Lovedale Church Revival Will Be In New Sanctuary

Rev. Harry Vance

Revival services at Lovedale Baptist Church begin Easter Sunday evening with the Rev. Harry Vance of Boone the visiting evangelist.

An announcement by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph J. Reece, said the services will start each evening at 7:30 through Sunday, April 21. The public is invited.

The new sanctuary of the Lovedale Church will be used for the first time, beginning with the services Sunday, said the Rev. Mr. Reece, noting that Sunday School classes have already been held in the educational section of the new structure.

The Rev. Mr. Vance is pastor of Meat Camp Baptist Church at Boone. He is a former pastor of Hamburg Baptist Church.
Rev. Harry Vance of Boone has accepted the call to become pastor of East Side Baptist church and will assume his new duties June 29th.

Mr. Vance is pastor of Meat Creek Baptist church Boone. He is married and the family includes two children.

The Vances will occupy the Baptist parsonage at 411 York Road.
NEW PASTOR — Rev. Harry D. Vance will assume new pastorate duties at East Side Baptist church July 6th.

Vance Assuming Pastorate Duties

Rev. Harry D. Vance has moved into the Eastside Baptist Parsonage. He begins his duties as pastor July 6th.

He comes from Meat Camp Baptist church in the Three Forks Association of Boone.

He has had been pastor at Meat Camp since April 15, 1965. He has pastored churches in North Carolina, Florida; also two years Mission work in Washington, D.C.

He is a graduate of Gardner Webb college and attended Baptist Bible Institute, Fruitland, N.C.

He is married to Helen Cab Vance. They have two children Mrs. Thad Woods, Sylva, N.C. and one son, Ottie David Vance, a senior at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

They are expected to be at home at 411 York Rd. after Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Their son is in the Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Ky. where he underwent surgery last Friday.

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TUCKASEIGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINUTES, 1983

Dedication

Harry David Vance was born to the Rev. R.O. and Sally Vance on February 6, 1923. He was one of 13 children 11 of whom grew to adulthood. All were active in church work of some type. Harry joined the church at the age of 12 and surrendered to the call to preach in August 1942 during a tent meeting. He was ordained along with his older brother, Clarence, on March 16, 1947. He began his preaching career in Macon County where he did an outstanding job in his work as Training Union Leader. During three years he served Ellijay, Cowee and Wells Grove Baptist Churches in Macon County, as pastor.

In 1949 he returned to Jackson County and served as a First full-time pastor for three years in the East Sylva Baptist Church where he now retains his church membership. During his preaching experience at East Sylva, he continued his studies through the New Orleans Extension Department and the Fruitland Bible Institute. He left East Sylva to continue his studies at Gardner Webb College. Graduating from Gardner Webb in 1954, he went to Washington, D. C. to work in missions. There he had the unique experience of organizing a church, with only two members.

From Washington he went to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to become the pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church. The call of the mountains was strong and he returned to Western North Carolina and home to pastor the Hamburg Baptist Church. From Hamburg he went to the Three Forks Association in Watauga County where he pastored the Meat Camp Baptist Church, so named because the famous Daniel Boone had a meat camp there.

Five years later he moved to the East Side Baptist Church in Kings Mountain and remained there until an accident disabled him in 1973. In spite of pain he continued as pastor of the church until June 30, 1974. He then returned to Jackson County and home. Since that time he has served in many capacities as supply. He is frequently called into other associations for supply work. His physical handicap prevented his holding a full-time pastorate. He has filled many positions in the Tuckaseigee Baptist Association on the associational level. He served efficiently as treasurer from 1976 until 1983 when he resigned from that position to accept the Director of Music position for the association. Singing is not new to Harry. He has
been the song leader for practically every associational meeting since his return to this area. He is blessed with a strong, clear voice.

Harry's dedication to the work God called him has been remarkable. He is generous, kind, considerate and understanding with much concern for people. He is always concerned about money dedicated to God's work and is always looking for the best way to use it wisely. He scans all possibilities and usually comes up with what consumers consider "bargains." He is an eager, willing worker, endowed with an extra abundance of energy curbed only by his handicap. Seldom does he complain of the pain that is his, much of the time. A dynamic preacher of God's Word, he is called to serve in many capacities—preacher, teacher, song leader, evangelist, pulpit supply, general repairman, etc. He is a man of versatility, a man called by God and makes every effort to serve Him well.

To you, Harry David Vance, the people of the Tuckaseigee Baptist Association lovingly dedicate the 1983 Annual in appreciation of the many fine contributions you have made here and in other associations where you have served. Sing on! Work on! O man of God!
LAVONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, The First Seventy-five years, 1899-1974

BY: Paul L. McCraw

Harry Vance was born February 6, 1923 in Proctor, Swain County, North Carolina. The village is now covered by the waters of Fontana Lake. His parents were Reverend R.O. and Sally Green Vance, natives of Avery County. His father was a minister in the far western part of the state. He moved to Jackson County where Harry graduated from Webster High School. On July 1, 1944, he married Helen Elaine Cable also from Proctor. They had two children, Leenah Jean Woods of Waynesville, North Carolina and Ottie David Vance who in
1974, was studying in Kentucky in preparation for full time religious work.

Harry Vance was ordained into the Gospel Ministry along with his brother, on March 16, 1946 at Lovedale Baptist Church in Sylva. He attended Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute for two years and then entered Gardner-Webb College in 1952. While there he pastored Lavonia from November, 1952 to September, 1953. He received an A.A. degree at Gardner-Webb in 1954 and then moved to Washington, D.C., where he did mission work through the Congress Heights Baptist Church for two years. While there he helped to establish several inner city missions and used his talents singing and preaching.

In addition to Lavonia and his work in Washington, Rev. Vance served the following churches: Elijay Baptist Church, 1946-1948, Coweta and Well’s Grove Baptist Churches 1948-1949, all in Macon County, North Carolina; East Sylva Baptist Church, 1949-1952, where his father had pastored; Memorial Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1956-1960; Hamburg Baptist Church, Glenville, North Carolina, 1960-1964; Meat Camp Baptist Church, Boone, North Carolina 1964-1969; Eastside Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, 1969-1974. In 1974 Rev. Vance retired because of physical disability and moved to Waynesville, North Carolina, where he continues to preach occasionally.

GUY EDWARD HUTCHINS

Guy Hutchins was born in Yadkin County, North Carolina, May 24, 1925, to Lewis Winfield and Terrie Hennings Hutchins. He was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He felt the call to the Gospel Ministry in 1943. On June 8, 1947, he married Janette Price of Cherokee County, South Carolina. They had two children, Guy Edward Hutchins, Jr., and Rhonda H. Gossett. Reverend Hutchins attended Gardner Webb College and received a B.A. degree from Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina, in 1950. In 1951 he was ordained at Flint Hill Baptist Church near Boiling Springs, North Carolina. From 1951-1954 he pastored Englefield Baptist in Landrum, South Carolina. He served at Lavonia from April, 1954 until June 1971. Since graduating from college he has also taught in the public schools in Gaffney on the junior high level, and Janette has taught in the Lavonia he spent several summer at Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University.

During Reverend Hutchins’ tenure the church’s budget was re-established and the system for offerings; the church, added an organ in 1964, when a paid music director in 1969, and new carpeting in 1971. Since graduating from college in 1950, the annual election of the pastor in 1966, he has served in the Sunday School, Training Union, and directed many Christian services. They continue to reside at Route 1, Cowpens, South Carolina, where they still teach in the public schools.

JOHN ANTHON

John Panella was born January 29, 1929, in York, to Dominic and Anna Ciccone. He attended the public schools of Rochester graduating from the South School in that city in 1949.

On August 22, 1953, he married Mary, Toronto, Canada; they had three children: James, and Laurel Joy. For a time he held a management position with International Oil, Greenville, S.C., Baltimore, Maryland, during 1961-1962. He then entered the Army and served as a paratrooper with 82nd Airborne, Maryland, March 5, 1972. He within the same month. While he was completing his work at Gardner-Webb he also began Sunday evening classes in his second year of college credit, he entered Gardner Webb College, received a B.A. degree in Psychology. Reverend Panella was ordained February 13, 1972, and was ordained to the ministry in May, 1972. He completed his work at Gardner-Webb in 1974, was studying in Kentucky in preparation for full time religious work.