



SEPTEMBER 2013

First LIFE

FROM THE PASTOR...



It took awhile, but we are finally moved into Hickory and ready to start work.

What in the world am I talking about? What I mean is that just this week (the week of August 19) Betsy and I moved into permanent housing here in Hickory. Since I became your pastor in April 2011 we have been living in a rental house. It was fine, but we did not feel fully "here." It has been more like an extended camp out than a permanent arrangement. But now everything feels different. It feels like we have finally arrived and can begin living here and putting down some deep roots.

This just feels right for Betsy and me in every way: personally, spiritually, and professionally. Over the past

two and a half years we have grown to love and respect First Baptist Church. Betsy loves her work at Saint Stephen's High School. We are enjoying the community. There are challenges, sure, but life and work would be pretty boring and depressing without challenges. There is so much good work to be done we are more excited than ever to be part of a church family.

So many people helped us move in that it would take up a lot of space to list them all here. We appreciate each one's assistance and we will thank them personally and individually. But I've got to tell you about one individual. He came by a little late Tuesday evening, the 20th. He had been tied up all day and could not get over to help until late but was good enough to stop by and see if there was

anything else to be done. There was one bed we had not put together, so he and I got it assembled. As he was leaving he looked at Betsy and me and said, "Welcome home."

Thank you all for offering us a place to call home, a church to serve, and an opportunity to grow in Christ. You have given us a new home and we are eternally grateful.

Phillip and Betsy



IN THE PULPIT...

September 1 - 10:30am
Great Sentences of the Bible:
The Lord will accomplish that which concerns me. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 8 - 10:30am
Great Sentences of the Bible:
Repent and believe the Good News. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 15 - 10:30am
Great Sentences of the Bible:
I saw the Lord. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 22 - 10:30am
Great Sentences of the Bible:
I am the way. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

September 29 - 10:30am
Great Sentences of the Bible:
Be kind to one another. - Dr. Phillip Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays 6pm
"R" You Ready for Fall?

