



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

Welcome Celebration

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SABBATICAL CELEBRATION

September 7, 2005

6:00 P.M.

Dinner

Welcome

Clint Kimel

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Marcy Mynatt

Prayer

Billy Dillard

Reflections

Hardy Clemons, Johnny McKinney

Hymn

All Are Welcome

Two Oaks

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

(Chorus)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

(Chorus)

Let us build a house where all are named,

their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

(Chorus)

Litany

Johnny McKinney & Congregation

Today we stand with each other,

recognizing the Christ in our midst,
affirming our faith in the God who loves us with a love that transforms us,
and who calls us to work for a transformed world.

Today we stand with each other,

recognizing the Christ in each other,
affirming the calling of the Spirit
who has brought us together this day.

Today I bring myself and the gifts I have, and I covenant to serve and encourage this church and community: to respect and care for you, to journey with you, to take responsibility among you, to seek God with you, to listen to God in you, and to work with you to be Christ in this world.

**Today we bring ourselves and the gifts we have,
and we covenant to serve and encourage
this church and community: to respect and care for each other, to take responsibility for
the people we are and the people we hope to be in Christ, and to encourage you as our
minister
as we make this journey together.**

What kind of people does Christ call us to be?

**We are called to be a prophetic people, working for justice, resisting violence and
challenging the abuse of power. We are called to be an inclusive people, pulling down the
walls of prejudice and welcoming the stranger. We are called to be a sacrificial people,
risking uncertainty, becoming vulnerable, and reflecting the generosity of God. We are
called to be a missionary people, demonstrating in word and action the redeeming love of
God in the world. We are called to be a worshipping people, seeking and celebrating the
God who journeys with us, and open to the Spirit in the whole of life.**

God of life, you call us and envision us, we give ourselves today to each other and to you,
trusting that as you call us so you covenant to share this journey with us, to nurture and sustain
our life together and to guide our paths.

Amen.

Hymn

"We Are One in the Bond of Love"

Bond of Love

Benediction

Johnny McKinney