

HAMILTON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Spirit of 61

...Still Doing God's Business
-Isaiah 61: 1-2



Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Senior Pastor Rev. Christopher O'Riley, Associate Pastor

Thursday Night Revival Series - OCT 4



Dr. Gregory Foster

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Hamilton Park

The late Harry S. Truman said, "men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

Gregory Foster, commonly called "Pastor Greg" by his congregation, is the epitome of being a leader to "seize the opportunity to change things for the better" at First Church. Since the death of his father and pastor in 2003, Pastor Greg has diligently worked to fulfill and

continue his parent's ministry and mission of "Walking in the Word." Raised in an environment where church was his second home, fulfilling his father's ministry imminent. Remembering his great grandmother's words to his father, "If God called you, the Lord will qualify you," it seemed as though she was also speaking directly to him.

When Pastor Greg was called to ministry as a young man in October 1978, his father insisted that he go to school. In the early 1980s, Pastor Greg enrolled in the Southern Bible Institute. He received a diploma in Biblical Studies, May 1984. His father praised him for his accomplishment, but he insisted that Greg continue his education. He did. Over several years, Pastor Greg went on an academic whirlwind immersing himself in educational research and study. While working on his Masters at Tyndale Theological Seminary, he was bestowed a Diploma in Old Testament from the Institute and his Master of Arts in Theology from Tyndale. He continued his educational quest in Tyndale's doctoral program. While working on his doctorate, he accepted the calling to become Senior Pastor of the First Independent Baptist Church, Corsicana, TX, in 1994. Two years later, June 1995, he received his Doctorate of Ministry degree. A couple of years passed and Greg returned to Dallas to assist his father with First Church. Criswell offered Greg the opportunity to participate in a graduate program of Christian Education. In May 2001, just two years before the demise of his father, he completed his second Masters from Criswell College. Following the death of the founding Pastor, J. Lee Foster, Pastor Greg became the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park, the first and only Senior Pastor since the church's beginning. In 2009, Pastor Greg received a second Bachelor of Arts degree from the Southern Bible Institute.

Pastor Greg has received numerous awards and commendations for his many involvements in Christian and community activities. With a generous heart and commitment to serving, he works on several community Advisory Boards supporting many causes to "reach the lost, care for the needy and uplift and encourage the forgotten." He is a member of the National Council of Christian Counselors, Southern Baptist Convention and the Greater Dallas Council of Churches. Currently, he is President of the J. Lee Foster School of Biblical Studies.

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Join Us Thursday October 4 @ 7 PM

PUTTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER REMINDER

If you signed up for the workshop on **Sunday, Sept. 30**, don't forget to join us on the 2nd floor of the CLC no later than 12:15.



Hamilton Park United Methodist Church
proudly presents:

61st Anniversary Celebration
"Spirit At The Park"

Featured Violinist: Richmond Punch

Saturday, October 20, 2018

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00

Christian Life Center

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COME OUT FOR AN EVENING OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND DANCING

Attire: Dressy Casual

Tickets on sale every Sunday after service in the CLC thru 10/14/18

For more information contact:

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Special Days Committee

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17TH ANNUAL
Sister to Sister
OCT. 6th, 2018
FITNESS FESTIVAL
5K WALK & RUN
8:30AM - 12:00PM
We Are All in For Good Health!
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