

Installation Service

for

**THE REVEREND
JAMES A. THOMAS**

As Pastor of the

WELLESLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

42 Elmwood Road
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M.
June 23, 1985
Coffee Hour Following

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude - " <i>Chorale Preludes</i> "	Bach
Welcome	Charles A. Balzarini
Call to Worship - Psalm 95:1-7	Bob Barbour
Hymn - " <i>Breathe On Me, Breath of God</i> "	No. 161
Prayer	Jane Knights
Solo - " <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> "	Holly Krafka
The Lord's Prayer (sung by the congregation, led by Holly Krafka)	No. 440
Scripture Reading - Ephesians 4:1-16	Fred Blankinship
Scripture Reading - I Peter 5:1-11	Marilyn Bailey
Solo " <i>Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace</i> "	Colette Balzarini
Offering	Fred Blankinship
Sermon Executive Director, Evangelistic Association of New England	Rev. Donald H. Gill
Commitment of the Minister & the Congregation	Charles A. Balzarini

Charge to the Minister:

Rev. James Thomas, having been ordained as a minister of Jesus Christ, and having accepted the invitation of the Wellesley Baptist Church of Wellesley, Massachusetts to become its Pastor, do you solemnly pledge that you will serve the congregation with all the gifts and abilities God has given you?

Minister: *I do.*

Charge to the Minister:

I charge you to be obedient to Jesus Christ, remembering that like our Lord, you have come "not to be served but to serve," and to keep yourself at all times in true devotion to your high calling. Will you seek to practice daily the faith you profess, administer the ordinances in purity, proclaim the truth with love, and endeavor to lead this people in the ways of Christ the Lord?

Minister: *I will, God being my Helper.*

Charge to the Congregation:

Are you persuaded as a church of Jesus Christ that you are ready to be instructed, led, and strengthened in the ways of the Spirit by the one who stands before you in answer to the call of God?

Congregation: *We are.*

Charge to the Congregation:

In recognition of the loving Christian partnership that must exist between Pastor and the people, do you now affirm your loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ and that you will lift up Pastor Thomas and this body of believers in prayer. Also, as God leads you, will you give of your time and share the gifts and talents God has given to you?

Congregation: *We do, God being our Helper.*

DECLARATION

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church, we do declare you, Pastor James Thomas, to be installed as the Pastor of this congregation of the Wellesley Baptist Church of Wellesley, Massachusetts. We shall pray for you and uphold you in all your duties as a minister of the Gospel, and in token whereof we now extend to you the right hand of fellowship. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always, and upon all of us.

Prayer of Dedication

Donald Campbell

Laying on of Hands

Board of Elders

Hymn - "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 402

Benediction

Charles A. Balzarini

REVEREND JAMES A. THOMAS

Pastor Thomas comes to Wellesley Baptist from First Baptist, Monon, Indiana, where he pastored for the past five years. Prior to that time he was in Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky and during the last fifteen months of Seminary he pastored a church in Cannelton, Indiana. In addition to his formal seminary training and pastoral experience, Pastor Thomas has had six years of military service in the Navy maintaining and instructing on flight simulators, four years of college graduating from Lamar University with a BBA in Marketing, six years of Industrial Sales experience, and four years of Management in the Chemical Industry. Pastor Thomas also brings with him his helpmate Nancy, daughter Shawn, who will be a sophomore at Franklin College in the fall, and son Chip, who will be a sophomore at Wellesley High this fall.

Participating in the Service

Rev. Donald H. Gill

Pulpit Committee

Charles Balzarini, *Chairman*

Fred Blankinship

Donald Campbell

Bob Barbour

Jane Knights

Marilyn Bailey

Marion Sharp