

## Presbyter Profile



### Cary Speaker, in Mobile, 46 Years in Ministry—and Counting

Former PS&L moderator **Cary Speaker** (2007), now interim pastor of Spring Hill PC in Mobile, has been in ordained ministry for 46 years! He has been a hospital chaplain. He has served as interim, associate pastor and pastor of both larger churches and smaller churches. He has even served as an interim presbytery executive (South AL and Mississippi presbyteries). And in which of these calls did he feel most fulfilled? “Always the current one,” says Cary.

Cary and his wife Sally have been married for 42 years. She is a member of the choir at Independent Presbyterian. Cary has accompanied Sally on a number of the choir’s European tours. Last year the choir was in Paris. Sally and Cary got a preview of the “City of Light” in the spring of ’21 when son Preston’s touring theater company made a stop in Oxford, AL, with their production of “An American in Paris.”

Cary’s first call was to Roanoke, VA, as an associate pastor for Christian education and youth ministry. Cary and Sally met in Roanoke and were married there in 1981. Two weeks after their wedding, the couple moved to Tuscaloosa where Cary was a staff chaplain at DCH Regional Medical Center. Cary was named the director of hospital ministry at the Queen’s Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1988. Four years later he was called back to Birmingham to serve as associate pastor for pastoral care and counseling at Independent PC. In 2002, Cary received a call to serve as pastor of the Mountain Brook PC. In 2015 he retired from there and began doing interim work. He has done interims in Huntsville and Birmingham. Spring Hill is Cary’s third interim in Mobile.

Cary grew up in Birmingham and graduated from Woodlawn High School and Samford University. In 1976 he graduated with a DMin from Columbia Seminary, where he is now in his second term on the alumni/ae council. Upon seminary graduation Cary returned to Birmingham for CPE at the former Baptist Medical Center – Montclair.

Cary and Sally have two sons. Preston, the older, works in technical theater (“all of the backstage stuff”) and is currently touring across the country with a Broadway show. Edward, the younger, is married to Katherine. The couple has two children: a five-year-old daughter, Tillar, and a son, Judd, almost two. The family lives in Florence.