Quotable Quotes

"I am high on Dr. Martin both as a preacher and as pastoral person. He comes from a depth of being. I recall vividly his especially meaningful words at the funeral of a highly-regarded Georgia minister. He spoke both insightfully and tenderly. I recall his D. Min. project that reflected insight of self and intensification of comprehending his congregation in Macon. An article out of his project was recently published. He is a cut above. You are most fortunate."

—Peter Rhea Jones,
Professor of Preaching and New Testament, McAfee School of Theology

"Tripp Martin is an unapologetic moderate Baptist, ecumenical in spirit, rooted in the best of the Baptist tradition, pastoral by instinct and by strategy, uncommonly savvy in relating to all ages of people, inclined toward centering worship in the Christian year, accepting of various viewpoints but aware of and committed to his own sense of things, and blessed with a family to which he is seriously committed. He is unpretentiously committed to the development of his own spiritual life through study, prayer and service. He leads a life of integrity and simplicity."

—Walter B. Shurden,
Founding Executive Director of the Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University

"It was my happy privilege to serve with Tripp Martin at Northminster. Having seen him serve up close every day, I can say on good authority that he is as thoughtful, mindful and pastoral as a person can be. Tripp and Katharine are among the brightest and best minds and hearts we have in Baptist life today. If I were the bishop, I would send them to First Auburn!"

—Charles E. Poole,
Senior Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi

“I’ve known Tripp Martin’s family for decades and was delighted when he became part of one of the founding classes of the School of Divinity, Wake Forest University. His parents served on our earliest Board of Visitors, and his aunt, Dr. Karen Smith, is one of the finest Baptist church historians and pastors in Great Britain. Tripp did excellent work at WFU and extended his ministerial skills in significant congregations in Jackson, Mississippi, and Macon, Georgia. He is an outstanding preacher/pastor who brings both grace and conscience to the “care of souls.” As one who admires Tripp and First Baptist Church, Auburn (and as a former interim pastor), I believe it is the beginning of an excellent pastoral and communal relationship. Warning: Watch out for his wry sense of humor. It will slip up on you!”

—Bill J. Leonard,

Professor of Baptist Studies and Professor of Church History, School of Divinity, Wake Forest University

“Dr. Tripp Martin is a gifted preacher and communicator of the gospel. He has the heart of a pastor as he cares for the people in his congregation. He has the vision of a leader as he explores new ways of doing ministry. He has the depth of a theologian and *Bible* scholar as he brings the *Bible* to life for those who hear him speak. He has the patience and compassion of a true colleague as he works with his staff team within the context of the local church. He has the devotion of a friend in his relationship with me and with other clergy who have known him over the years. Tripp’s faith is solid, his hope in Christ guides him into the future, and his love of people and of God is genuine. He is the kind of person that I would like to have as my pastor.”

—David Hull,

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama