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Dear Friends of First Baptist Martinsville,

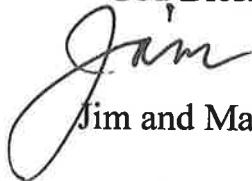
We celebrate, with you, 140 years of effective ministry in the City of Martinsville. We remember, so well, our celebration of the 100th Anniversary of First Baptist Church. Mine was the opportunity of following 72 years of effective pastoral ministry under Peter McCabe and Chevis Horne.

Imagine! I was the first new pastor of First Baptist in seventy-two years! Chevis had come to First Baptist as Associate Pastor in 1939. Then, he became Senior Pastor in 1946, after having served as a chaplain in the Second World War. What a remarkable ministry those two men had at First Baptist.

And we remember, so fondly, the eleven years of ministry we shared with you. You were such a gracious church family and we will never forget the wonderful support that you gave to us during Mary Lee's cancer treatment. We are so thankful to report that both Mary Lee and I are doing well. We are loving our life here in our cottage at Glenaire, a faith based retirement community located in Cary, North Carolina.

We join in sending our love to you as you celebrate your 140th Anniversary.

God Bless You!



Jim and Mary Lee