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1925—2001



Ruth Helen White was born in Piedmont, Alabama, on September 4, 1925. The daughter of Dewey and Grace White, she grew up in a close-knit family with two sisters and a brother.

Helen graduated from Piedmont High School in 1947, and immediately began working in the dental profession. She was employed at Fort McClellan for several years, and then moved to Bessemer, Alabama, to work for Dr. Robert Smith as a hygienist. In 1962, she moved to Homewood, Alabama, and worked at the Veterans Administration dental clinic for twenty-four years, until her retirement in 1986.

Upon retirement, Helen soon found herself embarking on a second career as the Director of "Caring Hands," a ministry providing furnished apartments to critically ill medical patients. She capably and compassionately directed the ministry for fourteen years, until her death on March 24, 2001.

Helen was a faithful member of Eighty-Fifth Street Baptist church for many years, where she worked with GA's and Acteens. When the church relocated to Deerfoot Parkway, she moved her membership to Lake Highland Baptist Church and continued her work with WMU there. She also served Birmingham WMU for many years at the Associational level, holding the offices of Acteens Director (1975-1982), Mission Action Director (1982-1986), and Assistant Acteens Director (1989-1993). She also served as Assistant Mission Action Director (1993-1998), Women on Mission Consultant (1998-2001), and District XI WMU President (1999-2001).

Those who met Helen White soon knew that she was a godly woman with a special gift for making people feel loved. Her soft-spoken demeanor and tender heart perfectly suited her lifetime of Christian service. She was quite possibly best-known for the heart-warming stories she would tell about her personal experiences in ministry, keeping her in constant demand as a speaker for countless church groups. Although she never married and did not have children of her own, she came to be known as the "Mother Teresa" of Birmingham, whose loving care touched the lives of over 14,000 families from 40 states and 25 countries on behalf of Birmingham Baptists.

In 2001, the Leadership Team of the Birmingham WMU voted to add Helen's name to Annual Associational Missions Offering in her memory.

EVIE EUBANK
1883—1955



On September 30, 1883, in Greensboro, Georgia, a baby girl was born who was named Evelyn Linsey Barnhart. The family grew to eight children. They all grew up in Greensboro, and went to school there. Little Evelyn was always called

"Evie." She attended the Thomas Stock Institute and Miss Godwin's School for Young Ladies.

She became a Christian at ten years old, and was an active member of Greensboro Baptist Church. When Miss Evie was old enough, she began teaching in the church organizations; first as a Sunbeam leader, and later as a Sunday School teacher.

In 1910, the Barnhart family moved to Ensley. Immediately Evelyn and other members of the family joined the Ensley Baptist Church, and became active members. Miss Evie again became a teacher and helper in the organizations of the church. After going to business school, she went to work for an insurance company.

On April 15, 1916, Evie married Mr. Will Eubank, whose family was also very active in the work at Ensley Baptist Church. All of their married life was spent in the Ensley area where they were faithful workers in their church, giving generously of their time and money.

In 1930, Mrs. Eubank was elected treasurer of the Birmingham Woman's Missionary Union. For twenty-four years, she faithfully kept records of all the money, and along with Mr. Eubank, helped with youth banquets. Mr. Eubank knew about food buying because he was a wholesale food salesman. So, they took charge of buying, preparing, and serving the meals so that the leaders would be free to attend to all the other details of the meetings. When they started doing this, most churches did not have a church hostess and there needed to be someone to organize the work, since it was being done by the women in each church.

After Mr. Eubank died in 1939, Mrs. Eubank continued her work as Treasurer for the Associational WMU until 1954. She also had a regular job at an insurance company. When she resigned as Treasurer in 1954, the Birmingham WMU voted to name the annual offering "The Evie Eubank Mission Offering." They also voted to send her a letter of appreciation for her long and devoted service, and to send her to the WMU Annual Session at Ridgecrest that year.

Mrs. Evie Eubank died on October 19, 1955. Birmingham WMU lost a faithful, mission-minded member. She is remembered each year when the Birmingham WMU collects the Helen White/ Evie Eubank offering.

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