



— To God be the Glory —

Dr. Russell F. Blowers

June 26, 1924 – November 10, 2007

Service of Praise & Remembrance

November 15, 2007, 11:00 a.m.
East 91st Street Christian Church

PRELUDE	Hymn Medley Wayne Lundberg
CALL TO WORSHIP	John C. Samples
HYMN	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i> Congregation
SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 2:1-13 Dr. C. Robert Wetzel
PRAYER	Pastor Derek Duncan
CHORAL TRIBUTE	<i>Lord Have Mercy</i> Sanctuary Choir Soloist Brian Johnson
WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE	Dr. Bill Storer
WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE	Jackie Long
WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE & SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 10:8-15 Tom Warner
ANTHEM	<i>Declare the Glory</i> Sanctuary Choir & Brass Commissioned for Russ' retirement
A SON'S EULOGY	Dr. Paul Blowers
A SON'S EULOGY	Philip Blowers
MESSAGE	John C. Samples
BENEDICTION	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i> Brian Johnson
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>For All the Saints</i>

Burial at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

(Lunch will be provided at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall for family and out of town guests)

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From Heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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

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: Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine:
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Thru gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

DR. RUSSELL F. BLOWERS, 83

BORN AND RAISED in Ohio, Russ was the Senior Minister Emeritus of the East 91st Street Christian Church, where he was the beloved senior minister for 46 years. A proud veteran of the Eighth Air Force, US Army Air Corps, in World War II, he returned from the service in 1945 and married the late Marian Eagon Blowers in 1946.

Russ held degrees from Ohio University and Christian Theological Seminary, and honorary doctorates from Milligan College (Tennessee) and Christian Theological Seminary. A "naturalized" Hoosier, he was honored as an Indiana Sagamore of the Wabash. Russ was active in the Billy Graham Evangelizing Association, and served in organizing three

Graham Crusades in Indianapolis, in 1959, 1980, and 1999. He was a trustee of Emmanuel School of Religion and Milligan College, and served on the boards of Food for the Hungry International and Christian Missionary Fellowship.

Retiring from the ministry in 1996, he was for a decade a faithful caregiver for his wife and best friend Marian, who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease until her passing in 2004. Russ is survived by two sons and their wives, Phil and Susie Blowers, Fishers, and their daughters Shannon, Redondo Beach, California, and Alison, Fishers; Paul and Sandy Blowers of Elizabethton, Tennessee, their children Leslie and Colin Blowers, Elizabethton, Tennessee, Stephen Trivette (wife, Kathryn), Charlottesville, Virginia, David Trivette (wife, Jessica), Christiansburg, Virginia; and three great-grandchildren, Halle, Luke, and Savannah Trivette.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial contributions to Emmanuel School of Religion, One Walker Drive, Johnson City TN 37601, or Milligan College, Milligan College TN 37682.

PALL BEARERS

Colin Blowers
Gerald Cowan
Steve Hall
Ted Smith
Derek Wallace
Bob Walters
Tom Warner
John Wasem

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Dr. Tom Alley
Hon. Dan Burton
Les Cheesman
Jim Chenoweth
Dennis Fulk
George Huffman
W. F. Mathis
Ed Simcox
Stan Trager
Carlos Webb
C. Robert Wetzel