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Church Plans Homecoming, 40th Anniversary Celebration

Forty years ago, Pastor and Sister C.E. Cates with their infant daughter moved from Tallapoosa, Ala., to the Atlanta area to continue the ministry he had been dedicated to since age 15.

He was pastor of the Church of God, Avondale Estates, when he undertook to do something that had never been done before in DeKalb County — to build a Penecostal Church.

He recalls that it took 13 court suits taking him all the way to the Georgia Supreme Court, with at least 30 eight-hour days of sitting in DeKalb Commission Scott Candler's outer office, before he got a building permit.



Cates

This was the first of five churches he has built in DeKalb County, along with the renovation of two others.

In 1954 he established "an independent, interdenominational church based on the pure, unadulterated word of God with Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone."

From this church, Christian Fellowship Church at 2030 Wesley Chapel Road, the ministry has spread to more than 70 nations, with missions around the world from Africa to the Philippines.

He has dedicated his third generation of babies, and they and their families and others from sev-

eral countries will join in a homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 14.

PASTOR CATES will be honored at a fortieth anniversary celebration Sunday with the public invited to attend.

An all-day service is planned with the Rex Nelson Singers of Atlanta, the Emmanuel Trio from Griffin, and Liberty with Felicia Griffin, featured.

Morning worship will be held at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School at 11:30, Dinner on the Grounds at noon, and afternoon and evening services at 1:30 and 7 p.m.

Delegates from England, Jamaica, St. Vincent, Barbados and other countries will be present and will attend the annual Convention of Fellowship and Missions to be held Tuesday night through Thursday.