

First Baptist Church OAKWOOD

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To whom it may concern,

Dr. Will McRaney, Jr. has been an amazing positive influence on my life. I met Dr. McRaney while I was a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. My first interaction with Dr. McRaney was in the year 2000. I was so impressed with the material he presented in his Church Evangelism course that I choose to take every class that he taught including Church Models, Christian Ministry in the 21st Century and an evangelism course on Reading the Postmodern, Unchurched, and Uninterested. Every class was riveting as I learned and explored how the church can grow evangelistically. Dr. McRaney has a heart for seeing the local church engage in evangelism, church growth, and church planting.

After graduation from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002 I began doing research and reading for Dr. McRaney as he was writing his book, *The Art of Personal Evangelism*. While working closely with him on this book I further came to recognize his skills in critical thinking, creative thinking, organization, communication, and diligence. While working together during that time period I observed his thoughtful interaction with other students who were being mentored by him. During this time period I met his wife and children. I came to love all of the McRaneys. Dr. McRaney has the respect and admiration of his wife and children. I observed him through the years demonstrate what it requires to courageously stand for truth and righteousness even when it is hard and costly.

During 2006, the McRaney family worked alongside my family as I served the lead pastor of a church plant in Mandeville, LA where we lived. I observed his love and commitment to the church and reaching the unchurched.

I also worked as a teaching assistant for Dr. McRaney in 2003-2006 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Through that relationship he modeled excellence and Christlikeness toward his colleagues and students. I admire his commitment to help the Body of Christ in various roles throughout the years in the Southern Baptist Convention. He does not back away from the truth and treating people with integrity. He is intent on helping the church be purposeful and intentional in organizing to reach the lost.

Dr. McRaney and his family have remained friends of my family through the years. I often share ideas with him, and he shares with me. I treasure rare times when we get to see each other in person. I appreciate his wisdom, expertise, and honesty.

Sincerely, 

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