

# Devoted

*Declaring His Glory in 2018*

**A Daily Devotion  
for First Baptist  
Church's  
Bicentennial  
Year**

**This devotional book will unify our congregation with directed readings as we celebrate our church's bicentennial throughout 2018. Please consider submitting to this great collection of testimonies.**

## Guidelines for Submission

- Submissions are due by **May 1, 2017** to **Lori White**.  
Email: **LoriWhite1818@gmail.com**.
- Use Microsoft Word. Single space. Times New Roman, 12 point type.
- Start with a **Scripture verse**. Indicate the translation you are using after the verse. For example: *For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.* Psalm 1:6a (NIV) or *That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it.* John 1:5 (HCSB).
- Under the verse, give a **title** for your devotion. No more than five words.
- Use **300 words or fewer**. This number includes the scripture, title, and your personal information at the end. TOTAL not more than 300 words. (Check word count by clicking on "Review," then "Word Count.")
- **End with:** Your name and a dedication, if appropriate. For example:  
*Lori White, in memory of Ken Barstow*
- If you use a quote, be sure to add a footnote including who said the quote and where it was published (name of book, magazine, conference, etc.), giving title and page number. (This will be part of your 300 word count.)

## Additional Tips for Writing Your Devotion Submission

- Pray for God's guidance in selecting your topic and the accompanying scripture verse.
- Concentrate on one topic, thought, event, activity or person. Tell specifically how a particular time or happening influenced you, drew you closer to God, made you a better person or encouraged you to love or participate in missions or in the life of our church.
- **IMPORTANT:** What did you LEARN or what CHANGES did you make BECAUSE of this experience?
- **Pay special attention to your first sentence.** Write it to grab the reader's attention. **Avoid** general statements starting with phrases such as:  
"I had a very special time at ..."  
"WMU has always meant so much to me..."  
"I love my church and Sunday School class ..."
- **Request a Date.** With your devotion submission, you may request a particular date in 2018 for the book. You can use this to celebrate or memorialize a person or event. These dates will be reserved as **completed** devotion submissions are received. **SUBMIT EARLY** to get the date you want!

Your submission may be edited in minor ways.