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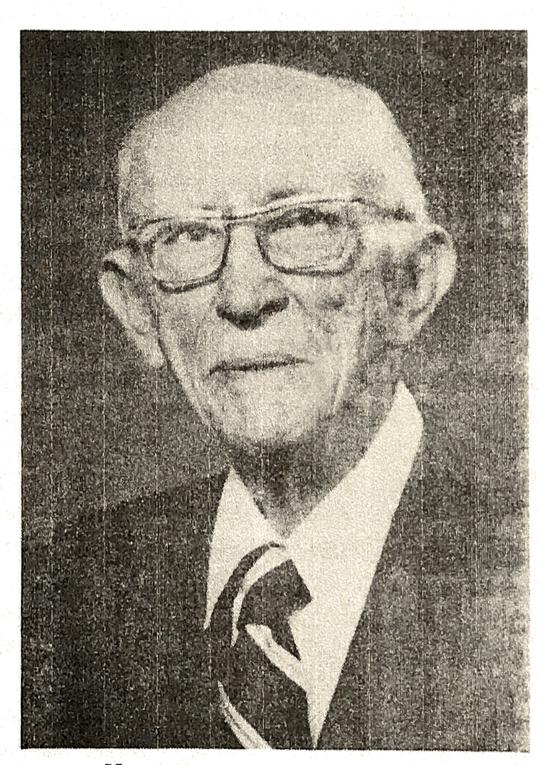
# Dr. Vance H. Havner

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Just A Preacher

Friday, October 16, 1981 Airport Hilton Inn Greensboro, North Carolina

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Vance Havner is a native of the Jugtown Community, located in the foothills of Western North Carolina. To this day, he gives the address of his boyhood home as Route #1, Hickory, NC. A major summer event in Jugtown was the annual revival at his old Corinth Church, which he remembers fondly. It was not at one of these services however, but alone in the woods as a boy, that he came to the Lord. Prior to his twelfth birthday, this dedicated man began the preaching career that has spanned 68 years of faithful service. Once, when asked when he became a preacher, Dr. Havner replied, "I never knew the day that I wasn't called to preach."

His educational pursuits began at Hog Hill, Jugtown's educational institution at that time. Later, he attended South Fork Institution, Boiling Springs High School (now Gardner-Webb College), Catawba College, Wake Forest Baptist College and Moody Bible Institute.

His first pastorate was at the Salem Baptist Church in Weeksville, NC. Later, while pastor of First Baptist Church in Charleston, SC, he made the decision to become a full-time traveling evangelist. It was while Dr. Havner was pastor of Salem Baptist Church that his first book, "By the Still Waters," was published. His list of published books now exceeds 30, in addition to the many articles which have appeared in Christian periodicals. His writings have brought encouragement, guidance and blessing to thousands.

One of Dr. Havner's earliest meetings was at Florida Bible Institute where he encountered again a "gracious little lady," Sara Allred. They were married in December 1940. Mrs. Havner accompanied him on many of his trips and was his constant helpmeet until she developed a serious illness in the spring of 1973, and died in early September of that year.

# **PROGRAMME**

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (Continued)

Dr. Havner's ministry has taken him from Maine to California. He may be found preaching to many denominations from the smallest group to the largest assembly. He is a well-known conference speaker and is active in the Southern Baptist Convention, having spoken at their State and National Conventions a number of times. In 1973, Dr. Havner was selected "Preacher of the Year" by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is constantly proclaiming the Word of God through his pulpit ministry and has led untold thousands to a decision for Christ and to a deeper spiritual dedication.

It is this man of God whom we have the privilege of honoring tonight.

### Vance H. Havner Scholarship Fund

In February 1978, a group of Christian businessmen organized the Vænce H. Havner Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to give financial assistance to Christian students who believe that the Lord is leading them into full-time Christian vocations.

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