

## *Schedule of Events*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10

*Active Deacon's Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Suite*

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

*Church Staff Meeting - 9:00-11:30 a.m. - ??*

*Luncheon for Staff and Spouses - 11:45 a.m. - J. Alexander's*

*Youth Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Suite*

*Adult Choir Meeting - 7:30 p. m. - Choir Room*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12

*Senior Adult Meeting - 1:00 p.m.- Sanctuary*

*Church-Wide Drop-In - 6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

*Free time*

*What about staff dinner?*

### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

*Sunday School Teachers, Discipleship Teachers, Children's Ministry Leadership/  
Teachers, and Ministry Team Meeting- 10:00 a.m. - Youth Suite*

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

*Worship Services - 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

*There will be a called business meeting following each service.*



FOREST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

*It is with great excitement and anticipation that the Pastor Search Team introduces and recommends Dr. D. Samuel Boyd as the next Pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church. As a team, we firmly believe that God has led us to the right man for our church. We have spent countless hours praying, searching, gathering information, interviewing candidates, researching the history and culture of our church, as well as visiting churches in three different states.*

*From the beginning, the focus of the Team has been to seek a leader who is totally committed to Jesus Christ and His ministry. Sam Boyd will utilize his spiritual gifts of teaching and evangelism to serve our congregation and the community in a wonderful way. Together with his wife Carolyn, Sam will bring grace and godliness to Forest Hills Baptist Church, as he becomes only the fourth senior pastor in the 47-year history of our church.*

*Please join us this week for fellowship and informational meetings to welcome the Boyd family. We encourage you to take part in all the events we have planned as we prepare for the bright future of our church under Sam's leadership. Thank you, again, for your prayers and support during this interim period. We look forward to seeing you throughout the welcoming process.*

*The Team: Sandra Baldwin, Bruce Johnson, Janet Murphy, Bill Peter, Melissa Wooten, Russ Willis – Vice Chairman, Ed Yarbrough – Chairman.*



## HIS PERSONAL TESTIMONY

*“Faith is a belief that God is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

This verse from Hebrews aptly describes the faithful walk of Dr. Sam Boyd, the new pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church. From his early childhood, Dr. Boyd's life has been characterized by his desire to live in the center of God's will. It is evident through his experiences that God has blessed his obedience.

A native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Dr. Boyd moved to Bristol, Tennessee at the age of seven. He joined First Baptist Church of Bristol, Virginia at the age of nine and matured into a gifted athlete, artist, singer, and leader in both his youth group and high school. As an architecture major at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Sam began to sense God moving in his life. He responded by re-committing his life to Christ, being baptized again, and seeking God's will for his vocation.

His search led him to follow God's call to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. While at Seminary, Sam met his wife, Carolyn, and earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Religious Education degree.

In 1980, Sam accepted the call to pastor the First Baptist Church in Libertyville, Illinois. Within seven years, the church had grown from thirty-three members to a congregation of more than five hundred. God continued to bless and grow Sam's ministry and family with calls to pastor First Baptist Church of Venice, Florida, and then Mount Vernon Baptist in Atlanta, Georgia. Both congregations experienced tremendous spiritual and physical growth under his dynamic and visionary leadership. In 2000, he completed his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern.

*Welcome Sam Boyd preaching in view of a call – Sunday, April 15, 2007*

Prior to accepting the call at Forest Hills, Sam served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, North Carolina. With a membership of 3500 and an annual budget of \$3.3 million, God utilized Dr. Boyd's spiritual gifts of leadership, teaching, administration, and exhortation to impact the community for Christ.

## HIS PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

God's call on the life of Dr. Boyd is both evident and inspiring. A Biblical conservative, Dr. Boyd is passionate about the local church and its charge to be a light to a lost and hurting world. His philosophy of ministry includes three key priorities: leadership, teaching, and prayer.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and in harmony with the staff, deacons, and church leadership, Dr. Boyd seeks to define God's vision for an individual church and then help them fulfill it. He views himself as the leader and shepherd of the flock whose main goal is to glorify the name of Jesus. As pastor, Dr. Boyd is also charged with teaching the Bible. He believes it is his role to study and teach in a comprehensive and clear way so that the hearers are converted to Christ and led to become fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus. Finally, Dr. Boyd desires to live a life of constant prayer. Only through the empowering presence of God can he truly lead, preach, teach, and minister to the church.

As Dr. Boyd fulfills his priorities for ministry, he can then begin to lead the church to focus on five specific functions: worship, reaching the lost, connecting and uniting Christians, equipping the saints, and serving the needs of others. All it requires is a willingness to seek, risk, wait, and then celebrate all that God has in store.

## HIS FAMILY

Dr. Boyd and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for thirty-one years, and are the proud parents of three girls. Their oldest daughter, Whitney, is a first-grade teacher in Pensacola, Florida, where her husband, Jeremy, serves as Middle School Minister at Olive Baptist Church. Lindsey, a second-grade teacher in Birmingham, Alabama, is planning her upcoming July wedding to John Gorin. Their youngest daughter, Britney, is a junior at Samford University, majoring in Business Management and Marketing.

