

Founded in 1973

Northside Baptist celebrates anniversary

On Wednesday night, April 2, during a spring revival that he was preaching at First Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church Pastor, Chad Burdette, presented a plaque to Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor of First Baptist.

"Northside Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of officially becoming an organized Southern Baptist Church on September 9th the year of our Lord 1973," the plaque reads. "We recognize First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky as our mother church and thank them for the support and dedication shown for us as we strive toward a common goal."

reaching lost souls here and around the world for the Kingdom of God." Northside Baptist Church began in 1973 as a mission church of First Baptist when Dr. Wendell Belew served as pastor. Bro. Jack Bruce was pastor of First Baptist Church when Northside was constituted as its own church September 9, 1973. Bro. Harvey Pensel served as pastor of Northside for many years.

Since Bro. Chad Burdette was called to preach at Northside Baptist Church three years ago, the church has experienced phenomenal growth, baptizing nearly 200 new converts. Northside was recently recognized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention

as being among the top 2% of Southern Baptist Churches in the nation in new conversions.

A new church building with a seating

capacity of 600 is presently being constructed on the north side of Mt. Vernon. The congregation plans to move to the new building in May.



Bro. Chad Burdette presents plaque to Bro. Eddie Nation at First Baptist Church.

"Fields Honored"

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who modeled compassion and wisdom.

The Fields were commissioned as Southern Baptist missionaries to Israel in 1962, "going as love letters to a people who knew God and awaited the coming of the Messiah."

After completing a ten year assignment, they returned to Rockcastle County with three children, Tamara, Todd and Valerie and a God-given vision to build cleftRock Retreat Center.

Literally thousands of people from all parts of the world have been blessed by the peace and solitude found in 450 acres of isolated wilderness. cleftRock now averages 50 Christian retreats each year.

Fields, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and wife, Eddie, have lived out their vision of "discipleship, preventative intervention for couples and families, counseling for missionaries and local folks" at cleftRock Retreat Center.

Bob Fields also operates a private counseling practice, "Roots and Wings Counseling" with offices at cleftRock and London.

After their time in Israel, the Fields also served as Dean of Religious Life as Counseling Ministers for Georgetown College. In this position, Dr. Moody said that they were "as full of grace and mercy as they are now."

Dr. William Crouch, President of Georgetown College, also awarded four year Presidential Scholarships to Savannah (04) and Sophia Fields (00), daughters of Todd and Lynnell Fields and granddaughters of Bob and Eddie Fields.

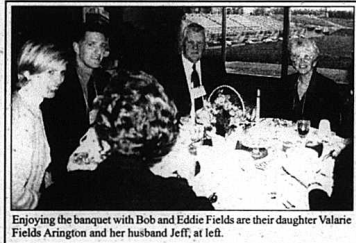
On Saturday, April 5th, three days prior to receiving the Ken Chafin Award for Creativity and Courage, Bob and Eddie laid to rest their 41 year-old son, Todd, at cleftRock Retreat Center in Rockcastle County.

Todd and his wife, Lynnell, had been missionaries in Honduras for 13 years. Todd was leading a group of high school students on a retreat to Guatemala on March 28th when the group was robbed and Fields was killed.

Dr. Crouch said that the scholarships were given in honor of the "heroic example of courage of Todd and for the influence that their grandparents, (Bob and Eddie Fields) have had on family ministry at Georgetown College."



Bob and Eddie Fields, right, presented their Award for Excellence in Ministry by Dr. Dwight Moody.



Enjoying the banquet with Bob and Eddie Fields are their daughter Valerie Fields Arington and her husband Jeff, at left.

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