

To the Members and Staff of First Baptist,

A scheduling conflict prevents my being present as you celebrate 140 years of ministry in Martinsville and beyond. The congregation's remarkable history is testimony to decades of faithful discipleship. Certainly, my twelve years with you were marked by excellence in the staff, many decisions for Christ, moving baptismal services, and beautiful weddings. Equally important to our dear members was the care and support that our congregation gave to those challenged by life's difficult circumstances.

Thank you for blessing my family during the years we shared with you and for affording me the opportunity to enter a lengthy period of extended ministry as an intentional interim minister to seven additional congregations in Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia.

You have much to be thankful for as you celebrate the past, and much to give as you continue to be a beacon of hope and loving care to the Martinsville community.

In His love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name "Tom McCann".

Tom McCann

April 22, 2024