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We are seeing the ripple effects of Reggie’s faithfulness.
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Diligent Faithfulness

PINECREST BAPTIST CHURCH

While working with the SBC of Virginia as the regional catalyst for churches in the Hampton Roads area, Reggie Hester began to consult with the leaders of **Pinecrest Baptist Church** in Portsmouth regarding the need and desire for church revitalization. Though his initial role was that of a consultant, God had different plans. After much time and prayer, Hester acknowledged God’s leading and accepted the invitation of the church in 2015 to serve as its next pastor.

“We had kind of been in a place of stagnancy as a church,” said Mark Powell, chairman of the deacons. “We had a lot of workshops and town hall meetings that addressed things that were hindering our growth, getting them out in the open. That really

began the process of transitioning from what I call the old Pinecrest to the new Pinecrest. I knew in my heart that Reggie was the man that God wanted to lead us here at Pinecrest, and being the deacon chairman, I felt it was my duty to support him 100%.”

In addition to identifying necessary growth points and navigating related changes as a skilled shepherd, Hester gave attention to his leadership team. After settling in, Reggie brought on an office administrator and then extended a call to Stephen Day to serve as the youth pastor. Day had grown up under Hester’s student ministry in a previous church.

“Reggie called me and asked about coming over to Pinecrest. I was at

