



I was born 12/15/50 in Lynchburg, Va., son of Dr. and Mrs. Leland Ray O’Brian Jr. One of four siblings I was baptized, confirmed and raised an Episcopalian at Saint John’s Episcopal Church Lynchburg. My first experience with First Presbyterian Church was the weekday school where, by the way, I met my bride to be Miss Becky Holt. I returned to First Pres along with Becky and was married by then Pastor Jerry Shetler. With encouragement from Becky and her father, Duval Holt I joined First Church by transfer in 1974. I spent those early years making the transition from the Episcopalian way to that of a Presbyterian congregant.

Our children, Robert and Brandon and now several grandchildren have been baptized, and one confirmed at First Pres. Through the last 46 years I have witnessed change, ups, downs and growth within our church. Seen ministers come and go, as well, many wonderful friends, mentors and hardworking, contributing members who gave so much of their time to our church.

Now, we are embarking on a journey, a mission and commitment to fortify, repair, and strengthen together not only our beautiful church home, but to grow and expand our ministries both community and world.

I hope and pray that you will join Becky and me as we pledge to support not only financially, but spiritually and with our God given talents to The Rooted and Reaching Capital Projects Campaign.

By accepting a call, visit and making your pledge our congregation can preserve First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg for generations to come.

Thank you in advance for your help and my God continue to bless us all.

Bobby O’Brian

**“At the heart of Rooted and Reaching, we commit everything to our Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and works grounded in love. It’s when we love each other as Christ loved us that we truly reveal to the world we are His disciples. Through prayer and love, the Lord will fulfill His ministry calling for us and achieve a successful campaign.”**

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