

Salt and Light

Rev. Bill Rotan: After 30 Years, Still Singing, Conducting, Traveling, and “Administrating”

This past March 17 actually marked the thirtieth anniversary of Rev. Bill Rotan’s arrival at First Baptist Church as Minister of Music and (ultimately) Administration.

He came to us from the staff of First Baptist Church, Albemarle, having served there for four years as Minister of Music.

Albemarle’s loss has been Morganton’s great gain ever since!

Due to all the activity and planning leading up to Mrs. Barbara Lambert’s retirement in May, we delayed for several months duly acknowledging Bill’s three decades of distinguished service to our church and community.

On Sunday, July 11, during the morning worship service our music ministry and various others of us will honor Bill as we worship God.

Then that afternoon from 2 until 4 p.m., a reception will be held for Bill, Nancy, and their family in our fellowship hall.

All the ways in which Bill’s ministry has touched lives here and in our community at large are too numerous to describe or even list.

Bill is recognized primarily, of course, for his distinguished service all these years as our Minister of Music. During his thirty years of service, he has overseen the musical content of, and conducted the Chancel Choir during, some 1500 regular Sunday morning worship services. I cannot imagine how many weddings and funerals at which Bill has also ministered through his beautiful baritone voice. On numerous occasions, primarily at Christmas and Easter, he has blessed us with particularly memorable, deeply inspiring concerts, typically accompanied by orchestras. His participation in, and regular conducting of, the annual Morganton Area Combined Choirs Concert each December is deeply appreciated throughout our community. And his faithful and expert directorship our Chancel Ringers, along with his founding many years ago of the Morganton Area Handbell Festival, are widely recognized and affirmed in our community and region.

But there is so much more that Bill has brought to our church and area. Bill had only been here a short time when he developed the vision of an ambitious travel ministry, not only for our church members but also for other folk in our community. What a blessing this ministry has been, not only for senior adults, who typically over the years have been the participants in Bill’s wonderful “tours” throughout our country, but also for so many other church and community groups here and elsewhere who have taken advantage of “The Coach,” in its various forms. Very recently Bill returned from taking a large group out west.

Bill also helped to lead the church many years ago to expand significantly our Food Service ministry and to hire a full-time Food Service Director.

And for most of his tenure here, Bill has also overseen the day-to-day business administration of the church. For the past several years, in cooperation with our Building Committee, he has managed the various extensive projects associated with our “Turning Dreams into Deeds” campaign, and he has also throughout his career worked closely with our Church Properties Committee in overseeing the numerous maintenance needs of our physical plant and in supervising our Building Superintendent.

Many more of Bill’s great achievements could be acknowledged, but for now let us all recognize how richly blessed we have been, and continue to be, through the ministry of Rev. Bill Rotan.

And Bill would be the first to remind us on July 11 and always to give God all the Glory!

Love,

CRAFTSMAN NEEDED

Our Preschool/Afterschool needs assistance with creating simple chimes and drums for the playgrounds. Pictures of possibilities and instructions are available. Interested persons should contact the office at 433-1018.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Hannah and Wes Hawn** on the birth of a daughter, **Noa Catherine**, born June 24th.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 4 - Keith Breedlove
July 11 - Jerry Burseson

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY

Celebrate our freedom of worship!

July 4, 2010

Sermon: “The Freedom to Be”

(Joshua 24: 14-15)

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be preaching.

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of:
Doris Abee, Harold Brown, Ellis Spake and James Lingerfelt.

IN HONOR OF

Bill Rotan

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Mark Hamblen - Ireland
Robert Dunlop - Ireland
Janos Katona - Romania
Nunzio Loiudice - Italy
Jana Lollis - Asia
Laura Francis - Ethiopia

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Michael Bradley	Pat Morrison
Roland Berger	Mark Scannell
P.J. Chapman	Zack Maye
Johnny Franklin	Nick Long
Erienne Davidson	Ryan Moya
Veronica Graham	Wes Shuffler
Matthew McGalliard	
Joshua Davidson	



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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received June 20..... \$11,743
Offering Received June 27 \$13,108
Budget Required to Date..... \$450,920
Received to Date \$405,702

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date \$815,610
Building Fund Expenditures \$735,558
Building Fund Balance \$80,052

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

9:45 – Breakfast, info and prayer time
10:00 – Sunday Morning Bible Study

A great new Bible study unit starts! **Ethical Issues for Christians.**

This unit helps you examine your convictions surrounding four vital components of the Christian lifestyle.

July 4 – Dealing with Power (Mark 15: 1-15)

Does might make right? Does the majority always rule?

July 11 – Sharing with Others (Luke 19-31)

How am I sharing my resources with others?

What rewards come from providing for those in need?

July 18 – Making A Difference (Mark 10: 13-16)

How can I make a difference in the life of a child?

July 25 – Taking the High Road (2 Corinthians 7: 2-13a)

How can I handle opposition and controversy?

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Mature youth are needed to assist in this wonderful Christian Education ministry. Remember the great young people who made coming to VBS so fun when you were younger - those youth you looked up to and enjoyed being around? Now is your chance to give back and bless the lives of children in our church and community just like they did for you. Sign up with Fred or Mrs. Karen Breedlove today!

(If you are going on the high school mission trip you are urged to use this opportunity to get familiar with the material we will use during our mission trip.)

All youth who help will be treated to a VBS Youth Leader Celebration on Thursday night right after Bible School is over!

YOUTH SUMMER PLAY PRACTICE

“Murder, Mayhem, and Marshmallow Salad”

A Comedy Dinner Theatre Mystery

Wed. July 7 & 21 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!!!!

To Nashville, Tennessee

July 25 – August 1

For rising 9th graders and up.

Yep, that’s right, we’ve re-routed our destination from Maryland to Tennessee to help our next-door-neighbor-state recover from the ravages of their recent flooding. We will work with *Hands On Nashville* to assist with flood recovery projects, lead a backyard Bible Club, and connect with the Woodmont Baptist Church youth group. Downtime will include some fun experiences in the “Music City.” We will be staying on the campus of Belmont University – alma mater of Country Star Brad Paisley (and FBC Star Linda Faulk ☺). Do not miss this trip! You will do good for others in the name of Jesus Christ while you experience spiritual growth and enriching Christian fellowship.

If you haven’t signed on please prayerfully consider changing your summer schedules to be a part of this life-transforming experience. As always, do **not** let expenses keep you from doing God’s work and following God’s will. Talk with Fred to explore assistance options.

COMING THE NEXT
TWO WEEKS



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

◆ Sunday, July 4

A.M.

9:45 - Sunday School

10:55 - Worship

◆ Monday, July 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

◆ Tuesday, July 6

7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ Wednesday, July 7

4:00 p.m. - Youth Play Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

◆ Friday, July 9

10:00 a.m. - Women's Prayer

Group

◆ Sunday, July 11

A.M.

9:45 - Sunday School

10:55 - Worship

P.M.

2:00 - 4:00 - Reception for

Bill Rotan in the fellowship hall

6:00 - Vacation Bible School

◆ Monday, July 12

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

◆ Tuesday, July 13

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ Wednesday, July 14

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

◆ Thursday, July 15

6:00 p.m. - Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School

Coming Sunday, July 11 - Thursday, July 15

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Grade School Kids

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Preschoolers

For Children who turned 3 Years old
before Oct. 16, 2009 through rising 6th Graders

Enroll today!

Call 437-2544 x 10 or come by the church office
for registration forms.

Directors: Preschool - Rhonda Ensley

Grade School - Karen Breedlove

Congregation: Help us spread the word about this vitally important opportunity for children to hear the Gospel. Take a flier to your work place, tell a co-worker, or invite your neighbors. Don't let any child in our community miss this life-changing experience! And please lift up our leaders and participants in your prayers.

You are Invited
to Join Us for Morning Worship and Reception

celebrating

The Rev. Bill Rotan

for his 30 years of Ministry

at First Baptist Church, Morganton, NC



Sunday, July 11, 2010

Worship - 10:55 A.M.

Reception - 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

in the Fellowship Hall

