

IN MEMORIAM  
HARRY MICHAEL SARTELLE  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON, MS  
FEBRUARY 18, 1992

I HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY THAT VERY FEW MEN HAVE IN A LIFETIME.

I HAVE THE HONOR OF MEMORIALIZING A SPECIAL PERSON AND A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND.

HARRY MICHAEL SARTELLE, MY PASTOR AND THE FRIEND OF MANY, WAS BORN A CHILD OF THE COVENANT IN PULASKI, VIRGINIA ON AUGUST 2, 1952.

MIKE, AS MOST KNEW HIM, WAS BORN TO PRESTON ORR AND MARY ELLEN SARTELLE --- THEIR LAST CHILD OF FIVE.

MIKE'S DAD, PRESTON, IS RETIRED NOW, BUT WITH A LIST OF CREDENTIALS AS A PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN FROM MARINE CORPS CHAPLAIN IN WORLD WAR II TO PASTOR AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR --- A MAN OF THE PCA.

MIKE'S BROTHERS, PRESTON ORR, JR. AND JOHN, ARE BOTH PCA MINISTERS AND

MIKE'S SISTERS ARE BOTH MARRIED TO PCA MINISTERS -- PAT, MARRIED TO CORTEI COOPER, AND SUSAN, MARRIED TO CALVIN JETT.

AN UNUSUAL FAMILY, PCA CONNECTED, HERITAGE.---

BUT MIKE DID NOT RIDE THE COAT TAILS OF HIS DAD OR HIS BROTHERS OR HIS BROTHERS-IN-LAW.

MIKE ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM BELHAVEN COLLEGE WHERE HE MET HIS WONDERFUL WIFE DIANE WHO HE LOVED SO MUCH AND WHO SUPPORTED HIM SO WELL.

TOGETHER THEY WENT THROUGH SEMINARY AT RTS, TAKING HIS FIRST CALL AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLORALA, ALABAMA, THEN TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS, AND FINALLY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI.

DURING HIS EARLIER MINISTRIES GOD BLESSED MIKE AND DIANE WITH THREE CHILDREN, CATHERINE, PRESTON AND NATE --- ALL OF WHOM MIKE WAS PRIVILEGED TO SEE PROFESS JESUS CHRIST.

I COULD SAY A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT MIKE BECAUSE HE WAS SUCH A SPECIAL FRIEND TO ME. BUT ANOTHER FRIEND --- DAVID FOSTER --- PROBABLY SAID IT BEST AS HE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THAT FOURTH DAY AFTER THE AUTOMOBILE WRECK OF JANUARY 1, 1992.

BEFORE I TELL YOU WHAT DAVID SAID THOUGH --- LET ME READ TO YOU  
A PORTION OF SCRIPTURE.

MATTHEW 22:37-39 --- " 'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS  
THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT:  
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF'---"

DAVID SAID THAT MIKE WENT TO THE GOLF COURSE AND HAD FUN.

HE AND DIANE WENT TO PARTIES AND SOCIALIZED.

HE WENT TO BALL GAMES AT WHICH THERE WAS NO DOUBT HE HAD A GOOD  
TIME.

MIKE MOVED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND HAD THAT UNIQUE ABILITY  
TO MAKE PEOPLE COMFORTABLE WITH HIS PRESENCE BUT HE NEVER  
COMPROMISED HIS FAITH.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT OF HIS LOVE FOR AND LOYALTY TO JESUS  
CHRIST.

OF ALL THE PEOPLE I HAVE EVER KNOWN, MIKE SARTELLE LIVED THE  
GREATEST COMMANDMENT AS NEARLY AS ANY HUMAN COULD.

BY KNOWING MIKE AND BEING TOUCHED BY HIS MINISTRY, I SAW A  
GLIMPSE OF JESUS.

WHAT MORE CAN I SAY?

Appendix T

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." Mississippi Valley Presbytery gives thanks to God for the life, the ministry and the witness of Mike Sartelle. We give this testimony to family, church and friends concerning Mike Sartelle: "a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord.

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