

**SERVICE  
of  
RECOGNITION and WELCOME  
for  
REV. AVERILL M. CARSON**

**Sunday, March 23, 1958**

**4:30 p. m.**

**DE WITT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
DeWitt, Michigan**



AVERILL MASON CARSON

Averill M. Carson was born in Ocean City, New Jersey, on May 12, 1928, and attended public schools there.

In 1952, he was graduated from Houghton College, Houghton, New York, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

During his senior year of college, he felt called to the Christian Ministry, which guided his desire to enter The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1955. Mr. Carson was ordained to the Ministry at The Baptist Temple of Philadelphia on September 9, 1954.

While attending seminary he served as youth director at the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia and did some supply preaching in various churches.

Prior to accepting a pastorate with the DeWitt Community Church in DeWitt, Mr. Carson was assistant minister at the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton, New Jersey.

On May 11, 1957, Mr. Carson was married to Miss Dorothy Ann Tasche of Detroit, Michigan at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Carsons have one daughter, Kathryn Ann. They reside at the parsonage, 11924 Franklin Street in DeWitt.

## PROGRAM

### Organ Prelude

\* Hymn - "The Church's One Foundation" . . . No. 140

### \* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Douglas Beach, East DeWitt Bible Church

### \* Scripture Lesson - Ephesians 4:1-16

Rev. Richard W. Barker, DeWitt Methodist Church

### Welcome on Behalf of the Community

Mr. Francis Brainerd

### Welcome on Behalf of the State

Rev. Arthur L. Farrell, Executive Secretary  
Michigan Baptist Convention

### Welcome on Behalf of the Lansing Council of Churches

Rev. John F. W. Howell, Executive Director

### Anthem - - - - - Senior Choir

### Prayer

Rev. Ralph J. Karney, Director of Town & Country Work,  
Michigan Baptist Convention

\* Hymn - "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" . . . No. 143

### Charge to the Church

Rev. Arthur L. Farrell

### Charge to the Pastor

Dr. Homer J. Armstrong  
Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit

### Welcome by the Church

Mr. Frank MacDonald  
Chairman of Board of Stewards

### Response by Pastor

\* Hymn - "Lead On, O King Eternal" . . . No. 311

### \* Benediction

Rev. Averill M. Carson

### Organ Postlude

\* Indicates congregation will stand.

*Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Carson in Fellowship  
Room down stairs immediately following the service.*

*All are cordially invited.*

Organist . . . . . Mrs. Wilma Reed  
Choir Director . . . . . Mrs. Karen Martin