



Boulevard Baptist Church

OUR VISION AND MISSION

Boulevard is a progressive family of Baptist believers where ...
CHRIST IS HONORED through worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry and missions, and
THE INDIVIDUAL IS RESPECTED, acknowledging our diversity and individual freedom, encouraging spiritual growth and service, creating an atmosphere of openness and acceptance.

*“Step out of the traffic!
Take a long,
loving look at me,
your High God . . .
above everything.”*

Psalm 46:10
The Message

Sabbatical Celebration

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SABBATICAL CELEBRATION

May 25, 2005

6:30 P.M.

Welcome and Introductions	Johnny McKinney
Prayer Concerns & Celebrations	Johnny McKinney
Prayer	Jeff Lomax
Introduction to the Program & The Sabbatical Process	Shirley Jacks
Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11	Joy Delorme
Hymn	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> AR HYD Y NOS

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Litany Clint Kimel

Leader: We wish Godspeed to Johnny as he begins his sabbatical and to Sandy as she accompanies him.

Congregation: As you journey, Johnny and Sandy, we ask God to guard you from harm.

Pastor: God's peace be with you as we leave to walk in new places.

Congregation: God fill you with a light spirit as you spend time with old friends and make new ones; as you study, visit new surroundings, and travel to familiar ones.

Pastor: I thank God for my ministry with you and the gift of this time you've given me.

Congregation: May you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey.

Pastor: I pray God gifts you, also, with the taste of transformation.

Congregation: God grant you a trusting heart as you plant your feet and heart in new places. We send you with our blessing. We will pray that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

Pastor: I go seeking those gifts. I will pray that you are keeping the Sabbath so that you, too, might be renewed to serve in God's name.

Congregation: We seek the gifts of renewal as well. We covenant together to be faithful in ministry and encouragement, faithful in worship and service, faithful in all things that bear witness to our love of God.

Leader: Let us pray. Spirit of God, let the spirit and energy meant to be in Johnny start its movement anew. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily task and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another.

All: Amen.

Hymn *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Intercessory Prayers

...for Johnny and Sandy Anita Elrod

...for Hardy Clemons and Elwood Orr Scott Stempniak

...for the Church Staff and the Congregation Gordon Hammond

Benediction Johnny McKinney

"We Are One in the Bond of Love"