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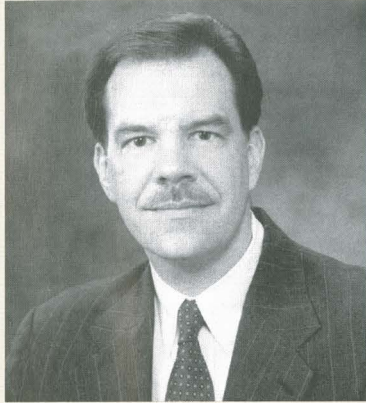
## CroweTipton appointed university's new chaplain

Vaughn CroweTipton, senior pastor at Auburn First Baptist Church in Auburn, Ala., has been named the new chaplain at Furman.

CroweTipton began his new duties at Furman on August 15. He replaces Jim Pitts, who retired as of July 31. (See page 25).

In addition to his duties at Auburn First Baptist, which has approximately 1,000 members, CroweTipton taught in the religion department at Auburn University. He has also taught at Mercer University, Brewton-Parker College and Macon College, and his courses have included "Introduction to New Testament and Old Testament Literature," "Teachings of Jesus" and "History of Christianity."

Before going to Auburn, CroweTipton had served as senior pastor at Northwest Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla., senior chaplain at Methodist Children's Home in Macon, Ga., and pastor of Loveview Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Texas. A graduate of Mississippi College, he holds the Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Baylor University.



CroweTipton is involved in various civic leadership roles in the community, including serving on the executive committee for Habitat for Humanity in Auburn and at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He has also been a congregational field advisor for the New Testament Language Project. Since 1999, he has been the Formations commentary writer for *Baptists Today*, a national journal for moderate Baptists.

CroweTipton has published numerous articles and reviews and is the editor of several books, including *Politics and Rhetoric in the Corinthian Epistles*, published by Mercer University Press. He

is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion and Society of Religious Education.

He is married to the former Beverly Cheryl Crowe, a 1981 Furman graduate who served on the staff at Auburn First Baptist. She holds a graduate degree from Southern Seminary and works with Smyth & Helwys Publishing.

The CroweTiptons have two children, Jared Matthew (10) and Abigail Katelyn (7).

## Three alumni set to join board of trustees this fall

The Furman board of trustees elected three alumni to its ranks during its spring meeting in May.

**John C. Cothran** '54 of Greenville and **James L. Hamrick** '50 of Spartanburg, S.C., both former chairs of the board, were elected to another term. Joining them for his first term as a trustee will be **Douglas K. Freeman** '72 of Jacksonville, Fla. All will begin their service this fall.

Freeman, who has more than 30 years of experience in the financial industry, has served as chief executive officer of NetBank, Inc., since April 2002, following the company's acquisition of Resource Bancshares Mortgage Group, Inc. He was named chair of the board of directors of NetBank in January 2003. Previously, he had served as chief executive officer of RBMG. He earned a degree in economics from Furman

and holds an M.B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina.

Cothran is a longtime leader in real estate development in Greenville. The retired chair of the Cothran Company, Inc., he is a past president of the Greenville Board of Realtors and the Home Builders Association and has been honored as Realtor of the Year and Homebuilder of the Year. Active in civic and community affairs, he received the Alumni Service Award in 1992 and is a former moderator of the South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Hamrick is currently a financial consultant for Milliken & Co. after serving for many years as an executive with the company. He has also worked as a director of the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center Foundation, the Charles Lea Center and the Charles Lea Foundation, and as

a regional director of Southern National Bank. Furman awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1996.

In other action, the board recognized three trustees whose terms expired at the end of the meeting: Harold F. "Gally" Gallivan '69 of Greenville, Sarah Belk Gambrell of Charlotte, N.C., and Robert V. Pinson '61 of Spartanburg.

The board also elected seven members to serve on its 2003-04 executive committee, which acts on matters of interest when the board is not in session. They are Gordon L. Blackwell '60 of Raleigh, N.C.; Greenvilleans Kathleen Crum McKinney, Larry D. Estridge '66, Richard W. Riley '54 and Gordon R. Herring '65; William B. Howes '59 of Flat Rock, N.C.; and board chair Leighann R. Rinker of Lake Worth, Fla.