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T.G.B.T.G. ... "To God be the glory" still echoes beautifully through the years in harmonic unison from the compassionate activities of Eastern Nazarene College's 1950s Evangelistic Association members in their ministering each week among the most needy of the great city of Boston inside nursing homes and jails and rescue missions. According to Ted Esselstyn's testimony, the motivation and intent was not to build a self-supporting church, but, rather, "We believed that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, not to build a self-sustaining congregation." The testimonies of Ruby Fretz and Margaret (Fuzzy) Goodnow Howard and other early Boston Chapel pioneers certainly reflects that same caring, compassionate spirit...

Jim,

I sure wish my husband was alive to confirm this, but I believe I found some black & white pictures of Boston Chapel days. One is a group picture of ENC students with some Boston Chapel children (I believe). I recognize some of the students. The other 2 photos look like they might be of two different families that came to Boston Chapel. My husband Stewart must have taken these. Sure wish I had names to go with them. Maybe someone will recognize them and know their names. Are you still accepting pictures?

Sure is wonderful what you are doing! I have some memories of going to Boston Chapel with Stewart and filling in as a S.S. teacher for the Jr. class. Stewart used his car to pick up some people for services I believe. I also remember going with Stewart to visit families in the area and some of those places were a bit scary. I belonged to the Evangelistic Association and spent some Sundays visiting in the Nursing Homes as well. Those were the days!

God bless you,

Ruby (Ricketts) Fretz

On Wed, Jan 11, 2012, Margaret (Fuzzy) Goodnow Howard <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Boston Chapel started as a Sunday afternoon Sunday School for Dover Street children. The man who ran the Dover Street Rescue Mission asked the E.N.C. group that ministered at the Mission to start the SS since there were so many children in the area. From the Sunday School grew Boston Chapel. Bob Crew and Jerry Huff were the first pastors. Sam Henck '57 drove the carryall.

As a student at Eastern Nazarene Academy I went in on Sunday afternoons, probably from 1952 or 1953 - 1956. The two little girls I brought each week lived several blocks from the Mission. The children I remember by name were a girl named Dallas, Phyllis, Philip and Pauline who were siblings and the Blakeleys. I

remember helping to clean up the first building they rented for services, down the street from the Mission.

Margaret (Fuzzy) Goodnow Howard

Although there may have been no conscious awareness of beginning and building a self-sustaining church in the minds and motives of the 1950s-era ENC students, from their dedicated labors issued another new Nazarene Church in 1961, with successor Boston Nazarene churches continuing to this day.

(It could be very interesting for a future graduate student researcher to trace and possibly discover Evangelistic Association meeting discussion notes and votes from those early 1950's days, particularly regarding selecting a Pastor...). When the 1952 EA members named Bob Crew as Pastor of the Chapel, following with the pastoral designation of Jerry Huff in 1954, the Chapel may have been pointed inevitably on its way to Church-hood.

With great appreciation for all who are inspiring future generations and who are honoring the memories and ministry of your families and classmates by sending your Boston Chapel memories and testimonies and photos for inclusion in the ENC Archives. Blessings, Jim

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