

I N M E M O R I A M



DR. ADRIAN P. ROGERS

SEPTEMBER 12, 1931 – NOVEMBER 15, 2005

# Come to Jesus



“Come to Jesus.” Anyone who has listened to a message of Dr. Adrian Rogers has heard these words as an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. No more fitting words could sum up his ministry as Pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church. And no more fitting words could serve as the theme of a ministry that spanned more than half a century.

“I have been here for 32 years and God has blessed. He has piled victory upon victory, blessing upon blessing,” Rogers said. “He has done exceedingly and extraordinarily above all I could ask or think.”

When Adrian and Joyce Rogers moved to Memphis to pastor Bellevue, the church was located in Midtown and averaging about 1,500 in attendance each Sunday. Since that time, the church has moved to the present 360-acre campus in Cordova and attendance has risen to more than 10,000 each Sunday morning.

“When I came here I found three wonderful things. I found people who believed the Bible was the Word of God and that Jesus Christ was Lord,” Rogers said. “The second thing I found was a congregation united with incredible love. The third thing I found was a people who thought that the pastor was God’s anointed and appointed leader. With those attributes in a congregation there is hardly any way you can go, but up.”

Not only did Dr. Rogers serve as the Pastor of Bellevue, in 1987, he founded Love Worth Finding Ministries, a worldwide radio and television ministry, and he served as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Rogers was also elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention three times: 1979, 1986, and 1987.

“These people have supported me and loved me,” Rogers said. “I have not asked them for anything they have not endeavored to give. I have not asked them to do anything they have not endeavored to do. To God be the glory. It is a God thing, and I stand as much amazed as anybody else.”



As Dr. Rogers’ ministry came to a close at Bellevue, he looked at it as only the beginning of another. “Every exit on the expressway is an entrance to something else,” Rogers said. “I am going to continue to serve the Lord. I am in the ministry until my dying breath.”

Early Tuesday morning, Jesus sent His angels to call his faithful servant Adrian to come to Jesus and walk the streets of glory.



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## PALLBEARERS

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*Jim Angel*

*Al Childress*

*Jim Glover*

*David Perdue*

*Steve Tucker*

*Jeff Arnold*

*John Crockett*

*Gene Howard*

*Bill Skelton*

*Wayne Vander Steeg*

*Charles Brand*

*Bob Dawkins*

*Roland Maddox*

*Harry Smith*

*Dr. Robert Vincent*

*John Caldwell*

*Dr. David Dunavant, Jr.*

*Bryan Miller*

*Dr. Kirby Smith*

*Dr. Mark Castellaw*

*Robert Fargarson*

*Morris Mills*

*Chuck Taylor*

# DR. ADRIAN P. ROGERS

Thursday, November 17, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

BELLEVUE BAPTIST CHURCH

PRELUDE.....Mrs. Jo Jackson, Organist, Mrs. Margaret Lafferty, Pianist  
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....William Runyan  
*Sanctuary Orchestra*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS .....Memphis Fire Department  
CALL TO WORSHIP – “Send Out Thy Light” .....Carter Threlkeld  
*Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra*  
*Dr. James D. Whitmire, Minister of Music, Rev. Carter Threlkeld, Minister of Instrumental Music*

PRAYER AND WELCOME.....Dr. Steve Gaines, *Pastor*

## HYMN MEDLEY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” .....EIN’ FESTE BURG  
“My Jesus, I Love Thee” .....GORDON  
“When We See Christ” .....Esther K. Rusthoi

SCRIPTURE.....Dr. Gaines

INTRODUCTION OF VIDEO .....Dr. Gaines

TESTIMONIES.....Dr. James D. Whitmire  
*Rev. Bob Sorrell, Retired Associate Pastor, Bellevue*  
*Dr. Joe Boatwright, Longtime Friend, Winter Park, Florida*  
*Dr. Peter Lord, Longtime Friend, Titusville, Florida*  
*Dr. Jerry Vines, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida*  
*Dr. Ken Whitten, Pastor, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida*  
*Dr. James Dobson, Founder and Chairman of the Board,*  
*Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado*

SPECIAL MUSIC – “The Anchor Holds” .....arr. David T. Clydesdale  
*Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra*  
*Solo: Dale Shipley*

TESTIMONIES .....Family Members

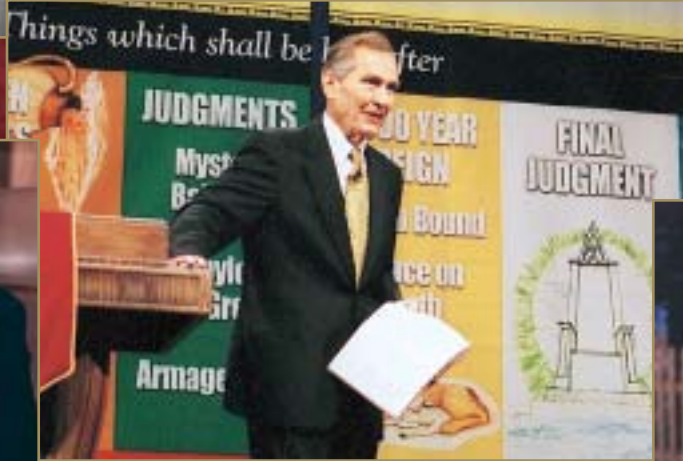
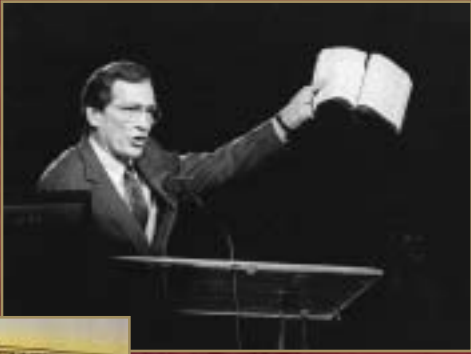
SPECIAL MUSIC – “Blessed Is the Man” .....Marty Goetz  
*Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra*  
*Solo: Marty Goetz*

MESSAGE.....Dr. Gaines

HYMN – “Victory in Jesus” .....arr. Carter Threlkeld

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Mark Dougharty  
*Associate Pastor, Bellevue*

POSTLUDE .....Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Lafferty



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