



# Wallace News

Week of October 9, 2016

## Dr. Bob Brown Selected as Interim Pastor

Per our church's bylaws, the deacons are responsible for filling the pulpit in the absence of the Senior Pastor. On May 15, 2016, the deacons approved the plan to use our pastoral staff as we go through the "*I Am A Church Member*" and "*I Will*" Bible-based studies, scheduled through October. Jeff Archer, Deacon Chair, appointed a sub-committee to begin the search for an interim pastor. That committee consisted of:

- **Jeff Archer, Deacon Chair**
- **Dan Dunkel**
- **Jonathan Hodge**
- **Tim Holder**
- **Adam O'Dell, Deacon Vice-Chair**

After much prayer and research, the team recommended Dr. Bob Brown to serve as our interim pastor until a Senior Pastor is selected by the church. The pastoral staff had a time to meet with him and upon their concurrence and after a time of discussion and prayer, the deacon body approved the recommendation. Bob's parents were members at Wallace and volunteered to help start Cumberland Baptist Church back in the early '60s. Bob grew up at Cumberland and later served as interim pastor there in 2015. While there, Bob was instrumental in leading Cumberland to consider Church Revitalization and ultimately asking Wallace to partner with them to do a Church Re-Plant at Cumberland.

- Bob has been married for 35 years to Linnie Bethany Brown of Burbank, CA. She teaches ESL for the Blount County School System in Maryville. Together they have three children, all of whom are now married. In recent years, they have been blessed with four grandchildren and one due in November.
- A graduate of West High School, Bob continued his education at the University of Tennessee. After graduating from UT, he obeyed the call to vocational ministry by enrolling at Southwestern Seminary, graduating with a Masters of Divinity. He later completed his doctoral work at Gordon-Conwell Seminary.
- He has been in the pastoral ministry for 31 years serving several churches in the area in addition to working at Camp BaYoCa for 13 years. After a time in Connecticut, he and his family returned to the Knoxville area to serve on staff at FBC Concord. This was followed by Senior Pastorates at FBC LaFollette, Broadway in Maryville, and FBC Dandridge.
- Currently he is a Church Revitalization Specialist with the TBC as well as directing Lakeway Christian Schools in Morristown.
- Bob enjoys sports of all kinds especially when it involves the color orange. He is a marathon runner. He and his wife Linnie make their home in Jefferson City, TN. They love camping, riding his Harley, traveling, reading, and spending time with their grandchildren.

Bob will begin as our interim pastor on **Sunday, November 6, 2016**. Pray for our church family to remain focused on the Kingdom and to continue His work to reach our community with the Love of Christ.

Great days are ahead!!