

EDITOR'S LETTER



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From the Senior Editor

It is such a joy to serve alongside men and women around Virginia through the SBC of Virginia. Many of these faithful servants also write articles for and help produce this publication. One of those encouraging and talented people is Ishmael LaBiosa. He serves through media and communications to tell the story of what God is doing in and through SBCV churches to share the Gospel with our neighbors and the nations. He also helps with the editing of the *Proclaimer*.

Ishmael, along with the other members of our communications team, comes alongside the staff and volunteers of so many churches and ministries to consult and help them with their communications. He has a real heart for our relief ministries. I thought it would be nice if you heard from him in this letter from the editor:

From the Editor

When I first started at the Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia (SBCV) in 2011, I remember walking into Doyle Chauncey's office. He was close to retirement, again. He was excited to give me a personal tour in the Glen Allen office and share the history of the ministry.

In the short time I worked alongside Doyle, I watched how church leaders respected him. I believe that respect was earned because of the compassion Doyle had for everyone around him and the excitement of working for the Lord.



Doyle Chauncey



Doyle Chauncey and others praying over SBCV property in 2011



Chauncey speaking at a monthly SBCV staff meeting

His passing reminds me of my beginning days and how he impressed on me the importance of a commitment to the Gospel.

There are days in ministry when burdens seem too difficult to continue. Yet Doyle's legacy directs how I need to stay on mission and keep in front of me the purpose and end goal. Whichever role we serve in ministry and beyond, we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.

We read in Romans 8:28 (CSB), "We know that all things work together for the good of those

who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

I'm thankful God called me. I want to be found faithful on mission as Doyle Chauncey was to God's Word and the fellowships around him. While we miss our friend on this side of heaven, we have hope that we will see him again. My prayer is that you have that hope as you serve King Jesus. ■



Doyle Chauncey presenting awards during the 2011 Annual Homecoming



Chauncey with the 2014 SBCV Executive Committee