

Dr. Greg Rogers

Pastor

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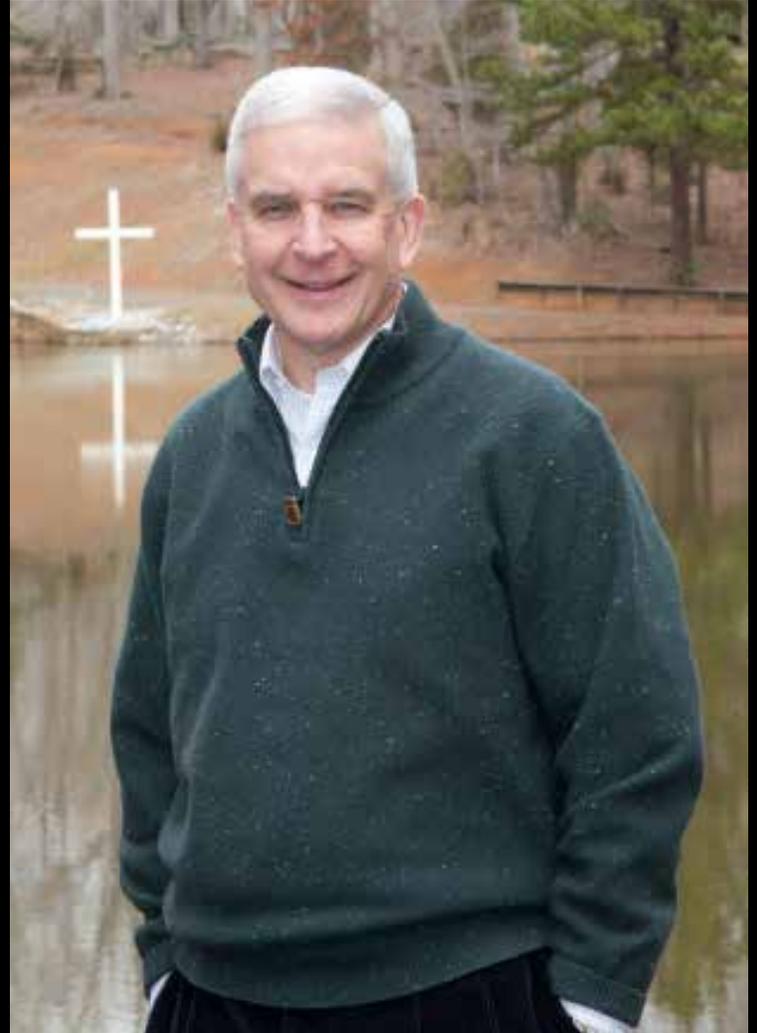
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I first came to Oakmont during the summers of 1976 and 1977 after my freshman and sophomore years in college to serve as a summer youth minister. While at working at Oakmont those two summers I met my wife Leslie, who was an East Carolina University student, and we were married in August of 1978. After graduating from N.C State University in 1979 (BA in philosophy and religion) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1982 (Master of Divinity with Languages), I returned to Oakmont in September 1983 as Associate Minister for Education and Youth for three years. Since October 1986 I have served as Oakmont's third pastor in Oakmont's 51 history. I completed my Doctor of Ministry degree in 1990 from Southeastern Seminary.

I have had the privilege through the years of serving in several areas of Baptist life including the Biblical Recorder board of directors for eight years, and four years on the Board of Directors for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. I served for six years on the Coordinating Council for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC), two of those years as Moderator. I have served on the board for several non-profit ministries in Greenville. I am also an Associate Certified Coach (ACC) with the International Coach Federation.

While Greenville has been home for almost 29 years, I still have a heart for my hometown, Raleigh, North Carolina. I was one of those people who had the good fortune and stability of family life to grow up in the same house, living across the street from my home church, Creedmoor Road Baptist Church, and graduating with a good number of friends from Millbrook High School with whom I had started first grade. My parents and brother, along with Leslie's parents, two sisters and brother and their families, all live in Raleigh, so our Wake County connections remain strong.

Our son Philip and daughter Lauren were both married in 2009 within a month of each other, creating tired minds and bodies and empty pockets. God has



blessed us with a great son-in-law and daughter-in-law, as well as two grandchildren, Alice and Grayson, and two grand-dogs, Walter and Chester, that now make up the extended Rogers family.

One of my interests in congregational life has been in blending and integrating spiritual formation practices into the fabric of the local church. Participating in the charter group of "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" program offered through the Center for Congregational Health, being part of a spiritual formation reading group for 17 years, and multiple visits to monasteries and retreat centers like Pendle Hill (Quaker) in Pennsylvania have all helped to shape my thinking in this area.

I enjoy in my leisure time playing league tennis (I'm a 4.5 tennis player for those who are veteran tennis players), and have enjoyed going with my local teams to state tournaments in recent years. So grab your racquet and meet me at the courts!