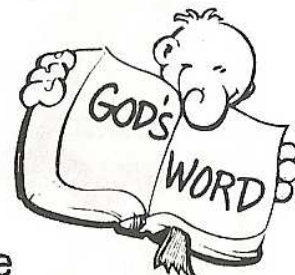




(This was written for the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dr. Ray Spears, Herndon, VA on his tenth anniversary at the church)

He came from Louisiana, no banjo on his knee
 Just a firm conviction to get that first degree
 So he earnestly worked and hit the books
 "Wow, this education thing is harder than it looks"
 Bu he will not be halted he's determined as can be
 No stopping him now, look he's got that second degree
 Then he's off and running he had a goal to reach
 No ifs ands or buts, it's a must, he really had to preach
 One more rung on the ladder, we said he was determined as could be
 Just a little more to go, well whata you know, he now has his PHD



He has been in our midst a while through lots of joy and tears
 We celebrate an anniversary, wow! Has it really been ten years
 He's been a ray if sunshine to brighten up our life
 And a solid rock in those times of strife

Now we know he doesn't like a lot of pomp and fuss
 Se we'll just say, "Thank you Lord, for sending him to us"
 But there is just one more thing though we just have to say
 Thanks a bunch!! We love you, Ray!!

-Don Husted-

