

MEDITATION



Dr. Jeff Hensley
Pastor
Kings Mountain
Baptist Church

God be with you...

nearly eleven years and the people we have met and known since we have been here have enriched our lives, and this is also why my wish for the people of Kings Mountain is that God will be with you, which is why what I need to say right now is "Goodbye."

But perhaps there is more that needs to be added to this Goodbye. I have occasionally heard people talk about how all of us are "replaceable," and when it comes to specific tasks that are a part of a job, role, or responsibility, I agree with this assessment. Let's face it; somebody else can always fill our job.

The only problem is that this is not altogether true, for even though other people can fill our shoes, or we can fill the shoes of those who filled a particular role before us, the reality is that every

person is unique and has something unique to offer to others.

My wife and I were blessed with three sons. We lost one of these sons to muscular dystrophy six-and-a-half years ago. Although we deeply love and celebrate life with the two sons we still have, neither of them can replace the one we lost, for each person is unique and makes his or her own unique contribution to the lives of those whom they love.

The length of one of these meditations is far too short, and the fear of leaving someone out far too great for me to even attempt to list the names of the people here in Kings Mountain who have made their own unique contributions to my family and me. The best thing I can do is say "thank you."

Of course, as with life in any community, our time in

Kings Mountain has not always been easy. In fact, those who know my wife and me best know also that the last two weeks have been some of the hardest since our son's death. But overall, our time in this community has been rich with joy and love, and we have celebrated the stages of life and family with many friends and neighbors.

The people we have known here are unique, and even though my wife and I are moving on to a new church and a new community, both filled with new opportunities, we will miss the people of Kings Mountain, and so I want to say "Goodbye," or more accurately, "God be with you" to each and every person who has touched our lives for the good and in God's name. May God bless you and keep you along the way. Amen.

WALLACE: church is growing

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from Richland NE High School in Columbia, SC, the University of South Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest. He met his wife, the former Emily Easterlin, at USC and they were married nine years ago. Mrs. Wallace holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary. They have three children: Jackson, 6; Abigail, 4; and Annabeth, 1. The family lives in the Oak Grove community. They came to David Baptist from Columbia, SC in February 2010.

David Baptist Church was founded in 1939 and will celebrate its 75th year in October, a diamond anniversary. The church roll includes 350 members and over half are in church on Sundays. The former church burned in 1954-55 and coincidentally the tragedy happened the night before a new pastor answered the call to serve the church. The fire originated in the boiler room of the church. It was during

the pastorate of Rev. Hardin that the new church was built in 1955.

In 2009 a tornado ripped through the Shelby Road area and blew out the windows in the present fellowship hall and main building of the church, missing the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

"We have a young and very active church," said the pastor, who is the son of Ron and Charlene Wallace of Columbia, SC.

Both the pastor and his wife grew up in church. "Dad was a deacon and I felt a calling to preach at a young age and by my senior year in high school I could not put it off any longer," said Wallace. Mrs. Wallace is the daughter of Greg and Gail Easterlin, formerly of Charleston, and now of Spartanburg, S.C. Mrs. Wallace teaches a Sunday school class of elementary school children.

Wallace will be contributing a column in the Kings Mountain Herald.

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211 Cleveland Ave.

Bethlehem Baptist Church
1017 Bethlehem Road
704-739-7487

Boyce Memorial ARP Church
Edgemont Drive
704-739-4917

Burning Bush House of God
310 Long Branch Rd (KM)
704-739-2877

Calvary Way Holiness Church.
1017 Second Street
Pastor Clifton Morgan

Carson Memorial Baptist Church
262 Sparrow Springs Road
704-739-2247

Central United Methodist Church
113 S. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-2471

Cherokee St. Baptist Church
421 S. Cherokee Street
704-739-7697

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church
618 Chestnut Ridge Road
704-739-4015

Christian Freedom Southern Baptist Church
246 Range Road
704-739-4152

Christ The King Catholic Church
714 Stone Street
704-487-7697

Church at Kings Mountain
108 E. Mountain St.
(KM Women's Club Bldg.)
704-739-1323

Cornerstone Church Of God
202 Margrace Road
704-739-3773

Cornerstone Independent Baptist
107 Range Road
704-737-0477

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125 Mayberry Lane
704-739-0310

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2300 David Baptist Church Road
704-739-4555

Dixon Presbyterian Church
602 Dixon School Road
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701 E. Gold Street
704-739-3215

East Kings Mountain Church of God
Hwy 161, Bessemer City/KM Hwy.
704-739-7367

Eastside Baptist Church
308 York Road
704-739-8055

Ebenezer Baptist Church
1621 County Line Road
704-739-8331

El Bethel United Methodist Church
122 El-bethel Road
704-739-9174

Emmanuel Independent Baptist Church
602 Canterbury Road
704-739-9939

Faith Ablaze Church
1128 S. York Road
704-739-8496

Faith Baptist Church
1009 Linwood Road
704-739-8396

Faith Holiness Church
Hwy. 161/Bessemer City Rd.
704-739-1997

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1818 Shelby Road
704-739-7206

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704-739-3651

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121 Countryside Road
704-734-1143

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111 E. King Street
704-739-8072

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505 N. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-4266

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117 Galilee Church Road
704-739-7011

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202 S. Railroad Avenue
704-739-5351

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704-739-1062

Grace Fellowship
144 West Mountain Street
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830 Church Street
704-739-6000

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144 Ware Road
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101 W. Mountain Street
704-739-2516

Life of Worship Ministries
405 S. Cherokee St.
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Featured Church of the Week:
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