



Neal Peyton

Neal is a native of Iowa. He attended Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, and is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO, and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, in 1963.

Neal was saved at First Baptist Church, Columbus, GA, while stationed with the US Army at Fort Benning, GA. While a member there he became interested in the Deaf ministry and learned Sign Language from a Deaf member. Upon discharge from the army he served as pastor/interpreter for the deaf congregation of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL.

Neal was appointed by the Home Mission Board in 1961 as a student missionary to the deaf of Eastern NC. He became a full-time missionary serving the entire state in 1963. In 1978 he became director of the newly formed Special Ministries Department. He retired from the Baptist State Convention in May 1999.

Neal and his wife, JoAnn have been members of WF Baptist Church since 1965. They had three sons (one now deceased) and have three grandchildren. They are involved with the Deaf ministry of Wake Forest Baptist Church. Church activities include previously serving on the properties committee; former Deacon; Bible study teacher for the Deaf, and volunteering with the Good Neighbor ministry. Neal currently serves as co-leader for the Disaster Relief Team, helps with the Handyman ministry; sings in the Joy Choir and Men's Chorus; and serves with the Food Shuttle ministry. Hobbies include woodworking, walking, reading, puzzles, and spending time with family.

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