

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT W. ANDERSON

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It has been my pleasure to serve with Dr. Anderson in our Bible Presbyterian Church for the past 43 years. He has my respect as a humble servant of God who has faithfully served His Lord and the Church.

We have had good times at Synod making jokes at Bob's expense and listening to stories of his courtship of Nancy. In it all Bob and Nancy just rolled with the tide.

I am thankful for Bob's work in Christian Education. He has contributed his many gifts both to Heritage Christian School and to Western Reformed Seminary, and God has blessed. It is very possible that our Bible Presbyterian Church would be without a Seminary today if it were not for the vision and hard work of Pastor Anderson, the session of the Tacoma Bible Presbyterian Church, and the dedicated professors who carried out the work.

In a very difficult time, I saw Pastor Anderson take his stand for biblical truth and ethics. It is not always easy to put God first, especially when it is the choice between the Lord and a trusted leader of the Church. By God's grace, even this was resolved in due time. Bob is a Christian statesman, as was demonstrated in the way he conducted himself in the midst of controversy. He has worked to resolve issues in such a way as to build and strengthen the Church.

We thank the Lord for your life as a pastor, theologian, and educator. It is also good to call you our friend. Have a wonderful retirement in His service. Thanks, Bob!