

*Service of Celebration
for the Life of*
R. Thomas Cheely



Briarwood Presbyterian Church
May 12, 2014

*"Jesus said..., 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live....'"*
John 11:25

R. Thomas Cheely

February 9, 1944 – May 7, 2014

Tom was preceded in death by his parents

Odis G. Cheely
Ida Belle Jolly Cheely.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years

Katherine Perez Cheely

His children

Andrew Lawrence Cheely (Brooke)
Rebecca Cheely Kicklighter (Jeremy)
Anna Cheely Jackson (Brice)

And his grandchildren

Abigail Cheely
Esther Cheely
Lily Kicklighter
Thomas Kicklighter
Katie Bly Kicklighter
Cole Jackson
Naomi Jackson.



Tom was born and reared in Hopewell, Virginia.

He graduated from Wheaton College in 1966 and earned his M. Div. degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1969.

He was ordained into the gospel ministry by the Knoxville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and until 1972 served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Soddy Daisy, TN. From 1972 to 1974 Tom pastored the Locust Church in Locust, NC, and then joined the newly established Presbyterian Church in America under which he helped form the Carolina Presbyterian Church in Locust.

In 1980 he and Kathy moved to Manning, SC, where he served as pastor of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church.

In 1983 Tom was called to help design and lead the missions program at Briarwood. In Birmingham, he served as a leader in the Evangel Presbytery and also promoted the work of evangelism, church planting and revitalization throughout the world.

In contemplating the fruit of the gospel of Christ, Tom loved to say...

“This is why we do what we do.”

Order of Worship

Prelude.....Bonnie Furuto, Jeff and Angie Flaniken

Call to Worship and Invocation..... Dr. Mark Cushman

“To God be the Glory”..... Rev. Clay Campbell

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth bear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Old Testament Reading..... Dr. Frank Barker

Remembering TomMr. Andy Cheely

Pastoral Prayer Mr. Bruce Stallings

“Living for Jesus”Mr. Hunter Goff

New Testament Reading..... Dr. Harry Reeder

Ministry of God’s Word..... Dr. Harry Reeder

“Lift High the Cross”..... Rev. Clay Campbell

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne.

Benediction..... Dr. Harry Reeder

PostludeBonnie Furuto, Jeff and Angie Flaniken

*“Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which
I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation.
I will bring them back to this place,
and I will make them dwell in safety.
And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
I will give them one heart and one way,
that they may fear me forever,
for their own good and the good of their children after them.
I will make with them an everlasting covenant,
that I will not turn away from doing good to them.
And I will put the fear of me in their hearts,
that they may not turn from me.
I will rejoice in doing them good,
and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness,
with all my heart and all my soul.”*
Jeremiah 32:37–41



*“His master said to him,
Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little;
I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.”*
Matthew 25:21



*“And Jesus came and said to them,
‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.’”*
Matthew 28:18–20