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Ed,  
I offer my heartfelt expressions of congratulations to both you and this congregation. The title of Emeritus Pastor says a lot about you and also this church family. This prestigious title, recognizes the kind of godly leader you have been for Woodlawn Baptist Church. It says to all that Dr. Ed Yount is a respected, wise and effective pastor who dedicated his life in leading his church members to be followers of Jesus Christ.

The Woodlawn members want you to be reminded of the many things they will always remember about you. They know you have faithfully sought to guide, encourage and strengthen them in their witness to each other and the community around them. You have been faithful and steadfast in your commitment to the Gospel of Jesus as you led this church family to reach the nations.

You have rejoiced in their happiness and you wept with them in times of trial and loss. You shared in their mountaintop experiences and you walked with them through the valley of the shadow.

They know you are a man given to prayer. The quiet solitude of midnight and the rising of the sun have been your companions as you spent much time in the presence of God interceding on their behalf.

You loved and guided them as their pastor. You challenged and exhorted them as their preacher. You gave them greater spiritual vision as their teacher and you strengthened them as their devoted friend.

In your faithful walk with God, you bore witness to that which is to be desired above all. They can truly say, 'We have seen Jesus both in and through our pastor.'

Ed, I am thankful to God for you and the help you have been to me as a most respected pastor and leader in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

In His service,

Executive Director-Treasurer  
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

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