

September 1, 2009

Dear First Baptist Family,

Last night your deacon committee received a recommendation for interim pastor at First Baptist from our Pulpit Supply Committee. The committee was unanimous in their recommendation of Dr. Robert W. Canoy, Dean of the Divinity School at Gardner-Webb University, as our interim pastor. Chair Rick Bell presented short video clips of Dr. Canoy preaching a sermon and teaching a Bible study. Your deacons voted unanimously to approve Dr. Canoy as our interim pastor upon approval of our members, as is required by our church constitution. His first Sunday with First Baptist would be October 11. Our ministers know Dr. Canoy and are excited about the opportunity to work with him at First Baptist.

Dr. Canoy's call is for \$500 per week plus mileage. He will be responsible for preaching both services on Sunday and the Wednesday night Bible study. He will be available to provide guidance at our staff meetings and to provide limited pastoral care. A brief summary of Dr. Canoy's resume is provided for you on the back of this letter.

A called church conference to approve Dr. Canoy's appointment is scheduled for Sunday morning, September 13 at 10:45. Deacons will be in Bible study classes to talk with about Dr. Canoy's appointment on Sunday, September 6. Deacons approved voting by ballots and absentee ballots for the election. Absentee ballots will be available from the church office and must be returned to the church office no later than the beginning of the church conference.

Your continued prayers and financial support for our church are appreciated as we move forward in our search for a new pastor.

Blessings,

Woody Tucker, Chair
Committee of Deacons