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MEMORIALS

GLEASON LEONARD ARCHER, JR.

Gleason Leonard Archer, Jr. was born on May 22, 1916, in Norwell, MA, the third child of Elizabeth (Snyder) and Gleason Archer, Sr. His older siblings were a brother, Allen, and a sister, Marion. Gleason grew up in Boston and attended Boston Latin School. His father founded the Suffolk University Law School in Boston where the family lived during the school year, retreating to Norwell during the summers. Gleason's mother was a Christian, a member of the Park Street Church, and he came to know Christ at an early age through her influence.

Gleason attended Harvard College and received his B.A. degree in 1938, followed in 1939 by his LL.B. degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. His took his A.M. degree from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1940, and his Ph.D. from the same institution in 1944. He graduated with his Bachelor of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary the following year. There he studied Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic. On May 11, 1939, Gleason married Virginia Lillian Atkinson at Park Street Church, with H. J. Ockenga presiding.

Gleason taught languages at Suffolk University in Boston and served on that school's Trustee Board. Gleason was also an assistant pastor at Park Street Church in Boston and assistant dean of the Boston Evening School of the Bible. His taste for the Old Testament came from Harold John Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church. Gleason and Virginia, with their two sons, then moved to Pasadena, CA. He served as acting dean of Fuller Theological Seminary in 1948–49, and as professor of Biblical Languages, a position he held for nearly two decades. His church affiliation was Presbyterian, U.S.A. until he was removed from the Monmouth Presbytery by forces opposed to his presence at Fuller. Dr. Archer taught New Testament Greek, biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, Arabic, Akkadian, Egyptian, and Syriac. Gleason's wife, Virginia, passed away in August, 1962. Over a year later, Gleason met Sandra Paula Larsen, who spoke in chapel at Fuller. They shortly became engaged just before he left to teach for a six-month Sabbatical in Beirut, Lebanon. Upon his return, they were married on March 21, 1964 at Lake Avenue Congregational Church by Ray Ortlund. Gleason resigned from Fuller after the school departed from its original inerrancy position regarding the Scriptures.

From 1965–86, Gleason Archer served as professor of Old Testament and Semitics at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, then as Professor Emeritus from 1989–91. A number of his summers were spent in Bible translation work for the New International Version and the New American Standard Bible. The family accompanied Gleason on those trips

to Scotland, Greece, Spain, and Belgium. He also was a visiting professor of Old Testament at Tyndale Theological Seminary in the Netherlands. Some have estimated that he spoke about thirty languages. Dr. Archer collected stamps and coins, loved archaeology, and traveled extensively in the Holy Land.

Gleason had many articles published in such magazines as *Our Hope*, *Moody Monthly*, *Decision*, *Christian Life*, *Eternity*, *Lutheran Alert*, and *Christianity Today*. Articles also appeared in such journals as *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation*, *Westminster Theological Journal*, and *Bibliotheca Sacra*. He contributed many dictionary and encyclopedia articles over his career, and wrote chapters in works edited by others. He translated part of the Book of Psalms for The Berkeley Bible. *A Tribute to Gleason Archer: Essays on the Old Testament*, a *Festschrift* in honor of Gleason's seventieth birthday, was edited by Walter Kaiser and Ronald Youngblood (Moody, 1986). Dr. Archer translated Jerome's *Commentary on Daniel* (Baker, 1958); wrote *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction* (Moody, 1964; rev. 1974); "Isaiah" in *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary* (Moody, 1962); *The Book of Job: God's Answer to Undeserved Suffering* (Baker, 1982); *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties* (Zondervan, 1982); and *Old Testament Quotations in the New Testament: A Complete Survey*, with Gregory Chirichigno (Moody, 1983).

Gleason's wife, Sandra, passed away October 27, 1999, and he began to suffer more extensively from dementia after that, living with his daughter Betsy and her family. He passed into the presence of the Lord on April 27, 2004. His funeral service was held at North Suburban Evangelical Free Church, and he is buried beside his wife, Sandra, at the Willow Lawn Cemetery in Mundelein, IL. Gleason lived 87 years, 11 months, and 5 days. He was the 57th charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society, having joined on February 28, 1950. He served as President of the Society in 1986.

Left to mourn his passing are his son, Gleason, III (Asher Keshet) and his wife Sarah of Lexington, MA; son Jonathan Archer and his wife Joan of Susanville, CA; daughter Heather McClaren Smith (widowed) and her children, Heather, Virginia, and David of Hesperia, CA; daughter Laurel and her husband Dan Nicolosi of Fort Lauderdale, FL; daughter Betsy and her husband Andrew Lambert with their daughters Hannah, Lydia, Emma, and Sylvia of Sterling, KS; granddaughter Ma'ayam Keshet of Manhattan, NY; grandson Yair Keshet of Cambridge, MA; grandson Jonathan Archer, Jr. and his wife MaryAnn and children Anna and Daniel Gleason of Brawley, CA; and grandson Luke Archer of Monterey, CA.

REUBEN GEORGE BULLARD

Reuben George Bullard was born on March 18, 1928 in Wheeling, WV. His parents were believers, and at the age of eleven Reuben trusted Christ as Savior and was baptized in Elm Grove, WV. His senior year of high school the family moved to Mitchell, IN. Reuben studied classical piano at Indiana

University, then received his Th.B. in 1956 from Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary, followed by an M.A. the next year from the same institution.

Reuben met Lynn Yvonne Maine in Greek class at CBC & S in 1954. They were married on May 28, 1958 at Hooverson Heights Church of Christ in Follansbee, WV. Four children were born to this union, Reuben, Jr., Howard, Cathy, and Suzanne. Reuben supported his family by working as a chemist for Lehigh Portland Cement Company and as a control chemist for the Andrew Jergens Company. During those working years, he also acquired his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in geology, respectively, in 1964 and 1969 from the University of Cincinnati.

Reuben began teaching part-time at Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary in 1961. Since 1970 he was professor of history, science, and archaeology. He conducted excavations at Gezer with Nelson Glueck and was co-director at Idalion in Cyprus with G. Ernest Wright. His field work was conducted in Israel, Jordan, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, and Carthage (Tunisia).

Reuben published many articles and contributed to books and encyclopedias. He lectured widely around the United States and Canada. He loved photography, was a steam engine enthusiast, and a handyman around the house. He was a director of the Near East Archaeological Society and a member of the American School of Oriental Research, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Geological Society of America, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the Evangelical Theological Society, the latter for fourteen years. Reuben died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Independence, KY on July 3, 2004. Following his funeral at the Nicholson Christian Church in Independence, Reuben was buried in the Independence Kentucky Cemetery, about one block from his home. Reuben lived 76 years, 3 months, and 15 days.

Reuben is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lynn Yvonne Bullard of Independence, KY; son Reuben (Rick) Jr. and his wife Heidi of Fort Thomas, KY; son Howard and his wife Jenny of Rushville, IN with their son Jordan and daughter Lindsay; daughter Cathy and her husband, Brian Morgret of Rome, OH with their children Abby, Nate, and Jessica; daughter Suzanne and her husband Brian Prichard of Tampa, FL with their daughter Josie; and brother Richard L. Bullard of Delhi township.

ABDA JOHNSON CONYERS, III

Abda Johnson Conyers, III, known as A. J. or "Chip," was born on May 29, 1944 in San Bernardino, CA, the first of two sons born to Iva (McCall) and Ab Conyers, II. Chip's father was in the Air Force at the time. Chip later attended the Paulding County, GA public schools where his family was engaged in business and farming. A. J. was graduated from a Methodist school, Young Harris College, in Young Harris, GA with his A.A. degree. There he was student body president and met his future wife, Deborah Anderson. They were married on December 26, 1964 in nearby Murphy, NC at the Belleview Methodist Church. Two children were born to this union, Emily and A. J., IV.

Chip Conyers received his A.B. degree in 1966 from the University of Georgia, followed by his M.Div. in 1971 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He pastored the Good Hope Christian Church (now Baptist) near Wake Forest and the Lewisburg, NC Maple Spring Baptist Church, as well as a Baptist church in Ila, GA. Later, while attending The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, where he earned his Ph.D. degree in 1979, Chip pastored a Baptist church in Carrollton, KY. The Conyers traveled in Germany and Western Europe in 1978 while Chip met at Tübingen with Jürgen Moltmann, as part of his Ph.D. studies. He also did post-graduate work at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN.

The Conyers moved to Warrensburg, MO in 1979 where Chip taught Bible at Central Missouri State University for eight years. Then from 1987–94 Chip was Chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department at Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC. In 1994 A. J. Conyers was one of the founding professors of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX. He served as professor of theology and wrote numerous books, including *How to Read the Bible* (IVP, 1986); *God, Hope, and History: Jürgen Moltmann's Christian Concept of History* (Mercer, 1988); *Christianity and Culture*, *Discovering Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Songs* (Guideposts, 1989); *The Eclipse of Heaven: The Loss of Transcendence and Its Effect on Modern Life* (IVP, 1992); *A Basic Christian Theology* (Broadman and Holman, 1995); *The End: What the Gospels Really Say about the Last Things* (IVP, 1995); *The Long Truce: How Toleration Made the World Safe for Power and Profit* (Spence, 2001); and *The Listening Heart* (Spence, 2005). Chip also had many articles published in *JETS*, *Christianity Today*, *Asbury Theological Journal*, *Christian Heritage*, *Christian Century*, *First Things*, *Touchstone*, *Modern Age*, and *Books and Culture*. Dr. Conyers was named as one of two "Professors of Choice" by the Truett Class of 2000, and he was presented with the Baylor University Outstanding Faculty award in 2002. Chip was again voted "Professor of Choice" by the class of 2004. He was a frequent speaker at churches and conferences.

Chip went to be with Christ on July 18, 2004 after a ten-year fight with leukemia. His life spanned 60 years, 1 month, and 19 days. He had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for ten years. Chip was a member of First Baptist Church of Waco, TX. He is buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, TX. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Deborah, of Waco, TX; daughter Emily and her husband Luca Pritchett and their son, Paul, of Waco, TX; son A. J. Conyers, IV, of Waco, TX; father A. J. Conyers, II, of Lewisburg, WV; and brother James Conyers with his wife, Deborah, also of Lewisburg, WV.

PAUL DAVID FEINBERG

Paul David Feinberg was born on August 13, 1938 in Dallas, TX and was led to Christ by his parents, Charles Lee and Anne Priscilla (Fraiman) Feinberg, at a very young age. The family moved to the Los Angeles area when Paul was about ten years old. Paul received his B.A. from the University of

California at Los Angeles in 1960, and his B.D. and Th.M. degrees in 1963 and 1964 from Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada, CA. He completed his Th.D. at Dallas Theological Seminary, an M.A. at Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, and a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

Coming to Moody Bible Institute as a new professor in 1966, Paul met Iris Nadine Taylor of Charleston, IL, who had just graduated from Moody. One year later, on August 19, 1967, they were married at Oak Park, IL. They lived in Wheaton, IL for five years, then in Mundelein, IL for thirty years. After teaching one year at Trinity College, then serving as a Field Representative for the American Board of Missions to the Jews from 1972–74, Paul taught Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School for thirty years.

Paul Feinberg traveled the world widely, teaching and preaching in such places as the Philippines, Japan, China, Guatemala, Haiti, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Greece, Italy, France, Croatia, Romania, Russia, and the Netherlands. He was a sportsman, playing when younger, then watching and coaching when older, especially baseball and soccer. Paul loved computers.

Paul helped found the Village Church (EFCA) of Lincolnshire, IL, about twenty-eight years ago, and served as an elder and in other capacities. Paul authored many books and numerous articles, including *Introduction to Philosophy: A Christian Perspective*, with Norman Geisler (Baker, 1980); *Tradition and Testament: Essays in Honor of Charles Lee Feinberg*, ed. with John Feinberg (Moody, 1981); and *Ethics for a Brave New World*, with John Feinberg (Crossway, 1993).

Paul Feinberg passed from this life into the presence of Jesus Christ on February 21, 2004 at the Highland Park Hospital due to congestive heart failure after earlier falling and fracturing a hip at school. Paul lived 65 years, 6 months, and 8 days. He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for 36 years. Left to mourn his passing are his wife Iris of Mundelein, IL; daughter Eden and husband Matthew Lua with sons Nathaniel and Daniel of Stafford, VA; daughter Sarah Anne and husband Blake Giddens with their sons Cyrus and Jude Paul of Annandale, VA; son Joel Andrew Lee Feinberg, who attends the University of Illinois; sister Lois Ann and husband Albert Gonzenbach of Walnut Creek, CA; and brother John S. Feinberg and wife Patricia of Deerfield, IL; as well as nieces and nephews.

JON QUENTIN GROTH

Jon Quentin Groth was born August 29, 1941 in Washington, DC, and was adopted in 1944 in Cleveland, OH. Jon lived without Christ in the insurance business world for many years. After some sickness, a failed marriage, and by-pass surgery, Jon located a former high school classmate, Carole, and they were married on December 28, 2001 at the Bellavista Chapel in Scottsdale, AZ. Jon obtained his B.A. in Christian Leadership from Grand Canyon University in August, 2003, at the age of 62, then moved to Portland, OR to pursue Intercultural Studies at Multnomah Biblical Seminary. Developing a severe case of tongue cancer, Jon, with his wife Carole, moved back to the

Arizona mountains where Jon passed into the presence of Christ from his home in Kachina Village on August 22, 2004. Jon lived 62 years, 11 months, and 24 days. Jon became a student member of the Evangelical Theological Society on November 4, 2003. His memorial service was held in Hope Evangelical Free Church in Mason (Cincinnati), OH on September 11, 2004. Jon was a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for over forty years, and was a member of Promise Keepers.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Carole of Flagstaff, AZ; stepdaughter Jennifer and her husband Kenneth Gallion of Payneville, OH; stepdaughter Kristen Slean of Payneville; stepdaughter Kendall and her husband Rick Roudebosh and their daughter Macey of Cincinnati, OH; sister Patti Buxton; nephews Patrick and Peter; and niece Pamela.

SAMUEL LEWIS JOHNSON, JR.

Samuel Lewis Johnson, Jr. was born in Birmingham, AL on September 13, 1915 to Kathleen and Samuel Lewis Johnson, Sr. When he was fourteen years old, the family moved to Charleston, SC, where Lewis finished high school. He received his A.B. degree in 1937 from the College of Charleston. While in college Lewis became proficient in the sport of golfing and entered many amateur tournaments in the Southeastern states. In 1937 he returned to Birmingham to work in his father's insurance business and to wed Mary Sibley McCormack. However, several years later, S. Lewis Johnson was saved under the preaching of Donald Grey Barnhouse. Sensing a call to fulltime ministry, S. Lewis enrolled in Dallas Theological Seminary in 1943. He received his Th.M. degree in 1946 and his Th.D. degree in 1949.

From 1949–80 Dr. Johnson taught Greek, Hebrew, and Systematic Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. During his years in Dallas, Dr. Johnson also served as pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church from 1951–54, then as pastor of Grace Bible Church from 1954–58. After his wife, Mary, passed away in 1979, S. Lewis Johnson was a teaching elder and minister at Believers Chapel in Dallas from 1980–93. On March 22, 1980, Dr. Johnson married Martha Scogin Mayo at his home in Dallas.

After retiring from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1980, Dr. Johnson became professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, from 1980–85, while at the same time serving as visiting professor of New Testament at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN. He commuted to these two locations while maintaining his residence in Dallas. Dr. Johnson also served as visiting professor of Systematic Theology at Tyndale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from 1985–93. His Bible conference ministry took him to Canada, Mexico, Europe, Australia, Guatemala, and Jamaica. Dr. Johnson was a co-translator of The Berkeley Bible, and also served on the translation team for the New International Version.

His publications included *The Old Testament in the New: An Argument for Biblical Inspiration* (Zondervan, 1980). A *Festschrift*, *Continuity and Discontinuity: Perspectives on the Relationship between the Old and New Testa-*

ments: Essays in Honor of S. Lewis Johnson, Jr., (Crossway, 1988), edited by John S. Feinberg, explored that same theme.

Dr. Johnson was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for 11 years, and was a longtime member of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. S. Lewis Johnson, Jr. passed into the presence of Christ on January 28, 2004 at the age of 89 years, 4 months, and 15 days.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Martha Scogin Mayo Johnson of Dallas, TX; his son, Samuel L. Johnson, III, and his wife Lenora of Nashville, TN; his daughter Grace and her husband Dennis Monroe of Plano, TX; granddaughter Heather Johnson of Nashville, TN; granddaughter Colleen and her husband Rob Kincaid of Nashville, TN; granddaughter Deborah Monroe of Plano, TX; grandson David Monroe and his wife Terra of Plano, TX; great grandson Stephen Johnson; stepson Robert Mayo and his wife Rosanne of Edenton, NC; stepdaughter Lynne Mayo of Minneapolis, MN; stepdaughter Candace Bradfield and her husband William of Malvern, PA; stepson John Marshall Mayo and his wife Rebecca of Nacogdoches, TX; stepson Scogin Mayo and his wife Glenda of Dallas, TX, along with many step grandchildren and step great grandchildren. S. Lewis Johnson, Jr. is buried by his wife Mary at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX.

WILLIAM HAROLD MARE

William Harold Mare was born on July 23, 1918 in Portland, OR, the only child of Sally Gertrude (Knight) and Scott Mare. His early life was spent on a ranch in Eastern Oregon, and he came to know Christ through the influence of his Christian parents. During his high school years, Harold lived in Portland. He received his A.B. degree from Wheaton College in 1941, his B.D. from Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, DE in 1945, an A.M. the next year from Wheaton College, and finally his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Harold was licensed to preach and ordained in 1944, and served as pastor of the Arden Branch of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE during 1945–46. On March 23, 1945 Harold married Clara Elizabeth Potter in Wilmington, DE. Clara went to be with the Lord in May, 2002.

Harold and Clara had four daughters, Myra, Sally, Nancy, and Judith, and one son, William Harold, Jr. Harold was an instructor in Greek at Faith Theological Seminary from 1946–53. He founded and pastored the First Bible Presbyterian Church of Denver, CO (1953–60), then pastored the Faith Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC from 1960–63. In 1963 he began a teaching career at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO, concentrating on archaeology. That year he also served as the director and professor for the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem. Since 1980 Harold was the director of the excavation at Abila of the Decapolis in Jordan. It was there that he died on June 22, 2004 after an automobile accident.

Harold had many articles published, especially on the work at Abila. His books also included *Greek Primer; Archaeology of the Jerusalem Area;* and *New Testament Background Commentary* (Christian Focus, 2004). Harold

Mare was the ninety-ninth person to join the Evangelical Theological Society and was a charter member, being in the Society for over 54 years. He lived 85 years, 10 months, and 29 days. Harold is buried next to his wife, Clara, in the Bellfountain Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Left to mourn his passing are his daughter Myra Ann and her husband Ed Ovshak of Nixa, MO; daughter Sally Elizabeth and her husband Tom Walke, with their daughter, Carrie of Lebanon, OH; daughter Nancy Lee and her husband Rick Hayward of Columbia, SC with their children, Kristin of Charleston, SC, and their son, Richie of Columbia, SC; son William Harold Mare, Jr., and his wife Patti with their son, Nicholas of St. Louis, MO; and daughter Judith Eileen and her husband David Linton, and their three daughters, Erin, Cassie, and Jennifer of St. Louis, MO; granddaughter Heather (Walke) and her husband Mike Meadows of Harrisburg, PA.

DONALD JAMES VERSEPUT

Donald James Verseput was born on November 28, 1952 in Grand Rapids, MI to John James Verseput and his wife Naomi May (Snook). Don became a Christian as a very young child. Donald's father pastored small churches in Western Michigan before retiring for health reasons to work for a telephone company. Don's younger years were lived in Muskegon, MI, and he attended high school in Adrian, MI. Don began college as a pre-med student, then switched to Bible in his junior year, receiving his B.A. from Wheaton College in 1974. There he met Laura Altorfer and they were married on February 21, 1976 at Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, IL. Don finished his Th.M. degree at Dallas Theological Seminary in 1979, and earned his D.Theol. at the University of Basel, Switzerland in 1986. The Verseputs then spent an additional twelve years in Germany with Greater Europe Mission where he taught New Testament at the Free Theological Academy in Giessen.

Returning to the United States in 1994, Don taught briefly at Wheaton College (two years) and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (one year), before teaching New Testament at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul. He received the prestigious Faculty Excellence Award for 1999–2000. He was a respected New Testament scholar and contributed numerous articles to many refereed journals. He concentrated on the Gospel of Matthew and the Epistle of James. He was published in *New Testament Studies*, *Novum Testamentum*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, and the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*.

Don's hobbies were photography, reading, hiking, and skiing. He was a family man. Don went to be with Christ on February 2, 2004 after a long battle with cancer. He lived 51 years, 2 months, and 5 days. He had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for six years. The Verseputs were members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Roseville, MN, and Don is interred at the Incarnation Cemetery in Lino Lakes, MN. Left to mourn Don's passing are his wife, Laura, and children, Elizabeth and Timothy, of North Oaks, MN; his parents John James and Naomi May (Snook) Verseput of Bristol, VA; his sister, Mary Bailey and her sons Matthew and Jonathan of Johnson City, TN; as well as aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.