was good; in football and basketball, it was enviable but did not detract from his school grades. At the time of graduation, he was chosen the outstanding student and awarded the Ace Medal.

There was yet more training; for, after completing high school, Elsie chose the Memorial Hospital to become an x-ray technician and there she made an excellent record in her courses and graduated with distinction. Paul wanted to go to college to major in physical education; so, he accepted the football scholarship at Catawba and earned money for the rest of his expenses. The good work done in high school was continued on the college campus and four years later found him in the academic procession ready for his college degree.

During these days, the high school friendship was strengthened, and wedding bells began to ring in their ears. Back to Little Joe's Presbyterian Church on the campus at Barium Springs they came and, in a lovely setting of white gladioli, palms, ivy, and cathedral candles, they spoke their vows in the presence of their friends, with "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer" completing their covenant. From the big Home at Barium, these two then set forth to establish their own home. Teaching and coaching in the training of youth was to be Paul's life work, and Elsie would supplement the earnings for awhile with her professional training.