



**A Life Spent for God**

# *Dedication*

Dear Pastor,

Our hearts compel us to honor you on this great occasion; the celebration of your thirty-two years of ministry at Calvary Baptist Church. Only the Lord knew the wonderful things that would be accomplished when you were first called to be our pastor in 1976. You have been a faithful pastor, able preacher, wise leader and godly counselor. Thank you for the years of sacrifice and labor that you have so selflessly given to us. We can truly say that yours has been "A Life Spent for God".

Mrs. Baker, thank you for being a faithful pastor's wife and for loving our pastor. Your labor of love in sharing your husband with us has not been in vain. God has truly used your lives for His glory and the benefit of our church.

Rod, Beth, and Mark, thank you for sharing your father with us. No doubt there were many times that you gave up time with him so that he could minister to us. Be assured, your sacrifice will reap eternal dividends. We are grateful that you have chosen to make Calvary Baptist Church your church home in which to raise your own families.

Pastor, we are truly grateful for the years of ministry that you have so faithfully given to this church. It is our sincere desire that God would bless and enlarge your future ministry as you continue to serve our wonderful Lord. We promise that you will be in our hearts and prayers. We love you.

God bless you,

The Staff, Deacons and the Calvary Baptist Church Family



February 21, 2008

Dear Pastor,

Words cannot express the appreciation and love that I have for you. Through the years you have been a faithful pastor, teacher, mentor, and above all my friend. I would not be where I am today if it were not for God allowing our paths to cross twenty years ago. You saw something in me that no one else ever did and you cared enough to invest in my life as no one else ever has. You have been to me what the Apostle Paul must have been to young Timothy. In the same sense, the love I have for you is that of a son for his father in the faith.

It has been my joy to serve with you these last two years and learn from you afresh what it means to be a pastor. I am honored that the mantle you have worn in a spiritual sense has been placed upon me as Elijah's mantle was placed upon Elisha. It is my heart's desire to continue the great legacy you have left here at Calvary Baptist Church. I look forward to many years of serving our Lord together. Thank you for allowing the Lord to lead you in bringing me here to follow in your footsteps. I am truly grateful to our Lord and to you for this great honor.

Your friend,

*Kevin Broyhill*  
Kevin Broyhill  
Pastor *Ps. 27:1*

Pastor Baker:

I am sure that you will receive many cards, letters and notes of well wishes from a lot of people in our church on your 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as pastor of Calvary, but I wanted to just take a minute and write to you myself as a member of your staff for the past 12 years.

When I returned to Calvary in 1996 and was offered the position of assistant pastor, I was humbled that I would be able to minister to people that I had known practically all my life, including my family members. I will always be grateful to you for giving me the opportunity and trusting that I would do a good job for you.

I learned a lot of things from you over the last 12 years, but the most important to me is to be real. You taught me that a pastor is the same in the office as they are in the pulpit, a pastor says what he means, and a pastor always stands for what is right. These are just a few of the lessons I have learned from watching you and I want to thank you for being a mentor and a good friend all these years.

I am very grateful you will continue to be in the ministry with your position at the college and glad that I will be able to continue to work with you.

Thank you for your faithful years of service and for being my friend.

God bless you



Pastor Scott Vernon



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 8, 2008

The Reverend Milton R. Baker, Sr.  
King, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Baker:

Congratulations on your retirement from Calvary Baptist Church after serving in the ministry for 32 years.

Faith plays an important role in the lives of many Americans, offering strength and guidance for the challenges of each new day. By encouraging the celebration of faith and sharing the message of God's love and boundless mercy, you have helped put hope in people's hearts and a sense of purpose in their lives.

I applaud your years of dedication to serving others and send my best wishes for an enjoyable retirement. May God bless you, and may God bless America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written in a cursive style.

George W. Bush



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January 21, 2008

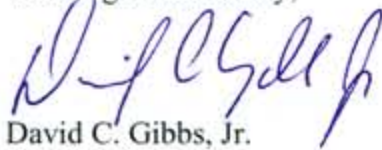
Pastor Baker  
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Dear Mr. False:

I am truly delighted to congratulate you on your 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church! Thank you for allowing God to use you for His honor and glory. We appreciate and admire your devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are asking God to grant His richest blessings for your faithfulness to Him.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. We are confident that God has even greater plans for your future as you continue to serve Him. Thank you for permitting me to celebrate this joyous event with you.

Your legal missionary,

  
David C. Gibbs, Jr.



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January 23, 2008  
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Dr. Roger Baker  
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Dear Pastor and Dianne:

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone in your ministry for our Lord! The labor you have performed in and through Calvary Baptist Church has touched the lives of tens of thousands around the world. Utmost in my gratitude and praise to God is the heart warming fact that you have remained sweet, humble Christians, always giving God the glory. Your accomplishments are legendary; only eternity will reveal the complete record of your stewardship.

As you may be aware, Stokes County was the birthday of my Dad. For that reason it has a very special place in my heart. Many years ago the Lord burdened me to pray and work toward the establishing of a gospel testimony there. Without question, He has done exceedingly abundantly above all I ever asked or thought might be possible. For this remarkable answer to prayer I owe special thanks to our wonderful Heavenly Father and to two dedicated servants who gave their lives as a living oblation to our Risen Lord. You emptied the cup of obedience on the altar of love for Christ and touched a city, a county, a state, and a world. Truly, to God be the glory, great things He hath done!

Now, you enter a new phase of ministry. You can be assured that you remain in our hearts and in our prayers. More importantly, the God who has sustained you these last thirty-two years will continue to be by your side. Please feel free to call if we can be of assistance in any way.

May His richest blessings be yours.

In His care,

*Barbara & Billy Martin*  
Barbara and Billy Martin



*Dr. Raymond L. Hancock*

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**January 17, 2008**

**Dear Bro. Baker,**

**I thank our Lord for your personal friendship and the fellowship I have enjoyed with you and your family and church people through the years. While you have been the friend of many, you have also been a faithful Pastor and leader at Calvary these 32 years.**

**Under your faithful leadership a great church is moving forward training others in the school to reproduce what has already been done. You, your dear wife and family are to be commended for the years given and certainly you and your good people receive honor to whom honor is due. May this day be a wonderful day of celebration for all. May our Lord keep His hand upon you as you continue in the work of the college.**

**I remain a respectful friend for the rest of the journey**

**In Christ for His Glory,**



**Dr. Raymond Hancock**

"It is not enough to care, you must care enough."



# Ambassador Baptist College

DR. RON COMFORT, PRESIDENT

March 16, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 South Main Street  
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Dear Pastor Baker:

Congratulations on thirty-two blessed years at Calvary Baptist Church in King, NC! Since God brought me to North Carolina eighteen years ago, I have been encouraged to see the growth and blessing of God on Calvary Baptist Church under your leadership. I often tell my preacher boys that the blessings of God come from longevity in the ministry, and you have certainly exemplified that.

Another way in which you have been a blessing to me is in your preparation for the future. I thank God that He has led you to prepare for the future of Calvary Baptist Church with adding Kevin Broyhill to your pastoral staff. What an encouragement it is to know that the strong foundation that you and your wife have labored so long to establish will not be torn down but will be solidly built upon.

I regret that I cannot be there for your special celebration, but please know that I thank God for your friendship and the fellowship we enjoy together.

Because of Calvary,

Ron Comfort  
President

"NOW THEN WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST..." II CORINTHIANS 5:20

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Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

These many years have slipped by us. In some ways the years seem long, but in other ways they seem very short. I would not want to go back and change anything about time or relationships. Tamala and I have been very proud to be missionaries under your ministry through Calvary Baptist Church these 32 years. (Actually our time as members of Calvary Baptist Church expands more than that.) From those early years of your ministry as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, my family and I have been very proud of you as our pastor and Diane as our pastor's wife.

In just about every great event of our lives, Calvary Baptist Church has been there to be a pivotal point to us. Being a part of Calvary Baptist Church was our first place of understanding and becoming members of the Independent Baptist movement. It was here I received my calling to be a Gospel preacher and surrendered to leave North Carolina to be trained to do a work for our God. But while away in Bible school, Tamala and I received word from our home church that we had a new pastor, Roger Baker. From the time we first met this young couple until this very day we have been treated with utmost respect. You have not only been my pastor, but my mentor, counselor, friend, my buddy, my brother. Some of the greatest memories in our lives can be traced back to you and Calvary Baptist Church. You were there when this country boy and family boarded an airplane for our first trip to the mission field. You have made time in your busy schedule for our ministry and visited us several places to encourage us in the work our God had called us to do. God used you to drive many times to Pilot Mountain to give the Gospel to my Dad and Mom. After I prayed fifteen years for their salvation, you took the opportunity to befriend them and eventually led them to Christ. Of course, you did not do that just because you had a special interest just for me and my family, but that special interest has been multiplied in literally hundreds of other families connected to your life. I want to thank the Lord for your concern, interest, and love you have for our Lord. It has been our privilege to walk close to you and your family and to see Calvary Baptist Church grow into one of the greatest independent Baptist churches on the face of the earth. I want to thank you and the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church for allowing my wife and me to hold the position of missionary and help in a small way as members of Calvary Baptist Church to carry out the Great Commission under your pastoral authority.

Pastor and Mrs. Baker, thank you for your time and your lives given to people like ourselves. We love you and our hearts are full of gratitude for all that you have done to build, with the help of our Lord, such a place to worship our great King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Tamala and I want you and Diane to know that we are here to do as we have always wanted to do, and that is to be a blessing to you and your ministry. We love you and thank God for all the memories that have been ours to enjoy. We are anticipating to make many, many more in the days to come!

T J and Tamala Tilley

**DR. AND MRS. J.T. LYONS**

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**Attn: Mrs Barbara Danley  
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King, NC 27021**

**Dear Barbara: Just a line to let Brother Baker know how much we appreciate his ministry over the years**

**Dr. and Mrs. Baker have been a friend to us for many years and we deeply appreciate their ministry for the Savior.**

**For His devotion to his people and to the Ministry. His hard work in Calvary Baptist College and For His faithfulness in serving the Church for these 32 years.**

**We praise the Lord for their friendship over the years. For honoring me with the Doctor of Divinity degree from the College. For His leading his Church to support us for these years.**

**For the sweet fellowship that we have enjoyed with them all of these years. We love them and praise the Lord for folks like them who are faithful in serving our Master. We pray that God will bless them abundantly for their faithfulness!**

**J.T. and Janet Lyons**



**SAULNIER-ROBERSON HAVEN, INC.**  
Post Office Box 9449, East Ridge, Tennessee 37412

January 21, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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King, NC 27021

Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker;

We can't find the words to express our thanks and gratitude to you. As we began our ministry, we had the opportunity and pleasure to meet you. I can only say that you have been a person that does care "about people."

I remember when times were rough and things were not going to well, it was always so refreshing to stop and see you. Your first comment was, "Have you eaten yet?" If the answer was no, you would find a choice place to eat and fellowship. The next comment would be, "How is the gas in your van?" No matter what the level was we always left with a full tank of gas. These fond memories are what we put in reserve to keep us going when things got tough.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best as God sees fit for your future. I only know you will be *caring* and *encouraging* someone like you did in our lives. Thank you for your *friendship* and *encouragement*. It has kept us going for some 30 years now in the ministry. We also thank you for your financial support for the ministry.

Love in Christ,

*Marty & Lova Friske*  
Marty & Lova Friske

# The Wards ... Church Planting in Japan

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January 18, 2008

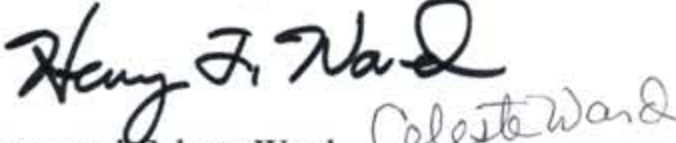
Pastor Roger Baker  
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Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We want to thank you for being a faithful servant there at Calvary Baptist Church for the past 32 years. We appreciate your long-time commitment to your church and us missionaries on the field.

We have been supported by you since our deputation days back in 1989-1991. We also appreciate your support, both financially and spiritually, without which we could not continue here on the field of Japan. We have been greatly blessed to have supporting churches like Calvary and do appreciate your sacrifices for us these many years. May God continue to bless you as you serve him.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Henry and Celeste Ward  
BIMI, Japan



*Serving our Generation ... Reaching the Next*

*J. B. Godfrey*  
Far East Director

January 17, 2008

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

Congratulations on your anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church. We thank the Lord for faithful, loving leaders like you. The example you have set before younger Christians and Christian workers is inspiring.

The ministry of Calvary Baptist Church extends across the world, not only by your support and prayers for missionaries, but by the sending out of your own members. We are glad to be a part of your outreach.

May the Lord continue to use you for His glory.

Sincerely,

*J.B. + Linda Godfrey*

J. B. and Linda Godfrey

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January 17, 2008

Dear Pastor Baker,

We would like to congratulate you on your 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration. Even though it has been a number of years, LaNelle and I will never forget the warm reception we received on our first visit to Calvary. We were on deputation at the time and were really struggling just to get from church to church. On the day we arrived at Calvary, we had spent our last penny on the deputation trail. We arrived with just enough gas in our vehicle to roll into your parking lot. We were excited to be there but very weary and wondering how God was even going to get us back to Atlanta after the meeting, let alone on to Ivory Coast. I know that doesn't sound like the faith one needs to be a missionary, but it was the truth for that moment.

You greeted us personally and, with a smile, escorted us to your newly built guest room in the church. Sitting on the table was a huge basket of fruit and a welcoming card with some cash included, just in case we needed something. Needless to say, you and your people gave us the much needed love and encouragement to fortify our spirits and help us along our missionary journey. You also gave us one of the largest love offerings we had received to that point. I believe it was \$250 if my memory serves me correctly. LaNelle and I were thanking God for the "wonders" He performed and wondering why we let ourselves get into such a rut of doubt.

God has magnificently blessed the ministry in Ivory Coast which you have faithfully supported over the years. We have grown from 23 saved in our first evangelistic crusade to more than 4,000 converts and numerous churches. Our emphasis is still in training nationals and planting churches, although we do have 230 orphans associated with our mission churches we are trying to help support. At the pastor's conference in Abidjan this past September, we had more than 160 pastors and church leaders attend. You and the people of Calvary most certainly have a part in all of these faithful servant's ministries.

May the Lord continue to bless, use, prosper, and guide in all you do for Him. Thank you for your faithfulness and for being a blessing to us and the people of Ivory Coast, West Africa. And, thank you for the wonderful memory of encouragement you and the people of Calvary planted in our hearts and minds.

Your Missionaries to West Africa,

*James & LaNelle*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James &amp; LaNelle George". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long horizontal flourish at the end.





January 15, 2008

Dear Pastor Roger,

Thirty two years!!! What an accomplishment! All of those years in the same church are a mark of God's sustaining grace. He is good, all the time.

In one way it doesn't seem so long ago we were in Piedmont. Fact is it was decades ago, in another century! Measured by hard work and trials, it can seem like a long time. Measured by the joy and blessings, it seems short indeed. When we think it was spent in the service of the King of kings, there is a satisfaction that fills our hearts.

Thank you for the fine example of a man called of God to do His work and dedicated to see it through until he comes for you. You have been a good model for young preachers to pattern their ministries after.



Thank you too for your love for missions and missionaries. It has been nearly 26 years since Calvary took on our support. Not only has the support been faithful every month, it has grown over the years. This is a testimony of the proper focus on what God desires a church to be and a commitment to advancing the cause of Christ around the world.

Susan and I pray that March 16<sup>th</sup> will be a special day for you and Calvary Baptist Church. May the burning passion for souls you have so ably demonstrated by your life and ministry be caught and passed on to other on this day of celebration.

In His Service,

V. W. & Susan Peters  
Administrator for Latin America & Caribbean  
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Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker:

There's no way a note or letter can fully convey the gratitude we feel for the service and sacrifice you have made for your "flock" the past 32 years. Of course, Judy and I have only been in your flock for two years, since we joined Calvary in March 2006. But it didn't take us long to sense your passion for preaching and pastoring and the love you have for the people of Calvary.

Judy and I have attended three churches since we moved to North Carolina after graduation in 1969. All have been good churches with good pastors and leaders. But I am not exaggerating at all when I say that, at Calvary, we have been challenged the most through sound Bible teaching and preaching to grow to be better, more mature Christians. The stimulating pulpit preaching by you, Pastors Scott and Rob, and now Pastor Kevin coupled with good teaching by good Sunday School teachers like Bro. Sheppard have been a double-barreled incentive to grow in Christian character. Words alone can never thank you for what that has meant to us.

When Judy's mother took a turn for the worse recently due to progressing Alzheimer's disease, you and the other pastoral staff exceeded all expectations with your visits and words of kindness as we have dealt with her condition. We have been assured multiple times that you (and the other pastors) were available whenever needed. That's a blessing to us. Your leading by example is rewarded by the many acts of kindness shown us during this time by other members of our church family. The people of Calvary have truly been a blessing to us.

As you approach the 32-year milestone of service to the people of Calvary, I hope this note and the many others you are sure to receive will in some small way convey the love, appreciation and thankfulness people feel toward you. Thank you for everything. And thank you for the wisdom you showed in recommending Bro. Broyhill as a successor. By adding him to the staff several months as the future pastor, we have grown to love him and feel like he is ready to continue the course you have traveled for so long. And we are so grateful that you will continue to be a part of the church, and hope you find focusing on the work of the Bible College and writing will be as fulfilling as you hoped it would be. We look forward to fellowshiping with you in the Discovery Bible Class and worshipping with you in the main auditorium.

May the Lord bless both of you as we honor your years of service at Calvary and as you continue forward in whatever capacity the Lord leads you. It has been our privilege to sit under your preaching, teaching, and spiritual leadership.

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
Judy and Sammy



Peters

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

Thank you for the years you have dedicated yourselves in the ministry at Calvary. We appreciate all you have done for us both while we were in King and since we have been in Paraguay. It was a blessing to have you both visit us last year and you always have a standing invitation to come back again.

We learned many things from you and through your teaching and preaching that have helped us in our lives and in situations on the field. Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord.

We pray that God will continue to bless you as you begin a new routine in your lives and that you will find time for rest as well as ministry.

With many thanks,  
*Mike, Sharon, Nathaniel & Nicolas Thompson*

**Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker:**

Where do you begin, when your trying to describe a friendship of close to 15 years. Over these wonderful years we have had the privilege to spend many hours together of food, fun, and fellowship. We have been honored to have spent much time in prayer with Pastor before a great number of wonderful services there at Calvary Baptist Church.

Paper will not allow me to share the many phone conversations we have had over the years. Much, being from myself (Don), to ask Pastor for advice or prayer. I can say with a true heart I never been disappointed in one conversation. Well there was that one time when I called for HELP! I asked for a million dollars once and Pastor was of great help. As he replied "I don't have the whole amount so I can't send any." Oh well, turned out I didn't need it any way.

Congratulations and may God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him. We all know behind every great Pastor is a great wife. Congratulations to you as well Mrs. Baker. You have proved to be a very great help meat. We love you both and cherish your friendship.

Because Of Christ,  
Don & Becky Robinson  
Elderly Outreach Ministries, Inc.

Dear Rev. Baker,

Thank you ever so much for your faithful concern for the souls of Japanese people as evidenced by your prayers and giving through the church toward my ministry in Japan since 1978! You've been a part of my ministry ever since I came to Japan and a great encouragement. I always appreciate your friendliness and desire to hear about the work here whenever I'm home on furlough in the US. I appreciate your faithfulness in leading your church for so many years also. In working here assisting a Japanese pastor I've seen more clearly the challenges that face a pastor in caring for the flock. May God bless you for your faithfulness to Him and continue to use you greatly.

Yours for Japanese Souls,  
Sue Hahn

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January 28, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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Dear Pastor Baker,

Congratulations on your 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church of King. What a blessing and encouragement you have been to us both through your ministry and your life. My family and I are sincerely blessed to be able to be a small part of your missions outreach program and count it an honor and privilege to be an arm of your church here in Cairns. Australia.

Thank you for your love for the Lord, love for people, and your faithfulness. We pray that the Lord will grant you many more fruitful years for Him there at Calvary Baptist Church. I believe only Heaven will reveal the true value of your ministry and the effect it is having not only here in Cairns, Australia, but around the world.

May God continue to richly bless your service for Him.

*"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."  
Hebrews 6:10*

In Christ,



Dan, Sand, and Selina DeLong  
Missionary to Cairns, Australia  
BIMI



## Thank you Pastor and Mrs. Baker!

Shopping del Sol  
Casilla 13026  
Asunción, Paraguay

February 21, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker, Pastor  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 S. Main St.  
King, NC 27021

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Roger Baker,

Praise God for the 32 years of service He has given you at Calvary Baptist Church. You have been a true friend to missionaries. Marla and I thank you for your warmness and sincere interest in the ministry that God has called us to do for His sake.

You and Mrs. Baker have been examples of servant leadership to us. We count it a privilege to be part of your missionary family.

Your trip to Paraguay to minister to our Field Team was a real spiritual boost to all of us. The Lord used your messages to speak timeless truths to needy hearts. Thank you for the sacrifices you made to minister to us personally.

May the Lord continue to bless you both as you serve Him until He comes!

*1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

Rejoicing in the Lord!

*Paul and Marla Fields*

Paul & Marla Fields  
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Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker,

CONGRATULATIONS on your 32nd anniversary at Calvary Baptist Church.

We want to thank you for your ministry and your faithfulness to the Lord all these years.

Thank you for your love, concern, and graciousness to missionaries. I suppose we were there for the first time over 20 years ago, and we have appreciated your interest in missions and missionaries. It was a blessing to us to see you helping missionaries who were have difficulties.

You have always been very gracious to us and made us feel at ease, and we enjoyed being in your company.

Thank you also for the use of the Prophet's Chamber on several occasions when we were traveling north and needed an overnight place.

Trusting the Lord to give you many more years of service for Him,

Dave & Ruth Ann Arthurs  
Missionaries on Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

**Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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King, NC 27021**

**Dear Brother Baker,**

**It is a great honor to write to one who has faithfully served our Dear Lord through these many years. I appreciate your foresight and willingness to love your people. I also appreciate your unwavering stance on the critical issues of our day. You have become a great inspiration to many people by allowing our Lord to greatly use you at Calvary. Most importantly I appreciate your fervent love for our Dear Wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I count you as a dear friend and sincerely "Thank you" for your friendship through the years. Our schedules don't allow our paths to cross very often but I have greatly enjoyed the times of fellowship we have shared.**

**I wish you the very best as you change hats. I believe sincerely that our Dear Lord will continue to keep His hands upon your ministry and life as you continue to serve Him.**

**Let me know how your new turn in life affects you. You made an exit just ahead of me. I will be waiting to hear about some new insights on this journey toward Heaven.**

**It is our prayer that our Wonderful Lord will bless you and your family in this new endeavor.**

**Sincerely Your Friend,**

**Pastor Ron Baity**

# Trinity Baptist Church

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DARRELL COX  
PASTOR  
January 21, 2008

Dr. Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
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Dear Brother Baker,

I'm writing this letter to congratulate you for being the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church for thirty-two years. Thank you for staying by the staff for so long and setting a good example to each and every one of us as pastors and members of faithfulness unto the Lord.

I never ever remember a time when I was around you or saw you in the hospital that you did not have a smile on your face. I as a pastor know that many times you were carrying many burdens and a heavy load.

Thank you for your straight stand and staying by the old King James Bible, staying with the fundamentals of the faith and remaining faithful to win souls to our Lord Jesus Christ. You have accomplished so much in these thirty-two years. I stand back and admire all that God has used you to do.

You are a great man and I still believe that God has many wonderful things in store for you and many open doors in which he will use you to win souls and to preach the Word of God. Congratulations on thirty-two wonderful years of being a faithful servant of God!

I love you and my hat is off to you. I salute you and admire you.

Your Friend In Christ,

Darrell Cox, Pastor  
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Daniel L. Smith, Sr., Pastor

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January 25, 2008

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Baker,

Jane and I wish to commend you for your many years of service to our Lord and Calvary Baptist Church. God has used you to do a great work for His glory.

I have enjoyed working with you and those involved in Calvary Baptist Bible College for these twenty years since it was founded. May God continue to bless the college as you continue to serve as Vice President.

May God continue His blessing upon Calvary Baptist Church as Rev. Kevin Broyhill assumes the position of pastor. You have laid a good foundation for him to build upon in the Lord.

In Christ,



Reverend Daniel L. Smith

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*Pastor Terry L. Coats*

Dear Pastor Baker,

Allow me to add my congratulations to you and your wife. I have really appreciated your balanced pulpit ministry. You have a wonderful gift for handling the Word and making it understandable and practical. I respect your leadership and convictions. Your preaching and pastoring reflect a genuine love for people and desire for them to really love the Lord.

I highly value our friendship and appreciate your wisdom and insight expressed even in general conversation. May the Lord continue to bless and use you as you lead the young men in the college. Your influence is needed in these days of compromise and contemporary worship. You have my prayers and appreciation for a job well done and continuing on. I always look forward to sharing with the students. They are a great blessing and encouragement to me, as you have been.

God's Blessings Upon You,



Pastor Terry Coats

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January 29, 2008

Dr. & Mrs. Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 S. Main Street  
King, NC 27021

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

Greetings in the lovely and matchless name of the Lord Jesus Christ! I trust you folks are doing well and are enjoying His wonderful blessings.

I was glad for you, Brother Roger, when I heard that you were stepping down as Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. You and Diane have served long, tirelessly and faithfully there. Good work!

I'm excited for you as you move into a brand, new direction in His service. If I can ever be of help, feel free to call.

May God's richest blessings be yours!

Love in Christ,

Bud Owen

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# Gospel Light Baptist Church

"To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done..."



Bobby Roberson, Pastor

Frank Shumate, Assistant Pastor

Tim Hicks, Youth Pastor

Jeff Johnson, Spanish Pastor

January 29, 2008

Dr. Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 South Main Street  
King, North Carolina 27021

Dear Bro. Roger,

Congratulations to you and your wife on 32 years of service at the Calvary Baptist Church. I truly can say like the Apostle Paul, "I thank God upon every remembrance of you".

I am grateful for your faithfulness and for your standing for the truth down through the years. My prayer is that the Lord will give you many more years to serve Him.

Please keep us in your prayers, and may God continue to bless you and your dear family is my prayer.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Roberson".

Bobby Roberson

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# Gospel Light Baptist Church

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Bobby Roberson, Pastor   Frank Shumate, Assistant Pastor   Tim Hicks, Youth Pastor   Jeff Johnson, Spanish Pastor

January 29, 2008

Bro. Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 South Main Street  
King, NC 27021

Dear Bro. Roger,

Proverbs 22:1 says "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." I knew of you before I ever met you. I remember hearing about the Sunday school class that you taught at Urban Street and what a blessing it was. Then there was your work at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission that affected so many. And my how the Lord has used you to make such a difference in the lives of so many there at Calvary over the past 32 years.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your dear wife as you continue to serve Him in a different capacity. The Lord has certainly blessed you with a good name. Keep up the good work.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Shumate".

Frank Shumate



## SHINING LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

TIM CRUSE  
PASTOR

January 31, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 S. Main Street  
King, NC 27021

Dear Bro. Baker,

Thank you for your faithfulness to our worthy Lord during your many years of service. In giving your life to Him, you have made the wisest investment of all.

I will always remember the opportunities you gave me to speak in your Christian School and Bible College. The staff and students have been open and receptive each time. I will also recall the night of May 7, 2004, when we both received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Ambassador Baptist College. Thanks for your friendship and example to me personally.

May God continue to use you as you teach and write. Another generation of preachers needs to learn what He has taught you.

Please give my regards to your faithful wife and family, along with the people of Calvary Baptist Church who have stood with you these 32 years. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Tim Cruse, Pastor



February 20, 2008

Dr. Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 S. Main Street  
King, NC 27021

Dear Bro. Roger,

Congratulations on your 32 years as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. I remember when you began there, and have rejoiced through the years for the blessings of God on your life. I wish you would come to Chattanooga and help me at Calvary Baptist Church; but rejoice in your vision for the future.

I am thankful for your **FAITHFULNESS**. What an example of faithfulness you have been to so many of us.

I am thankful for your **FAMILY**. Your wife and children are certainly an asset to your ministry, and a testimony to your godliness.

I am thankful for your **FRIENDSHIP** to preachers like me who are always encouraged by being around you.

I am thankful for your **FRUITFULNESS**. The judgment seat of Christ will reveal how many lives God has used you to impact.

I am thankful for your **FUTURE**. Enjoy your family, let God use you to train preachers, and we'll look forward to praising Jesus together in heaven throughout eternity.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Roberson".

Steve Roberson  
SR; cg

Steve Roberson  
Pastor

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*Union Grove*  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

February 21, 2008

Pastor Roger Baker  
Calvary Baptist Church  
536 S. Main Street  
King, NC 27021

Dear Pastor Baker:

Kim and I, along with the congregation of Union Grove Baptist Church, are honored to join with so many others in thanking God for you and your wife. Thirty-two years of faithful ministry at a Church represents a hallmark of ministry that few ever accomplish, and you rightly deserve to be honored for giving yourselves so completely to the ministry of the gospel throughout these years. The godly leadership you have provided for Calvary Baptist Church has made an impact of eternal significance, and from this local church a ministry of global dimensions has emerged -- all centered in the supremacy of Christ.

The following verse from sacred Scripture seems particularly appropriate for those who have the joy of honoring you on this special occasion:

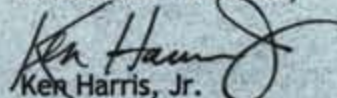
*"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*

You are most worthy of the "high esteem" described in this passage. Because of your example you make it easy to obey this command from God. What a compelling example of friendship and servant hood you have provided for pastors and Christian servants across the country and around the world. We are honored to communicate publicly the high esteem in our hearts for you, your wife and your family. Christ is glorified when His servants are rightly honored. We are privileged to honor Christ by honoring you.

As you celebrate the kindness and faithfulness of God during this special celebration, I pray you are deeply affected by the appreciation of many for your service to the Savior and for the Church. And most important, I pray you are aware of the pleasure of God in your service to the Savior and for the Church he purchased "with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

We look forward to how God is going to use you as you embark on this new season of ministry. I trust you will enjoy it as much as our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Harold Fletcher, has enjoyed these past several years of his ministry.

In His Love - A Friend,

  
Ken Harris, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

*Ken Harris, Jr. - Senior Pastor*

*T.W. Bailey - Assistant Pastor • Jeremy Pollard - Student/Media Pastor • Gudy James - Children's Pastor  
Harold Fletcher - Pastor Emeritus • Bob Clonch - Music Director • Peter Steinhaus - Administrator  
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March 16, 2008

Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker,

A testimony I can never forget or have I ever had the likes of before. For years I prayed for God to show me where he wanted me to be. I knew I needed to be in a church family but was afraid because I've had so many bad experiences in so many other churches. So I just kept praying and waiting. One day while cleaning I found a paper from Calvary Baptist under my husband's chair, and no one had any idea where it came from or how it got there. I immediately had the strongest urge to call, so I did and asked to speak Pastor Baker. The minute he spoke to me on the phone the most wonderful tingly, good feeling ran all through my body. I knew that the Holy Spirit had just touched me and that was God's answer. This is where he wanted me to be.

An even though Diane and I have not talked a whole lot I don't need to, to feel the spirit of the Lord in her, and my love and devotion is drawn to her. I have seen her love and devotion to the Lord and the church!

God bless you both. You have been an instrument of the Lord to bring me home!  
Thank you both so much.

All my love in Christ!  
Geri Thomas

Pastor Baker,

Without you we would not be here in church. We would still be back slidden, and our son would still be lost. You saved our family and our son's soul! We could never be thankful enough! We love you with all our heart!

Joey & Kim Manuel  
& Jeremiah 20 yrs old  
& Isaiah 8 yrs old  
& Josiah 5 yrs old  
& Micah 4 yrs old.

Pastor Baker,

My family and I could not write on this paper all you have meant to us. Some fifteen years ago you married me and Angie at the old property. We joined your Sunday School Class and you taught us how God would want our marriage to be. Because of God, our pastor, and our church, our family is more wonderful than I could ever imagine.

I remember when Sarah was born how you faithfully went to see her even when we were not there. You always prayed with us and for us. We thank you for being our pastor and our friend.

We love you.

Mike, Angie, Sarah & Benjamin McKinney

Pastor Baker,

I just want you to know Matt and I will miss hearing your preaching all the time. You have been a big influence in my life and my husband's. Matt is a product of Calvary's teachings. I am so glad you were a part of my wedding. We both love you and appreciate all that you have done. I hope you have a great day!

Love,  
Megan & Matt Scritchfield

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We are so thankful to the Lord for you both. Thank you for all the years of giving and caring. Thank you for helping me and my family all these years. We will miss your preaching.

Love in Christ,

Sue Helms

Dear Pastor Baker,

Thank you so much for being such a great man of God. Thank you for your Christian love. Even though we've only been here a couple of years now, we appreciate all you have done for us. We will miss your being in the pulpit, but look forward to having Pastor Broyhill as our new pastor. He has already helped us.

Love in Christ,  
Jerry & Janet Griffin

Dear Pastor Baker,

I'll never forget the day you said to me "sister you are important, too!" That was the weekend Sam Thacker died and I had a marriage meeting with you and Diane. I knew your meetings with Sam's family were more important . . . but you made me feel so special as a young Christian. I knew that you were sincere and, yes, I am important.

Thank you! "We love you!"  
Karen & Dorsey Kemp

Preacher Baker,

Thank you for being the Pastor God intended you to be. Thank you for Always, Always standing behind me through a lot of hard times in my life. If not for you and Diane, (Diane especially), I would have never gotten saved. Thank you so much. I know I have failed you many times as a church member. "Please forgive me", as I have also asked God daily to forgive my failures. Thank you and Diane so much for your many years of service and thank you for the blessing you have been for me. I love you "Preacher" and I love Diane so much!

On bended knee always,  
Love Lorraine "Jakovec"

Pastor Baker,

Your sermons have brought me back to church.

Thank you,  
Leslie Saunders

Pastor Baker,

What a blessing it has been to sit under your preaching the past eight years. Words cannot explain the difference it has made in my life. Thank you for the confidence you showed in me as we started the Discovery Bible Class. God has used this class to change the lives of many and for that I am grateful.

In His Service,  
Kerry Sheppard

Dear Pastor Baker,

God bless you for 32 years of service to the Lord. During the nine years that we have been here, we have learned so much from your teaching and preaching.

Thank you for never wavering from the truth and standing firm in the Lord.

We will miss so much your smiling face from the pulpit. We love Pastor Kevin, but you cannot be replaced. There will never be another you,

Love in Christ,  
Jim, Sherry and Samuel Duncan

Pastor Baker,

I want to thank you for all of your love and care for my family over the past nine years. Because of your love and wisdom and knowledge of God's Word, you helped us at a time in our Christian lives when we needed some answers. We are so thankful that God led us to Calvary Baptist Church. We will miss you as our Pastor, but you will always remain special to us. We look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for you.

O, know it will be a blessing to many, whatever it may be. WE love you and appreciate you very much.

Felicia Palmer and Family

II Corinthians 5:17

Pastor Baker & Diane,

We just want to let you know how much we appreciate the many years of faithful service you have given to the Lord and Calvary Baptist Church. The knowledge and support we have gained from your messages are immeasurable.

Diane, we know that you have given up so much time so that the Pastor could spend time with members in need, because of troubled homes, sickness or death. We wish you the very best in your retirement.

Love in Christ,  
Barry & Carolyn Fulk

Pastor Baker,

Thank you for your love. You are the first Pastor that has made me feel comfortable. I guess it is because you have been where I came from in sin.

Charles Smith

The first time I walked through the front door, I felt the Lord's Spirit present. You demonstrate the love and compassion for His people in your everyday walk. I've enjoyed having you as my pastor and my friend. Thanks for your prayers.

Marsha Smith

Pastor & Mrs. Baker,

It was such a joy when you visited our home. We both thank you for being such special people. I was looking and I found a Bible preaching Pastor that preaches from the Bible and tells it like it is. Bless you both. We love you in Christ.

Jesse & Alinda Owens  
Matthew 5 - 8

Pastor Baker and Diane,

How many years has it been since we first met?? Rod was playing basketball for Calvary and Chris was playing for Cedar Forest when we met you both. Ya'll were very friendly and gracious to us. We have always thought that you were such a good man of God and Diane was always very friendly to us.

Over the years we would see ya'll and we even visited Calvary on several occasions and even considered coming to Calvary in the 90's. You will never know how much it meant to us when you and Diane came to visit us that first time. As you know, we felt it wasn't God's will then but in December 2000 God showed us that this is the place we should be and I guess you would say the rest is history!!!!

We have so enjoyed being under the ministry here at Calvary and we are sad to see you step down as our Pastor. We know that you and Diane will still be here but in a different position. We know God has great things in store for us all. We look forward to worshipping with you as fellow church members.

We love you both and if you ever need us, we are just a phone call away. May God richly bless you both as you enter Phase II of your ministry.

Love,

Mary and Jerry Handy

TO MR. & MRS. BAKER,

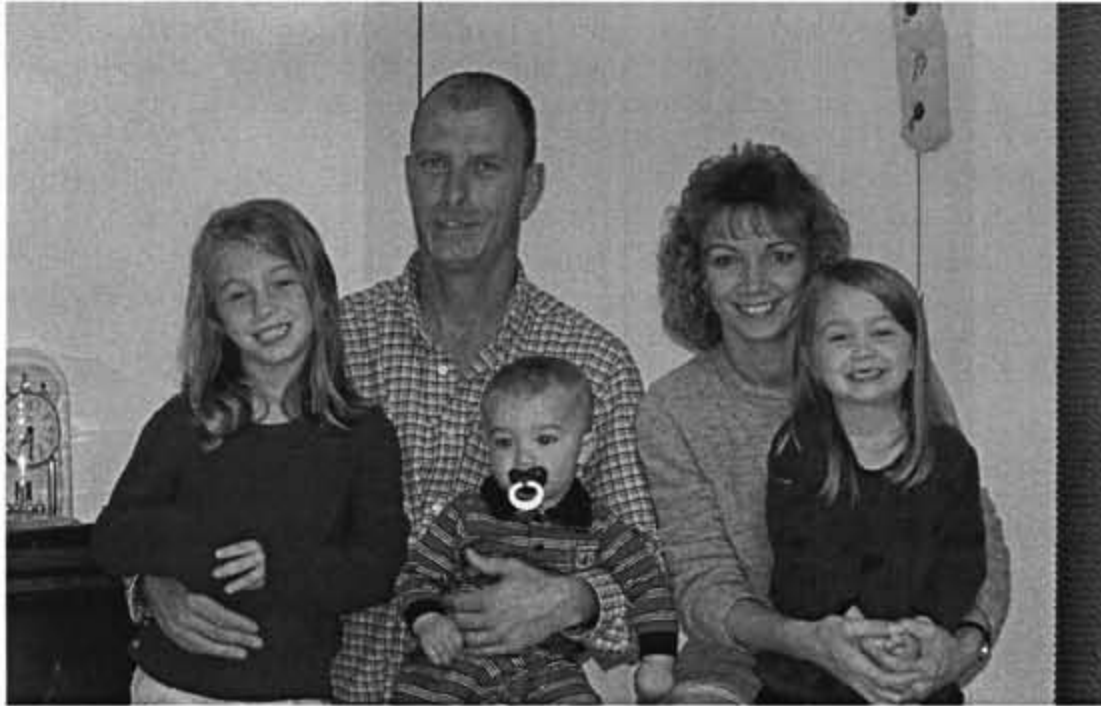
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE MANY LONG, HARD YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. THROUGH THESE YEARS YOU HAVE SHOWN US MORE LOVE AND KINDNESS THAN WE WOULD HAVE EVER DESERVED.

AS A RESULT OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, I (SUSAN) WAS SAVED DURING SPRING REVIVAL 1999 WITH TOM FARRELL PREACHING. ALLISON WAS BORN OCT. 2000.

THEN, AFTER MUCH PRAYER, DARRIN WAS SAVED DURING SPRING REVIVAL 2003 WITH TOM FARRELL ALSO. HOLLIE WAS BORN DEC. 2003. THEN LAST, (WE HOPE) LEVI WAS BORN FEB. 2007.

DARRIN AND I HAVE A WONDERFUL FAMILY TO BE THANKFUL FOR, ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFUL DEDICATION TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

THANKS SO MUCH! LOVE & PRAYERS FROM THE YOUNTZ'S



February 6, 2008

Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker,

Our years at Calvary Baptist Church have been such a blessing to us. We cannot put into words how much it has meant to us. Our church family is very special and it is because they have had excellent leadership. The atmosphere and spirituality of a church is determined by the pastor, and we could tell from the first time we visited that the people love you very much.

New members are welcomed, loved, and encouraged to become involved. Every aspect of the Christian life is addressed, from salvation to service; love for our brethren, tithes and offerings. Training is provided for how to use our gifts and abilities to serve God, whether it be witnessing or serving in the church. The Christian school and the college - another far reaching ministry. Your love as an under-shepherd is obvious, and everyone is important to you, no matter what their circumstances. Your ministry has affected so many people, and only eternity will tell what you have accomplished in your 32 years here.

Thank you for letting Barbara work as a part of the office staff. She enjoys serving the Lord in this capacity, being about His business on a daily basis.

Thank you both for being willing to serve God with your whole hearts. We know it has been at great sacrifice. May God continue to richly bless you in the years ahead. We pray for your health and strength, as well as your continued influence and effectiveness in the Lord's work.

May you have God's riches blessings upon your life.

Russell & Barbara Danley

Dear Pastor Baker,

January 2008

When we were asked to write a note or letter to put in a book for your retirement, we really had mixed feelings. On the one hand we know that no one has more spiritual insight than you, we couldn't help but wish you weren't stepping down. After all you have been our pastor through all the major events of our lives. You were there for Janice when she was young and had no father figure of her own in her life. You really helped us when we decided to get married even though you really didn't think it was the best thing at the time. Thanks for standing by us. We have been married for 21 years now and we credit some of that early teaching in your young married class for having such a good foundation. Your steadfast teaching about marriage and child rearing had a permanent effect on our family. Throughout our lives we've had several people we have regarded as our personal heroes of the faith. People such as Steve Robertson, Ron Reily, Dr. Curtis Hutson, Harold Vaughn, and Michael Mabe, have all made a great impression on our lives, but no one could rival the vast impact of your diligent faithfulness, and constant hard work has had on our family. You are a true example of a steadfast Christian man, unwavering in his beliefs. We want to thank you for that example not only to Janice and myself, but also to our children.

Thanks for always being there when we have had any bad times in our families. We could always count on your support through any problem or tragedy that might arise. We will still look up to you as you move into this new phase of your life. It will be difficult to transfer a lifetime of respect and love to Brother Kevin, but we will give him the opportunity to earn it as you have. We are sure you will still be a great example of a Christian in retirement, well maybe **refirement**, since you don't like that word.

In conclusion, we all will miss your preaching and teaching, but most of all; we will miss having you as our pastor, the best Pastor ever! Thanks for all the fond memories. We all love you and will always remember you in our prayers.

Very respectfully yours,  
Gray & Janice Fansler and family

Dear Pastor Baker,

January, 2008

Time can only tell the magnitude of your 32 year ministry. Its impact has meant so much to me and my family. I could fill up a book with the things you have done, not only for me and my family, but the entire church. You have been a true leader and one that I have looked up to and have respected as long as I have been old enough to understand what a pastor really means to his church.

This short letter is written to say one main thing-how much I appreciate you and how I have learned so much from your preaching. I was saved under your preaching and under your leadership I have learned the values and beliefs that I will need to get through life and raise godly children of my own, with Gods help, of course. I said all that to say, you will be missed, but never forgotten; besides a man with much power and influence, can never be forgotten. I will pray for you and I am thankful that you were my pastor most of my young life.

Respectfully yours,  
Jeff Fansler

Dear Pastor Baker

January, 2008

Thank you so much for being my pastor for the past eleven years. I appreciate everything you've done for me. I accepted Jesus on February 9, 2005. As a result of that, you baptized me. I will always remember that. Even though it is the Lords will for you to retire, I want you to know that I will miss you and will pray for you every day. Thanks again.

Respectful yours,  
Jennifer Fansler



Dear Pastor Baker,

Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate you, I may not express my gratitude often but I do love and thank God for you always. I know that it was the hand of God that led me to Calvary Baptist Church back in 1980.

You are an inspiration to me because you live what you preach and teach, and have a love and burden for your people. I thank God for you and your family.

I pray that God will continue to strengthen and bless you, as you are such a blessing to others.

Thank you for being the man of God that he has desired you to be.....

I know that Danny and my children, thou not in church like I would desire them to be, have such love and respect for you.

I always pray for you and your family.

Love your sister in Christ,

Rita Crowder

Dear Pastor Baker,

We have been truly blessed by the ministry here at Calvary Baptist Church. Your compassion and love has brought our church to the place we are today. You'll never know how many times you have touched our lives through your sermons and have helped us in so many ways. There is so much that could be said but we will say thank you for loving and caring for our church. Thank you for everything that you and your wife have done for us as a family. Your sacrifice has not gone unnoticed and God I am sure is well pleased with what you have done through and for Him. Although you will be missed deeply as our pastor, we look forward to continue serving the Lord along beside you. We will continually keep you in our prayers as God leads and directs you. May God bless you and keep you close always.

Love in Christ,  
Jamie and Sherry Cooper  
Megan, Kayleigh, Ashlyn, &  
Lindsay

Dear Pastor Baker,

Throughout your ministry with Calvary Baptist Church, you have been an inspiration to me and my family. It is hard to see such a good man with a such a heart for the Lord and His people step down, but we know that you are doing the Lord's will and things will work out. Through your 32 year ministry hear at Calvary you have influenced the life of so many including mine. Just like so many others I was saved under your preaching, so I thank you for your hard work and determination to reach the lost. I will miss your leadership and preaching, but mostly I will miss you being my pastor. I will keep you in my prayers always, and I will never forget what you mean to me and my family.

Respectfully yours,  
Jonathan Fansler

January 2008

**Remembering and Meditating on a life under the influence of Preacher Baker  
A MAN OF PRAYER**

One of the first things I remember is on a Sunday night, you preached and it hit the mark with me. (this was a trial message) Clyde Moorefield was a deacon then. When he came out of the church, Don Myers and myself told that we believe Roger Baker was God sent. I would like to have him for a Pastor.

I remember your prayer life, "Thank God for a praying preacher"  
The church was having a get together at Rachel Aman's house. We played ball, ate BBQ and that night while others were in the house, YOU, Preacher Baker and myself was in the corn field praying.

Don Myers and me had taken over the Bus Ministry. One Saturday we stopped by your house and it was not long before we were in the basement praying.

Saturday night prayer meeting was something special in the Old Truck Stop (and throughout the life of the Church). I remember the nursery on some Saturday nights, cold air coming through the windows with 2 or 3 electric heaters going; **GOD BLESSED**.  
I remembered an all night prayer meetings in the Old Truck Stop Church (the first and only one I have ever been in), we started out praying, all the men, and this went on all night. Men would come in from work and start right into praying. God always blesses a broken heart. ("men ought always to pray and not to faint")

Once we needed dirt to fill in the back of the church lot. There was a large pile in the City of King. The man who owned it wanted a lot. We prayed and got it for *nothing*. Some one even let us borrow his truck to haul it back to the church lot. Gray Fansler Brothers let us use one truck and a loader. Gray was a great blessing. **Prayer wins again**. God said He would supply all our needs.

"YOU HAVE NOT BECAUSE YOU ASK NOT."

God let us start a school, (born out of prayer) behind the church. We had a large piece of land but it needed to be leveled off. It would take a lot of equipment to move the dirt and build the gym. **It was time to pray!** On Saturday nights you would find the preacher and the men up on the hill praying. God supplied the need once again. Gray Fansler was used of God again (because of prayer) to supply the need according to His riches in glory.

"YOU HAVE NOT BECAUSE YOU ASK NOT."

We use to go on Saturday nights in the van and park in front of a visitor or loved one's house and pray for their salvation.

"CALVARY BAPTIST HAD A "PRAYING PREACHER"

I use to fear for the preacher that some worldly attraction, sports, golf, fishing etc would take him from his treasure. (souls and prayer)

Sometimes friends, preacher buddies and other things can take the mind from God, preaching the Gospel. I use to want him to hear Dr. John R. Rice, Jack Hyles, men that preached in the Southwide or Sword of the Lord conference. He attended a lot of them.

I remember when we were trying to buy the old Ingle's building. Preacher would go over on Saturdays and get a milk container, sit down and pray that God's will would be that we could buy the building.

"PRAY ANSWERED AGAIN"

Wednesday night, January 16, 2008, Jan made the statement that Preacher had been her pastor for over half of her life. She hated to give him up. He has been a great influence on my life and my family.

"WE ALL CALL HIM "PREACHER", never Roger.

Submitted by: John Walker Vernon

JANUARY 17, 2008

DEAR PASTOR AND DIANE:

FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME, WE NEVER DREAMED THAT WE WOULD FIND SUCH A LOVING CHURCH AS WE HAVE FOUND AT CALVARY. FROM THE PRECIOUS CHILDREN, THE CHOIR, THE SPECIAL SINGERS, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, THE WONDERFUL OFFICE STAFF, AND MOST OF ALL A GODLY, SPIRIT FILLED PASTOR AND LOVELY WIFE. WE HAVE BEEN SO HAPPY AND BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY.

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SUCH A LOVE AND COMPASSION THAT WE HAVE NEVER SEEN IN ANY OTHER CHURCH. AND PASTOR, HOW GOD HAS USED YOU TO PREACH HIS WORD TO REACH AND BLESS US IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION. ALTHOUGH YOU ONLY PREACH ABOUT 20 OR 25 MINUTES, IT SEEMS TO BE ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE YOU FINISH. GOD HAS CERTAINLY LAID HIS HAND ON YOU. JAMES HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR SERMON, IT SEEMS TO BE SUCH A SHORT TIME SINCE YOU BEGAN BECAUSE YOU KEEP OUR ATTENTION, TEACH AND BLESS US FROM GOD'S WORD. THANK YOU PASTOR, FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR LORD AND YOUR COMPASSION FOR HIS PEOPLE. WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOUR PREACHING MORE THAN WE CAN SAY.

I HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN THERE IS A GODLY CHRISTIAN WIFE TO HOLD UP HIS HANDS AND PRAY FOR HIM. DIANE CERTAINLY FILLS THAT DESCRIPTION. SHE IS A LOVELY PERSON INSIDE AND OUT. WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE HER VERY MUCH.

WE'RE NOT SURE THAT WE CAN STOP CALLING YOU PASTOR BECAUSE YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR PASTOR.

THERE IS ONE THING YOU CAN DEPEND ON AND THAT IS OUR PRAYERS FOR YOU. EPHESIANS 1:16 WILL BE OUR PROMISE TO YOU AND DIANE.

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH. MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH ALL MERCIES AND BLESSINGS NOW AND FOREVER MORE.

LOVE IN CHRIST

JAMES AND SHELBY CAUDLE

Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

There has been many times you have impacted our lives over the years. Just in mentioning a few, you were there for us when we first came to Calvary and was facing some personal decisions. You were there for us in guiding our son, Mike, during college, while we were still in New York. You were there for us when our family went to Paraguay as missionaries.

Also Mrs. Baker, you have been a wonderful example of a Pastor's Wife. We'll never forget when you gave testimony of totally giving Pastor Baker to the Lord and the Lord's Service after attending a Women's Prayer Advance. It touched our hearts.

We have been so blessed to have you folks as our Pastor and Pastor's Wife. God continue to bless you both as you serve our Lord here at Calvary.

Love in Christ,

Roger and Connie Thompson

Dear Pastor Baker,

We will always appreciate the support you gave us when Isaac and Daniel were sick. Hundreds of people prayed because you took the latest news from the hospital room to the pulpit. For our family, your greatest moments as a pastor were the times you prayed with us while the babies had surgery, comforted us after the doctors delivered bad news, and rejoiced with us when their health finally began to improve.

We know that we aren't alone in having such family crises, and can only imagine the hundreds of lives you must have touched in this way. Thank you for helping us through our difficult moments.

Love,

Jason, Mercy, Isaac, and Daniel Rock



January 22, 2008

Pastor Baker,

I remember the excitement and realization of responsibility when our four children were given to us by our Lord. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for being there to share in those precious gifts from God, and offer guidance.

I remember when you sat in our home and we discussed the Scriptures of why Jesus told some people that he had helped not to tell anyone about it. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for taking our questions about the Bible, and considering them before you answered.

I remember the night that Karen was sick and in the hospital, and after your visit with us you and I walked out into the parking lot together, and under the stars you took our petition to God asking that he would intervene and heal. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for intercessory prayer for my family.

I remember in a deacon's meeting when we were discussing the people and ministries of our church, that you spoke with a sharpness and afterwards came to me and apologized for the way you had stated your remarks. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for your humility and willingness to be controlled by the Spirit of God.

I remember standing by your bedside in the hospital when cancer was an issue, and ending the visit with prayer for our gracious Lord to see fit to heal you. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for your example of trusting God when you didn't understand or yet see the outcome of the trial.

I remember a message you preached from Luke 17:11-19 about gratitude, and later that week I stepped into your office to tell you how much God had used you to touch my heart. Thank you, Pastor Baker, for teaching and preaching the truths of the Word of God to my family through the years.

Karen and I are truly grateful that God brought us to Calvary Baptist Church to be led, fed, and loved by a pastor such as you.

Mike Yarbrough

*Mike Yarbrough*

Colossians 3:17

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

It has truly been a blessing to be here at Calvary these almost 8 years. You two have no doubt poured your lives into us preacher boys and we as church members alike. I say with utmost gratitude and appreciation a BIG hardy THANK YOU for so many years of faithful service to our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST! For had it not been for the time you all spent with Pastor Pinson (Mike at the time) -- only the Lord would know that years later in 1998, we would need a Pastor in Dettlebach, Germany and there was a lighthouse called Faith Baptist Church.

What a blessing it has been. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE!

Thank You So Much!

The Barger's  
Larry, Melissa,  
Destiny, Brianna, Ashley  
& Shianne

Pastor Baker,

Congratulations on your retirement as senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Thanks is an insufficient word for your many years of service, commitment, diligence and sacrifice. The membership of Calvary Baptist Church have been blessed of God by your Christ honoring tenure as our Pastor.

On a personal level, it has been a blessing to be under your sound, biblical preaching and your practical teaching for the past twenty and one-half years. It has been an honor to serve our Lord and this Church with you in various capacities during those years. Also, thanks for the contribution of a fine son-in law.

May God continue to bless and watch over you and Mrs. Baker as you continue in ministry and direct your steps to the honor of Christ.

Terry & Cheryl Howard

**Dear Pastor Baker,**

A few years ago, I spoke to you in the privacy of your office about a subject of personal importance to me. During that conversation, you had a telephone call from a member of your family. Before answering the call, you told me that you always took calls from your family, because your family is your "priority."

My opinion of you as a man, and as a Christian, sky-rocketed at that moment.

You have a great legacy in Calvary Baptist Church, and College. Both of these institutions have thrived under your leadership. You also have had the foresight to understand that "success is not successful without a successor." The ministries at Calvary have been blessed to have a long-term thinker, like yourself, at the helm.

However, the greatest legacy that you have is not to be found within the four walls of the church you pastor, or the school over which you will preside. The greatest legacy that you have is your family - your wife, children, and grandchildren. I applaud you because you already know this to be true.

What an example of a man having his priorities in the right place!! May your example shine for decades to come.

God bless you, brother. Take care of yourself.

I am your friend,

Jeff Baity  
WPIP Christian Radio  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Jan. 11, 2008

Dear Pastor Baker:

Having been a member of this church for a lot of years, I can remember when we were searching for a new pastor. While I did have some concern relative to your age, there was no doubt in my mind that you could fulfill the call of the Lord to this church. The fact that you worked with the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission was very influential in helping me to determine that you would make a good pastor. Anyone who could give himself to a ministry such as the rescue mission, and do it as well as you had done, certainly had the heart, and the mindset, to be a pastor of a church.

With that said, I want to say "thank you," to the Lord, and to you for the many years that you've given to this ministry. You have given much to us, the people of Calvary Baptist Church. Your display of compassion, love, concern, and care have been a constant testimony of God's grace and blessing. I've seen you travel through difficult circumstances, and the trying moments of a ministry such as this is. You've given much to many, and that, in itself is a crowning achievement. While I realize that each of us are but "sinners, saved by grace," and merely men living in this world, I also realize that God has blessed and used you in many, many ways here at Calvary.

I applaud the fact that you chose to stay all of these years, and minister in this place. In this world, there are far too many pastors who move from church to church, never settling down in any one place. I admire anyone who serves the Lord faithfully, and doesn't leave if problems arise, or things seem difficult. Your testimony as a pastor, a friend, and a man have been a blessing to me (and I'm sure to countless others).

I'm grateful to your wife for be the constant companion, friend, and help that she (obviously) has been. I know very well how important a wife's love, care, and support are to one's ministry. Many times, when something has gone awry, it has been my wife who helped me bear the burden of it; and often wept with me, when I had to weep over some situation. Your wife is to be congratulated for being the wife that the Lord intended her to be, remaining faithful to you, and to the Lord.

Suffice it all to say, "Thank you," for the sharing of your life with me, my wife, and all of us who call Calvary Baptist Church our home church. May God richly bless you, and your wife, in whatever you do in life

Most sincerely,  
Bob Lambertus (and Karen)

## Happy 32nd Anniversary

With my move from the King area, I am now an inactive member of Calvary Baptist, but I can truly say that Pastor Baker was a great influence on my life. Pastor Baker speaks with great enthusiasm on the word of God. He is a God-fearing pastor, preaching the word of God from the King James Bible, and deeply expressing with total faith in every word. He relays every word to the people from his heart and soul. My heart was touched and my mind was taught with every inspiring service.

With the passing of my Mother on December 24, 2007, I deeply remember the messages delivered by Pastor Baker concerning the love of our parents. These messages have been a tremendous help to me during my time of grief. I have been able to handle the circumstances with a stronger faith with each passing day. Thank you Pastor Baker!

While attending Calvary Baptist, I worked several Sundays in the nursery with Mrs. Baker. I truly enjoyed the fellowship with Mrs. Baker and caring for the wonderful little ones. She was always such a loving woman with the workers and little ones.

It certainly was an honor through Jesus Christ to have known Pastor Baker and his wife.

Sister in Christ  
Shelby J Miller

Dear Pastor Baker,

Although we have not been members at Calvary Baptist Church very long, I want to thank you for the impact that you have had on my life and ministry. You have been a great example and influence on me since I began Bible College back in 1994. You have taught me not only the Bible but also prepared me for the ministry. Also I appreciate the great example that you have shown on how to balance family and ministry. I appreciate everything that you and your family have done for us. My family and I count it a great joy and honor to be sent out of Calvary Baptist Church. Congratulations on your anniversary. It is a remarkable achievement and God has used you greatly. I know that God is going to continue to use you and your family. Thank you again for everything that you have done for us.

Sincerely,  
Greg, Tracey, Ashley, Jonathan, and Jeremy Anderson

Pastor Baker

We have been blessed by having you for our pastor since 1991. We remember in 1995 when we had a wreck and you were there for us. And then in 2000 when Tony's Dad and Mom both passed away in less than a month and we needed you, you were always there for us. It meant so much to us. You have always been 'THE BEST PREACHER IN THE WORLD'. You and Mrs. Baker will always have a special place in our hearts and will always be in our prayers. We love you!

Love in Christ  
Tony and Carol Chipman

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We want to thank you for thirty-two years of faithful ministry to our church. Under your preaching, guidance and the love you have had for our family we have seen our two children saved, and we have all grown in knowledge of God's Word and our love and service for the Lord. Thank you, Pastor, for allowing me to teach in our school. It is truly a privilege and I don't take it for granted. Thank you for allowing Larry to head up the jail ministry and to serve there. You were both there for us when Larry had his accident several years ago with words of comfort and guidance. Thank you for your support. You have taught us and encouraged us to grow in our Christian walk. We are so thankful for the faithfulness of you both. There is no other church in the world to which we'd rather belong. We love you both and pray you will enjoy your retirement. You will continue to be in our daily prayers.

Love in Christ,  
Larry and Ruthann Reeves

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We are very grateful that the Lord brought us to Calvary Baptist Church almost nine years ago. The love of the people drew us in and we quickly found that they reflected the love of the Lord Jesus which you had so faithfully preached and shown to them. Your emphasis on the need for the people of God to love others as Christ so loved made a lasting impact on our hearts.

This emphasis continues even today and is the reason many are attracted to Calvary Baptist Church. This love then motivates us to serve in the many avenues of ministry that you have established and provides for ample opportunities to use the spiritual gifts that God has put upon his people for the work before them. Your encouragement and side by side labor with your people have often renewed the discouraged and put fresh wood on the fire of service.

Thank you for your love so practically and clearly shown all these years. May God continue to make you fruitful in the years ahead that He gives you.

With Love in Christ,  
Don & Alice Kindstedt

P.S. We're VERY thankful that you'll still be with us at Calvary, and we look forward to hearing your preaching once in a while. Don't do ALL your preaching at other churches!!

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We would like to congratulate both of you on your many years of faithfulness to the Lord and to our church family. It has been such a blessing to be part of this ministry over the years, as we have been at Calvary for 30 years ourselves. I can remember Mark sitting with Mrs. Baker up front and looking over the back of the bench. He and Lori, Kristy Fry, Luke Belton, and Matt Mabe were the Big 2&3 Sunday School class!

Hope you will get to take it a little easier when you retire, but if I know the Pastor, He's going to be busy as ever. Mrs. Baker will have to plan some trips to get you to relax a little. And watch out those grandkids will find lots for you to do. Usually it will be fun but tiring. You'll have to learn to take afternoon naps and let the phone go to voicemail. People will find lots for you to do since you will have "so much time on your hands."

Well it's going to be different, but life is all about change and bringing Mr. Broyhill in early was really a good idea for a smooth transition. He's such an asset and I believe he will be a good Pastor. He and Mrs. Broyhill have already been a real blessing to our church.

Pastor and Mrs. Baker, Thank you for all you have done and sacrificed over the years and we're so glad to hear you will continue to serve at Calvary.

Love in Christ, Dale & Gale Richardson

Dear Friends,

Thirty two years and going strong for our Lord. What a blessing and challenge this is to our hearts. It has been a joy to be a part of your mission team. Over the years that we have known you, we have used your ministry as an example to young churches across America of how to be warm and friendly. The warmth and freindliness shown by your church family to visitors is unique.

Beverly and I appreciate so very much the warm hospitality that we feel when ever we are able to be in the area and to visit the services. We are thankful for the vision you have had as you have seen Calvary grow and prosper and to have the vision to purchase your property to redesign into a church and college.

We praise the Lord for your vision in starting the Spanish church as well.

May God continue to bless both of you as you serve the Lord and continue to grant you many, many years of service together.

We love you and pray for you on a regular basis.

Brother & Sister Loren Steven  
Baptist Church Planting Ministry.

Dear Pastor Kevin Broyhill,

I praise the Lord, and I am very thankful to God and to your church for giving me this very opportunity to share my gratitude and testimony on your 32nd year anniversary celebration especially for Pastor and Mrs. Baker Roger Baker's sacrificial service in your church.

It is indeed seldom for a couple to minister a church in long term service. I admire Pastor and his wife for their service because I personally witnessed that they are really loved and respected by the church members. They have been also a blessing to me and to the ministry of our Lord here in Cambodia. My family and I are honored to say that this couple really deserves this special celebration.

My family and I on behalf of Independent Baptist Church - Kampong Chhnang Cambodia are expressing our fervent thanks and appreciation from the bottom of our hearts to Pastor and Mrs. Roger Baker. We believe that not only you support us in good times but also you stand with us as well in bad times through prayers. I hope you understand how important your work and dedication mean to us. The help you provided enabled us to lead more souls to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be forever grateful for your continues support and prayers.

May the Lord continue to bless and use you, your wife, your whole family, and your good people more mightily and more powerfully in His vineyard.

Happy 32nd year celebration of sacrificial service to Calvary Baptist Church!!!

In Christ Jesus,

Bro. I.D. Antonio, Sr.  
Jer. 29:11, 13

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

When we think of you and your family, immediately, a passage of scripture comes to mind: Gen. 18:19 "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon abraham that which he hath spoken of him."  
Thank you for well over 30 years of friendship, fellowship, and being a fellow labourer. I still remember those early days of friendship at Piedmont Bible College. The fact that we were, both, Eastern North Carolina boys, farm boys, our hearts were knit together quickly.

Then Norma and I met your family, what a blessing!!  
My wife and your wife became good friends. sharing the same convictions on family, standards and the wife's place in the ministry.  
I know we have not been able to spend a lot of time together, due to our different fields of service.

Norma and I want you and your wife to know, that you dear folk have been a Godly example for us. You have shown that Biblical convictions, and standards, and music, and polity can build a great ministry for our Lord. We know that the Lord builds the work, but we, also, know that He must have a surrendered man and woman to work through.

May our Lord give you, both, many more years of service. I know growing older is not "an easy road", but it is the "road that leads home".  
Our best and the Lord's best to you, your wife, your children, and grandchildren.

We Love you and cherish your friendship,  
Dalton & Norma Heath John 3:30 & Col. 1:18b

Dear Pastor Baker,

My wife and I want to congratulate you on your 32 years of service at Calvary Baptist Church for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It has been an honor and privilege knowing you and being a partner with you and the church in the World Wide Missions effort for the cause of Christ. We appreciate your support and prayers for the ministry over the last seventeen years.

It is an honor to know a man who has not compromised his beliefs and continues to stand upon the King James Bible as the authority of God.

May God continue to richly bless you as you serve Him.  
Your Missionaries

Bob And Kathy Cook,  
MBC World Missions, Madison Alabama.  
Church Planting Ministry USA

Dear Pr. and Mrs. Baker,

Thank you for being an example and testimony to us. In our years of knowing you, Pr. Baker, we have come to greatly appreciate your initiative, hard work, and good attitude. Your genuine interest in missions is apparent in your heart for people around the world. Be assured that your ministry of 32 years has resulted in good fruit which has reached around the world and we earnestly desire God's blessing upon you and your family as you continue to serve in His harvest.

Sincerely,  
Terry and Wendy Broyles and family  
Missionaries in Jundiai, Brazil

Pastor Baker & Mrs. Baker,

It's so hard to put into words what you mean to me and I know our church feels the same way. I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You so much for your dedication, your countless hours you spend working with people from our church and outside of our church. These people always have needs and most of the time you take care of those needs yourself or you know someone that can and you take care of that as well. You always get the job done, you leave no stone unturned when you make your mind up to do something, you just do it. I can appreciate that. I am so natured that way my self and you need to be that way sometimes to let people know you are there for them.

Most of all for supporting my sister, Louise and my Brother-in-law, Randall during his sickness, and for praying for them and having the church continually praying for them. I Know my sister and Randall would not have survived some of the trials they went through without their prayers being answered. So Thank you for leading our church into prayer every week for Louise and Randall and the church is still praying! I can't tell you how much that means to me when I hear Randall's name called out on the Prayer list. You have seen him and how sick he really is others have not, we both know he needs our prayers and Louise does too her heart is broken and she misses her husband so much, so thank you for all that you do for them. Thank you, Thank you, from my entire family....

Pastor for me what really means the most to me, is the day you showed up on my wedding day! I could not have me more proud as to say you were my Pastor. I was so happy that you thought enough of Bobby and I that you took time out of your busy schedule to come to our wedding. I really felt blessed that day.... You could not have done anything more to please me. Thank you for putting smiles on my face.

We love you and Mrs Baker and I am here for you as well and I wish you all the best on your Anniversary with that I want to say.

HAPPY 32nd ANNIVERSARY !!

Fondly,  
Debra Noffsinger



Dear Pastor Baker and Diane,

I want to take this opportunity to first of all thank you for all you have been and done for our family. When we first came to Calvary, back in 1982, we found exactly when we were needing as a young couple. Cindy was needing a job which you so graciously provided and we both were needing much guidance, which we received. We were seeking the Lord's will for our lives and through your good preaching and time spent counseling us, God began to make His calling clear. I remember preaching my first message at Calvary, which I believe was about ten minutes long. Now my daughter says I preach too long.

Pastor and Diane, you have always been there for us and have always given us a warm welcome at Calvary. You have personally been a great source of encouragement throughout the years that we have been in Africa and Brazil. I believe you are the best home church Pastor any missionary could have. I want to thank you and Diane for your love, prayers, and concern for our family over these years. Your faithfulness has made a great impact on our lives, as you have served faithfully and stayed true to God and His Word. What more can I say except that you and Diane are great people and deserve to be honored.

We love you dearly and thank you,

Eric and Cindy Baker and family

Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We would like to thank you for giving your lives to the Lord and to Calvary Baptist Church. We are so thankful that Calvary was there for us! As you know, God used a man in your bible college to reach us for Christ. When we moved to King, we didn't realize that God had plans to save us and give us a church family. We were on the verge of divorce, so God's timing was perfect, as He saved our souls and our family! What a God we have. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for the many years of your lives that you have poured into Calvary Baptist Church. We are aware of the many sacrifices, countless hours, prayers and love that you both have given to God's work over the past 32 years. It is a thrill to know that you will still be here. It would be very sad indeed if you were leaving Calvary. Thank you for your vision, hard work, compassion and love for God and your church. Mrs. Baker, thank you for being an example of a Christian wife who loves her husband, takes care of him and puts him first above her own needs. We love you both.

In Christian Love,

David and Leanne Gay

Dear Brother Roger Baker,

Your leadership, fellowship, and friendship through these many years has made me a wiser Pastor, a better Servant, and a stronger Christian.

The ministry of Calvary Baptist Church is a testimony to your faithfulness of what God can do with one man who will make up the hedge and stand in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30).

There was a man sent from God whose name was "Roger" who had a heart for training men of God to preach the Word of God, in America as well as the rest of the world (II Timothy 2:2).

Brother Baker, you have been a "Paul" to a lot of "Timothy's" who are teaching others also.

Your Friend,  
Brother Bob Ferguson (Proverbs 17:17)

Pastor Baker,

I've really enjoyed having you as my pastor when I was younger and these past couple of years. I'll definitely miss you as my pastor. I really appreciate your guidance and help these past couple of years and I'm glad to hear that your staying at Calvary.

Love in Christ, Jon

Dear Pastor Baker, (that's Baker with one k)

All I can think of is how happy husband John was when he met you once again when we came to live here about 1978?? We soon met your lovely family and invited you to Spaghetti Supper at our home. We visited your church and fell in love with the people and the good messages, etc. We were in your home for food and fellowship and valued the life you lived. As I recall~ You held the distinction of being "the best preacher I had ever heard"...Do you remember that???

But, when we came back from Florida and "retired"-John was again thrilled at seeing you and came home telling me your plans...and needs. Later, after you met for lunch and he heard more~ I urged him to consider "helping you out" at your school as that was what you NEEDED and what he had been successful in. Those were some of the most difficult years for you both, but much came of it.

Then, the GROCERY STORE event and all the good men he loved at the Bible College...it just went on and on. He loved the fellows and the work. One day we will know why John was taken, although I see much has come to pass through it and ~God always uses the death of His saints. I am so pleased at the Dr. John Berry Scholarship foundation and what it is doing in some young men's lives. It reminds me "and their works do follow them"...Perhaps John will know this someday.

Thank you for all you have done for our family- especially to honor John in his last years having such a big part there in the work of the new facility. And, I think now of the lovely funeral service held there in which he and his Lord were honored. Thank you for that! And, those precious pall bearers showing their love for Dr. Berry is etched in our memory. He also loved and honored you in every way. I admire both you and Diane for your commitment and sacrifice which is required of God's true servants. What a time we will have one of these days when we all get to heaven enjoying all the splendors of our Great God!!!!

Praise God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN!

In Christ, our Blessed Saviour,  
Ann BERRY Hardee  
January 27, 2008

Dear Pastor Baker,

As Nikki and I reflect on the last 18 years of knowing you and being in Calvary Baptist Church and how we have come to love you not only as our Pastor but also as a good friend. Just one of our fond memories is when you presided over our 25th anniversary wedding renewal. It is hard to believe that it has been almost 16 years since that renewal took place.

You have helped us make some hard decisions concerning our lives and those of our grandchildren. Your wisdom, faithfulness, and love toward us has been consistent and rewarding, not only in our lives but as we also see the influence on Jon's life. We praise God that Jon has dedicated his life for Jesus, his desire to be a missionary, and how he wants to glorify God in his life.

Though you will be retired from this pulpit, we thank God that you will still be a member here at Calvary. We praise God for you and Diane and hope that on occasion you will be asked to preach for us, maybe even a revival. May God continue to shower you with blessings that only he can give.

Love in Christ, Ken and Nikki Kopka

Dear Pastor Baker,

I wanted to take a moment and let you know that I will be unable to attend the special service for you on Sunday, March 16, 2008 due to our services here at Berean, but I wanted to send this note of "Thanks" to you in my absence.

I am so truly 'Thankful' for your willingness to follow the Lord's direction and to begin Calvary Baptist Bible College. Though I have never had to privilege to attend your Bible College due to physical time restraints here in this ministry, I know and am acquainted with several men who have attended and I have seen the impact that you and the Calvary Baptist Bible College have made upon them... what a blessing!

And now, my own son, Stephen, by God's wonderful Grace, is able to attend the college, which a real blessing to me! I love it when he brings home his assignments and we talk together about the papers he is going to write and the books he going to be reading! And as we talk, the fire of the calling of the Holy Spirit of God to preach His Wonderful Word is stirred and rekindled in my own heart... oh, what a blessing!

Pastor Baker, Thank-You for being found 'faithful' in a world that is not and for keeping the standards and the principles of the Word of God high!

Thank-You for being 'willing' to do what God says do in a society where so many who name the name of Christ find it a personal 'inconvenience' to do the will of God!

May God bless you, not necessarily as you 'retire' as a Pastor, but as you're- fire' as the man of God and the teacher of men that He wants you to be from this point forward in your life!

If I may ever be of assistance to you in any way, please let me know!

Your Brother and Fellow Labourer In The Work of our Lord,  
Bro. Ray Shutt  
Minister of Evangelism/Bus Director  
Berean Baptist Church  
Winston-Salem, NC, USA

Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker,

We wanted to express to you on your special 32nd anniversary celebration our sincere thanks and gratitude for your faithful service all of these years at Calvary Baptist Church. I believe we first met when I was in your missions conference in 1994. Your love for missions and missionaries was very evident as you ministered to my heart, soul, and physical needs during that conference. I could tell that you were a man of compassion and had a great burden for souls in King and around the world. My wife and I saw that same spirit in you again when we visited your church in 2002 while on furlough, and also saw it exhibited in the lives of your church family.

Thank you so much for leading your church to invest in our ministry and in eternal souls around the world. You are truly an example of what a biblical pastor and man of God ought to be and have been a great inspiration to us. May God bless you on this special day and give you the grace and strength to keep on serving Him. We love you!

Your friends in the harvest,

Mike & Wilda McCombie

Phil. 1:6

BIMI Western States Representative  
Lancaster, CA

January 31, 2008

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

I wanted to write to thank you both for your 32 years of devoted service to Calvary Baptist Church. I know that the Lord will bless and reward you for all that you have done in His name. While it is with a degree of sadness that I write this letter, I'm also grateful for having you as my first pastor and pastor's wife. The excitement I felt from my new faith I'll never forget. I have such vivid memories of my first services at the old church. Also, thank you for your support of me and your prayers for John. I wish you all the best as you move on to the next phase of your Christian service.

In Christ,  
Carolyn McDonough

Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

Congratulations on 32 years of ministry at Calvary Baptist Church! We are your missionaries headed to Togo, W. Africa and were privileged to be a part of your missions conference in November 2006. It was a joy to be at CBC and a pleasure to meet you and your sweet wife. Thirty-two years of dedicated and faithful service to our Lord is worthy of recognition, and we pray your anniversary celebration is one you will remember for a long time. We pray you will feel the heartfelt love and thankfulness of the church family on this special day. We know the Lord has used you to greatly impact the King, NC area for the cause of Christ. Calvary Baptist Church is known for their missions heart - being concerned for souls both at home and around the world to hear of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your burden for a lost world and for doing something about it. We are grateful to be a part of your missions family and are excited about how the Lord is blessing Calvary. Thank you for 32 years at Calvary,

The Huff Family  
Jon, Heidi and Abby

January 29, 2008,  
Dear Pastor Baker,

I have thought about what I wanted to say to you for the past few days and I just didn't know where to begin. First of all let me just say that I am happy for you and Mrs. Baker that you have made this decision at this time in your life. I know being a pastor is such a blessing but it means a lot of sacrifices to your wife and your family. Being the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for thirty-two years is a testimony in its self. I can truly say I have never heard anyone say a harsh word about you. I admire you for standing firm in your beliefs according to the Bible. You are a preacher but most of all you are a great teacher of God's word. I enjoy when we have other preachers come to our church but there is no one I had rather hear preach than you. You always make everyone feel welcome and that they are important to you. I have watched all the little children run to you and hug you and you hug them back. They love you so much and they know you love them. You were such a blessing to John and me during Anissa's illness and her death. We could not have gotten through it without your prayers and support. I really did appreciate also what you did when Bonnie Wheeler's husband, Dennis, was sick and dying and you went to visit him. You did not have to go because he did not go to our church but you took the time to do it and you went several times. Because of you, Dennis is in Heaven today. As long as I live I will never forget what you did for Dennis. I am sorry that I haven't been as faithful as I should have but there have been a lot of things going on in our lives that the Lord knows all about. I just hope you and Mrs. Baker find your life just a little easier as you take on a different role in the church. At least you will still be with us so it is not like we are losing you. Pastor Broyhill has some big shoes to fill but with your guidance I am sure he will do a great job. God Bless you and Mrs. Baker for all the lives you have touched.

Love and Prayers,  
Barbara Chambers

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

It has been such a privilege to get to know you and to be a part of your ministry here at Calvary. Your friendliness and kindness have made me feel welcome from the very beginning. Pastor, your sermons have often been a great encouragement to me. Mrs. Baker, it has been a blessing getting to work with you at the school. You are a wonderful example of a loving, Godly couple. Your faithfulness in serving the Lord has been an inspiration. I hope that one day my family will be as much of a blessing to others as yours has been. Thank you so much for all your many years of dedication to the Lord's work. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Love in Christ,  
Heather Wienke

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We were drawn to Calvary Baptist Church years ago because of the love we felt as we sat in the church services. It seems God uses trials and rough times to make a good pastor and a good pastor's wife. We know ministering to such a large church is very time consuming. Both of you have been a great blessing to many families. In times of sickness and death your visits have meant a lot to us, but it meant less time for your own family and less time to relax and rest for you. Thank you for being there for all of our church family. May the Lord bless you with a slower, calmer lifestyle and His peace always.

You are in our prayers,  
Jack, Earlene, and Tim Flinchum

Dear Pastor Baker,

Congratulations on your retirement! Although we rejoice over the opportunity we have had to be led by a true man of God, to be our Pastor, it saddens our heart to know we have had only a short period of time to learn from one of God's great spiritual leaders.

What has made you a special Pastor in our heart?

- ❖ You always put the congregation first. No matter what our issue is – whether significant or minor – you listen and advice with a loving and Godly heart.
- ❖ You love everyone – not only the person but most of all their soul.
- ❖ You have a heart that is greatly burdened for lost souls – it is an inspiration to all around you.
- ❖ You had the entire church praying for our salvation!
- ❖ Your sense of humor has taught us to take the truths of the Bible seriously but not ourselves.
- ❖ Your wisdom. We can't imagine any situation in which we would not trust your guidance and counsel because they would always be scripturally based.
- ❖ You are a modern day version of David - one of God's great shepherds. You have spent your life watching, protecting, and guiding the sheep at Calvary Baptist Church that God has placed in your care.
- ❖ You love Jesus! You have taught us the utmost importance of prayer and having a relationship with our Father.
- ❖ You teach the truths of His Word and are not afraid to step on our toes – even the difficult truths that we don't want to hear.

Most of all, you are special because you are our spiritual father. We will be forever grateful for that invitation not only to dine with you but to dine with the Lord for eternity. Valentine's Day will always be celebrated as our 're-birthday'. We are thankful that you chose to follow God's calling in your life so that we can follow God's calling in our lives. Our lives have been forever changed as a result of knowing you.

We look forward to having many more years of fellowship with you at Calvary Baptist in King. But most of all, we look forward to the day we all will rejoice together with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Your loving brother and sister in Christ,

Steve and Sandy FitzGerald

Dear Preacher Baker:

Hello. Congratulations on your many years of faithful service to the Lord. I am excited to hear about what God is doing there in the ministry of CBC and the college. I would like to thank you personally for your dedication to effectively teaching God's Word. The time that I spent in college there has helped me through many areas in my life. I hope God allows you many more years.

Because of Christ,  
Toby Ivey

We really appreciate the ministry Pastor Baker has had at Calvary Baptist, his testimony of faithfulness to the Lord all these years and his friendship as well. His heart for the ministry and for missions as well have been a blessing to all who have had the privilege to know him and Diane. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry in the years to come as He has in the past 32 years is our prayer.

Tom & Nancy Jessup

Pastor Baker,

Thank you so much for being such a wonderful, faithful pastor. I have learned and grown so much from your sermons since I was saved. May God bless you and Mrs. Baker for all of your hard work and sacrifice. Thank you again

In Christ,  
Carolyn McDonough

Pastor Baker,

*It has been a great honor to have had you as my Pastor for these 21 years that I have been here. Thank you for all you have done for us.*

*In Christ,  
Betty Tilley*

Pastor Baker,

We knew the first time we stepped into Calvary Baptist Church in July 2001 that there was something different about this church than the others we'd visited. There was such a sweet spirit in the church and all the folks were so warm and friendly. Your preaching has continued to speak to our hearts and change our lives from our first visit. God spoke to our hearts and we knew this was the place God wanted us to worship and serve. God has used you to work in our lives and our marriage, family & prayer lives are stronger today because of your obedience to God and your firm stand on the Word,

We just want to thank you for the stand you've taken & your unwillingness to compromise. You have been such a blessing to our family. We have nightly family devotion & prayer time as a result of your influence & instruction. Emma, our 5 year old, often "plays church" at home and talks of "Pastor Baker". You've made an impact in all our lives.

Pastor, we love you and thank you for your countless hours of service to the ministry.  
Ben, Michele, Emma Rose & Sophie Hutchens

Pastor Baker,

*I feel truly blessed for all these years that I've had you for my Pastor. I will miss your preaching, but I'm thankful and glad that you and Mrs. Baker will remain here at Calvary with us. Every sermon I've heard you preach has helped me thru out my life.*

*I thank the Lord for you both.*

*Love,  
Elesha Pettitt*

Brother Baker

*It has been a blessing to sit under your ministry. You will continue to be in my prayers as God uses you where ever he calls.*

*I thank God that you have never compromised when it come to God's Word. May you and Mrs. Baker have a blessed ministry in the years to come.*

*Always in Christ Adelaide*

Pastor Baker,

We can never put into words how much you have taught us. We could never thank you enough for leading us to the Lord. We love you and wish you & Mrs. Baker the best that life & God has to offer.

We praise God for putting you in our life.  
Paul & Brenda Everhart

Pastor Baker,

I want to thank you for always preaching the Bible. It has meant so much all these years at Calvary.

Thanks again,  
Tony & Carol Chipman

Dear Preacher Baker,

We are privileged to have known you and to have heard your preaching, even for so short a time. You have been a blessing to us in so many ways. I wish we could have found and joined Calvary Baptist Church much, much sooner. Preacher Broyhill has some very big shoes to fill but I have seen that he will be up to the task because of the path that you and God have provided & prepared.

May God Bless you and your family each and every day.  
Lynn & Gina Gregory

Pastor Baker,

Thank you for being such an awesome preacher and always being faithful to the church.

Love always,  
Helen Gross

Pastor Baker,

I thank you for everything that you have done for my family. This church has influenced us in such a positive way. Without the church I would probably not be saved.

Rebecca Wages

Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

You both mean so much to me and my family. You have been there for me during the birth of Tyler and the difficulties I had. Also I can never thank you enough for coming all the way to Sparta late at night to speak to my mother during her illness and also for coming her funeral. I'm so glad you will still be attending Calvary.

We love you both.  
Robby & Vickie Gillespie

Dear Preacher Baker,

I would like to thank you for your dedication to Calvary Baptist Church. I've been attending since 1992 and I have learned a lot! I would be a different person if it wasn't for the Lord! You have been an inspiration to me! I want to say that I have been blessed by the prayers and continued attendance at this church! I Love You and Pray that the Lord will Bless you.

F. Hendrix

Dear Pastor Baker

I want to thank you for being my pastor, for being so honest & for being so true to God's word. When I speak of you to others I am proud that I know in my heart you are a man of God. So many Pastors aren't it is as well. I appreciate the fact of respecting the Church, God and our Pastor! That is the way it should be, there is no other way. I have been to other churches and there is "NO PLACE LIKE HOME". You are a special man and our church loves you! Thank you for all you do and all you have done for us.

Fondly,  
Bob & Debra Noffsinger



Mr. & Mrs. Baker,

We are so Thankful & Blessed to have gone to Calvary for some 17 years. The very first visit and we knew that's where we would serve the Lord. Calvary is a loving, caring, praying church. Thanks for all the hard long days that the both of you have put into this ministry. We have learned greatly through your teachings. Thanks for being there for our needs. Your prayers mean everything to us and we certainly will keep both of you in ours.

Pastor, I have most all of your sermons marked in my Bible since we have been at Calvary.

God Bless  
Chuck & Betty Whitt

Pastor Baker,

*Ten years ago we started attending Calvary Baptist. To put into words what your leadership has meant to us is very difficult. When we came you accepted us as we were and wasn't afraid to show your love for us, as you do for everyone.*

*Your faithfulness to our family has been such a blessing. We thank God for you and how you've followed God and led the congregation through the way you live your life and the way you preach Gods word. We also thank God for your faithful partner, Sister Diane and how she has stood by and served God faithfully with you.*

*May god richly bless you as you continue to serve Him and worship with us.*

*With Love and Prayers,  
James and Judy Manuel*

Pastor Baker,

*It has been an honor to serve under you on the deacon board at Calvary. I appreciate the way you have led us in making decisions without hasty judgments or without praying about the situation and following Gods leadership. The love you have for God is shown by the way you have lived and led us here at Calvary. Thank you for your compassion and love.*

*James Manuel*

Pastor Baker,

*Thank you so much for your faithful service to the Lord and to us. I know the Lord still has much for you to do. You made Calvary Baptist Church a Bible teaching church and that has brought me here. Thank you again and May God Bless you and your family*

*Roxie Hassler*

*Thank you Pastor Baker for preaching the truth & for being there for us everytime we needed you. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and love. Thank you for being a Pastor we can call our friend.*

*God Bless You,  
James & Karen Johnson*

Pastor Baker,

*I just want to say what a blessing you have been to me. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to do the Lords work.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you in his care.*

*Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement,  
Catherine Gibson*

Pastor Baker,

Thank you for all you have helped and all that you have done.  
I truly love you Mrs. Baker and your family.

With Love,  
Lisa Black

Dear Pastor Baker,

I just wanted to say Thank You for everything you have done for me, and the impact you have had on my life. I will always remember you for your kindness and I'm glad to have known you and to have had you as my Pastor.

Signed,  
James T. Seagle

February 17, 2008

We have enjoyed having you as a prayer leader and what we have been through. We love you very much and hope the best for you and your family.

God keep you in love and care.  
Lynn Overby & Family

Pastor Baker,

Thank you for being my Pastor. I'm so glad I had a good church to grow up in. I'll miss hearing your preaching every Sunday but I'm also looking forward to hearing Pastor Broyhill.

In Christian Love,  
Darrell Tucker

Preacher Baker,

Happy Retirement!

What a wonderful place to be in life. The only thing is that now you will wonder how you had time to work. People say that after they retire they get busier. I know that's okay for you because you like to stay busy anyway. I wish you all the best.

Thank you so much for being you,  
Tina Bennett

Pastor and Mrs. Baker,

We just want to let you know how much you mean to us. We have been here almost 20 years and we love you both very much. You have helped us several times personally over the years and every time we have come to church and heard you preach.

We really will miss you as our Pastor but thankful you and Diane will always be our friends. May the Lord bless you in every way.

Love you both in Christ,  
Roger & Peggy

To Our Dear Pastor,

We are truly thankful to have grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ under your leadership. We know God directed our family to Calvary Baptist Church and the school as an answer to prayer. I have been so richly blessed by your burden for souls, your Godly counsel, and your devotion to prayer and what it can avail. We are just one family that you touched with your words of wisdom. You make time for us when we really needed it! Our prayer is that God will continue to broaden your sphere of influence here and around the world for the Glory of God.

"Til Jesus Comes, Love in Christ,  
Andy, Diane Peslak and Family

Dear Pastor Baker,

Has it been 32 years? Time has flown by so quickly but God has been faithful to you and our church. Thank you so much for serving our church for the last 32 years.

Thank you for your prayers through the years for Don, Me, David & Darren. That means so much to me!

May the Lord guide you for the future endeavors that you may undertake!

I know the Lord has given you great wisdom in the leadership of Calvary Baptist, and I know that he will continue to bless you in this area of your life with necessary wisdom for new endeavors!

I love you in the Lord and thank you for being my Pastor thru the years!

In Christ,  
Judi Smith (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

Pastor Baker,

We were blessed to be led to Calvary Baptist Church in 1982. After one service we knew we'd found our home church. Thank you for faithfully preaching the gospel through the years, this has made a difference in our marriage & our family. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Love in Christ,  
Greg & Sherryl Tucker

Pastor Baker,

You have been such a blessing to me. I came to Calvary back in 1989, I was expecting Trevor at the time, and going through a hard time with Jeff (Trevor's Dad). I thank you so much for your direction and leadership during that time. I thought I was a Christian but could not actually remember a time ever asking Christ to come into my heart. At 6 years old I thought I was but was not sure. On Sunday night, September 24, 1996, I asked Christ to come into my heart.

I so appreciate you being my Pastor for 18 years. I will continue to pray for you and Diane.

I Love you both in Christ,  
Jenean Doncsecz

We would like to thank Pastor Baker for having that vision so many years ago & now we are blessed with sharing in the works at Calvary Baptist Church. We came searching for a small church about six years ago. Calvary was by far the largest church we had visited. Sitting in the parking lot after the first service we almost simultaneously said to each other "That's The Church That God Wants Us At!"

Pastor & Mrs. Baker, thank you both for being some of the best Godly examples that we know. You both live by the teachings without deviation. Thank you for being such a good example.

We love you both & look forward to serving with you. Thank you again for your vision and desire to serve the Lord, and to be a Godly example.

In Christ,  
Robby, Jennifer, Calista & Chloe Stone

Pastor Baker,

Thank you for your constant support of me in the Nursery Ministry, support in terms of time, finances and wise counsel.

God bless you.  
Maria Bulman

Dear Pastor Baker,

Thank you for being a faithful Pastor for 32 years. I thank God for the years that we had you for our Pastor. You have been a blessing to our family. Thank you for all you have done for Bobby and his family over the years. We will miss your preaching but we are glad that you are staying at Calvary.

God bless you in everything that you do.

Love in Christ,  
Timmy & Katie Shutt

Dear Pastor Baker,

Thank you for your years of service to Calvary. Although we have not been at Calvary for long, we feel blessed that we could call you our Pastor.

Kevin, Laura, and Elizabeth Taylor

Pastor Baker,

From the first message we heard you preach here at Calvary we knew this was where we needed to be. We are both saved but had been out of church for awhile. We know the truth when we heard it & have always appreciated your boldness in teaching what the Bible says and expects (even if we get our toes stepped on occasionally). We have since rededicated our lives to the Lord & we are enjoying the blessings of raising our children in a Bible believing Christian home.

Thank you so much & God Bless you & your family,  
James & Angie Anthos

Dear Brother Baker,

Thanks for being such a dear and faithful Pastor in fiving us Gods Word without compromise. You are one of the best. You and your wife have been good examples to follow.

God Bless You With Love,  
Mary Martin

Pastor Baker,

We thank you so much for being such a Godly example for us. You have always been like a "Father" figure to us. We both come to know the Lord as Savior as a result of this church and the Bible teachings. Our life has been changed because of the Lord. We are teaching Sunday School, giving to Missions, and things that we never knew anything about before. Thank you for bringing God's Word to us exactly as it is. We look forward & pray about what God is going to do in our life and our daughter's life all because we came to Calvary heard God's Word!

We Love you,  
Mike & Amy Capehart

Paul thought you were "it" when it came to Pastors and I learned very early in our marriage that he was usually right!

You have been my rock when I needed one and I am so grateful for all your help, prayers and just being you.

Maxine DeHahn

*Dear Preacher Baker,*

*2/12/2008*

*You have been such a blessing to me and my family. Down through the years you have always stood by me. There was Bill's death, then Joe's, then Darlene's and my brother George (Buddy) Hodge. You called my sister Cassie when B.R. died.*

*You led us along with your visions of the Spainhour property School College and Main Street property and now the Cemetery.*

*The many activities of our church, I think of the Bus ministry, Monday night visitations, Jail Ministry, Nursing home visitation, Family Fun Day, Home-Coming, Missions conference, Scripture Printing and Men's prayer meeting. Then there is Ladies meeting, Ladies without Partners, Young at Heart and Youth activities. Every age Spiritual needs are met.*

*You have taught me more about God and the Bible than all the preachers I have had in my life. I have told you often through the years I wanted you to retire with us. I am so glad you are still going to be a part of us in the future.*

*I thank my God for you. I thank God for Diane also. She has been a blessing to me.*

*I Love you both and appreciate you both.  
Nan Jones*

*Dear Pastor & Mrs. Baker,*

*I'm thankful for being a part of such a great church as Calvary Baptist church. I came to Calvary the 1st Sunday of August 2006 and have been there ever since. I joined in March of 2007. The "Old Fashion" preaching of God's Word has been such a blessing to me. Your many acts of kindness and words of encouragement have inspired me to give my all unto the Lord, be sensitive to the needs of others, pray earnestly and leave all the results to God.*

*Love in Christ,  
Rachel Hicks*

*Dear Pastor Baker & Diane,*

*We just want to thank you for being our Pastor. I know we haven't been at the church but six years, but it seems like you have been our Pastor all our lives. We are truly going to miss seeing you in the pulpit every Sunday. You have always been there for us in our times of need. When we were in the hospital you came to visit us and prayed with us and we really appreciated it very much and you put up with Frank's nonsense and my complaining (ha-ha). You have just been a great blessing to us and we love you and Diane. We pray that God will give you and Diane the desires of your heart and bless you in all that you do. I know we will still see you at church and get to talk and visit and I'm so thankful for that. I know Pastor Broyhill will make a good Pastor and we look forward to worshiping with him and Lori.*

*May God Bless You and Diane always is our prayer,*

*Love in Christ,  
Frank & Louise*

*Pastor Baker and Diane,*

*It is hard to say in words what you mean to us. J. C. and I have been at Calvary around 12 years. Being under your preaching we have grown more than all our Christian life. Your soul fed but powerful messages have made an impact on our lives. Pastor Baker I admire your love and compassion that you have for the church and the people. You make everyone feel so special. We have told you many times we wish we had been here 20 years ago. We are going to miss your preaching every Sunday but are excited about Pastor Broyhill and being under his preaching. Thank you for looking after us, you have found us a great man of God who loves God and cares about people and the church.*

*Diane, we love you and think you are a very special lady. I admire the love and faithfulness you have shown toward Pastor Baker. I think you are a wonderful example of a Christian. We love you both and are looking forward to serving with you at Calvary for many more years.*

*Love and Prayers,  
J. C. & Linda Marshall*

**Dear Pastor and Mrs. Baker,**

***In the short time we have been attending Calvary Baptist Church, we've been encouraged, blessed and challenged through your messages that you have shared Pastor Baker. We appreciate both you and your wife Diane's sincere, cheerful and caring spirit towards everyone who enter Calvary Baptist Church's doors on Sunday Mornings. We really felt welcomed the first time we attended.***

***We appreciate your diligent studying of God's Word and the insights you've shared of what the Lord has shown you! Your practical explanations and blending of Scripture passages are helpful as well as challenging. We are thankful you are not afraid to share the truth of God's Word in love, and for sharing the salvation message of God's love so clearly.***

***Thank you Diane for being an example of a virtuous "Proverbs 31" woman and a "Titus 2" woman who seeks to honor the Lord by submitting to and respecting your husband. You've also been an example to others through your kind hospitality extended towards other.***

***We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the fruit of your labors, may he continue to guide you both and bless you both and cause his face to shine upon you as you both seek to walk in his ways. We thank the Lord for you Pastor Baker and your wife Diane's friendship and prayers for our family.***

***Love in Christ,  
Peter & Christine Fatz and Family***

**Dear Pastor Baker,**

**We have been proud to call you our PASTOR for the past five and half years at Calvary Baptist Church. The time has passed so quickly and we only wish we had sat under your ministry years ago. Your messages have blessed, encouraged, and convicted us in our walk with the Lord. Thank you for being God-fearing and honoring!**

**Wishing you, Diane, and your family the Lord's richest blessings as you continue to serve Him.**

**With eternal love and thanks,  
Roger & Barbara Cave  
Jude 2**

***January, 2008***

***In 1985 the Triad Visitation Outreach began with the Calvary Baptist Church in King, NC. After 17 years, 30 churches and hundreds of Piedmont College Freshman, this Tri-City area was reached with the Gospel. Many homes received the Gospel in tract form and personal witness. Christians were revived and churches awakened to their responsibility to their communities. This endeavor closed with Calvary Baptist Church in King, NC, but the work of the Holy Spirit continues on in these various churches. To God Be The Glory! May Calvary Baptist Church always be God's Lighthouse in King, surrounding areas, and the world, God Bless!***

***Dear Roger and Diane, we thank the Lord for you and for the wonderful testimony of your lives and service for our Dear Lord. May he give you many more years of service for his Glory and Honor.***

***"To God Be the Glory, Great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He gave us His Son!***

***Remembering you all,  
Mabel Pietropaulo "Mrs. P" Col. 1: 18***

**Pastor Baker & Diane,**

We have spent hours thinking and talking about what to say to both of you since we go back so far. So many great things have happened through the years. We've laughed together, cried together, worked together, rejoiced together and grown together. Shortly after we started coming to Calvary in 1973, we started getting involved and getting close to the current Pastor and his wife. In about 6 months after we started, they resigned and left. Another Pastor came and in less than 2 years he was gone. Then you two came and by this time we were getting a little discouraged about getting involved and close to another Pastor because give them a couple of years and poof, they're gone. But after a few months we could tell there was something different about you two. There were roots being planted, plans and goals for our ministry that were long range that required commitments from all of us, including both of you. Right from the start your leadership and commitment to see Calvary to it's God given and God honoring potential was evident. That excitement and love for the ministry and God was contagious. We caught the burden too, as well as hundreds more did from your example. Under your strong and unwavering love and leadership for people like us, Calvary is what it is today. Under your ministry we learned how to win souls, how to be good parents and how to have a good marriage. All 3 of our children were saved under your ministry and you baptized each of them. You were there to encourage us when times were hard. When Connie's Dad died you were there for us. When my Dad died you was there and preached his funeral. You made me so proud that day. Words can never express our love and appreciation that we feel for both of you. You are so special to us.

**Thank you, Pastor Baker, Thank you Diane, We love you,  
Michael & Connie Mabe**

***Pastor & Diane,***

***How wonderful it's been to be back home where we feel our long journey started in 1992 and is now ending like a full circle. Tim and I can honestly say "nothing has changed" except the numbers. Wow! How God has worked thru you and the members of Calvary. In our travels we haven't experienced the dedication that you and the members of Calvary have. Calvary has been a lighthouse in our community for as long as we can remember. We realize this did not happen over night or without countless hours of prayer, people who wanted to win souls to Christ and get them to a Gospel believing church but most of all it didn't happen without a strong man of God to do the will of God, a man willing to give up sleep, time with his family, time of his own just to sit down a little and rest, a man willing to lead his congregation in the direction God would have them to go with prayer and without hesitation, a man to stand strong for the real Word of God, the KJV, when others would oppose, a man that would give up his own health to visit one who was sick or in the hospital and that man was you Pastor Baker. You have always been there for your members and people who were not members like me and I am so very thankful. We feel so blessed to be a part of what God has now for the future of Calvary. We feel very strongly that the Holy Spirit spoke to you and has sent Pastor Broyhill and Lori to continue on in the vision you had to "Win Souls to Christ" thru building a strong Independent Fundamental Baptist Church that has a burden for lost souls and a desire to be a Bible believing church, a school that would train our little ones up in the direction they should go, a College for young men to be taught the Word of God and go out whether it be near or far and bring the Word of God to others and many other ministries that God would lead Calvary to be involved in. Thank you Pastor Baker! Thank you for all of those who should have said thank you and didn't, thank you for listening to Gods call many years ago and going forward and thank you Diane for being strong and standing by his side. How blessed we all should feel to know a man of God and a woman of God like these two that God has reached down and blessed their efforts. It should show all of us what Faith can achieve, the Faith of a Mustard Seed. Thank you for your Faith, Dedication & for all you have done and achieved with Gods strength and Blessings!***

***Love in Christ***

***Tim & Susan Cardwell "Romans 8:28"***

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