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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Time waits for no one and Mt. Ebal Sunday is fast approaching.

Spring is the renewing of nature and Mt. Ebal is a time to renew our spirits as well as old friendships. I personally look forward to seeing many relatives I do not see very often any more. This year's speaker is one of our own. Most of you have known him since he was a small boy. I am most pleased that Reverend Tom Griffis will expound on God's Word for us.

We are privileged to have Tom as our speaker and I am excited about how the Lord has used him. I know each of us will be richly blessed by the preaching and teaching of God's Word through His servant Tom Griffis.

To refresh your memory, Tom did his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his Master of Divinity from Emory University in Atlanta after which he joined the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. He also has just received a Master of Pastoral Counseling from Wake Forest University and is presently the Pastor of Yadkinville United Methodist Church in Yadkinville.

Tom is married to the former Susan Gadd of Birmingham, Michigan and they have two daughters, Emma age 4½ years and Anna who is 10 months old.

I look forward to Mt. Ebal as a special time of worship and fellowship. Please pray for the service and for Tom as he prepares his sermon. It is our intent that God's Word will be lifted up and His name glorified. Our worship service will begin at 11:30 am on Sunday June 1st and will be followed by a brief business session. Dinner will be held immediately after the service.

I encourage each of you to mark your calendars and make this year's Homecoming a priority. It is important that each and everyone of you attend. I look forward to seeing you at Mt. Ebal on Sunday June 1st.

Just a note in closing, I feel it is time to pass the office of President on to another. Please be thinking and talking to those you feel could serve.

Mt. Ebal Association President

