



*Heaven is a promise
of peace, love, and eternal life
for each one who believes.*

"To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

LUKE 23:43

Memorial Service
for
FRANK L. FIOI

March 8th, 1999, 2:30 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

PRAYER

Dr. John MacRae

HYMN #26

"Our God, Our Help"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:21-27
2 Corinthians 5:1-5
1 Corinthians 15:20-23

SPECIAL MUSIC

"When He Shall Come"
Dr. and Mrs. John Buswell

FAMILY TESTIMONIES

David G. Fiol
Stephen F. Fiol
J. Robert Fiol

TESTIMONY AND PRAYER

Rev. William A. Mahlow

SERMON

Hebrews 13:7-8
Bruce R. Fiol

HYMN #689

"One Day"

BENEDICTION

Frank L. Fiol's Autobiography

Born March 9th, 1912, in Baltimore, Maryland, I grew up in Arlington Presbyterian Church. My pastor was Rev. T. R. Phillips, under whose ministry I came to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and grow in my spiritual life. It was also through Rev. Phillip's ministry that my desire to serve the Lord on the foreign mission field was born.

I attended Wheaton College where I met my wife, Esther Storey, and was graduated in 1933. In the fall of that year I entered Westminster Seminary. It was a great privilege to study under Drs. Machen, Van Til, Kuiper, Murray, as well as Dr. Allan MacRae and Mr. Wooley. I praise God for the training I received, which was of great benefit in our pioneer work in India.

In 1936 I was graduated from Westminster in May, ordained in June by the recently formed Presbyterian Church of America, and in March of that same year, both Esther and I met with the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions and were appointed to go to India that fall.

We were married on July 2nd, 1936, after a four year engagement during the depression. On November 8th we sailed for India via London.

Our work in India was in "village evangelism" in the northern state of United Province, which is Uttar Pradesh today, in the Districts (i.e. Counties) of Unao and Kanpur, with populations of over two million. We lived in tents during the cooler months and had our headquarters in Kanpur, a large industrial city.

During the years of political unrest, when India struggled for independence from England, our work shifted to Kanpur where "city evangelism" was carried on, as well as day trips to Melas (which were festivals held in the villages).

Since 1947, the Lord led in a church planting ministry among nominal Christians, as well as Christians who were hungry for teaching from the Word, which they were not receiving from their mainline churches. Three churches were organized in different areas of this growing city of several million (Kanpur).

In the 1950's, the Bible Christian Council was organized to defend the faith. Also, a monthly publication, *Biblical Witness*, was started to further help proclaim the Gospel in India.

During the 1960's, with churches being raised up, there was the urgent need for trained leaders. Thus much time was spent in the organizing of Presbyterian Theological Seminary which opened in the fall of 1969 in Roorkee, U.P., in northern India. It was moved to Dehra Dun a few years later. I was the first President of the Board for P.T.S.

God has abundantly blessed this institution where today approximately 100 students from all over India and Nepal, Burma, and Bhutan are preparing this ministry and related Christian services.

After retiring from forty-four years of missionary service, Esther and I retired to Naples, Florida where we continued to serve the Lord at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Lord has been so faithful to us over the years granting us four sons, twelve grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

MEMORIAL GIFTS MAY BE SENT AS FOLLOWS:

For: Grace Academy or
The Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Dehra Dun, India

To: Mission to the World, P.O. Box 29765, Atlanta GA 30359

For: The Bible Presbyterian Church, Kanpur U.P., India

To: Marco Island Presbyterian Church, 875 W. Elkam Circle,
Marco Island, FL, 33973