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Parkway to host Mississippi author

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On Tuesday, October 2, at 10 a.m., Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton will host Carl M. White, the author of *The Last Chaplain*.

White, the former pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Meridian, recently released his first novel, a suspenseful story of faith, family and political intrigue.

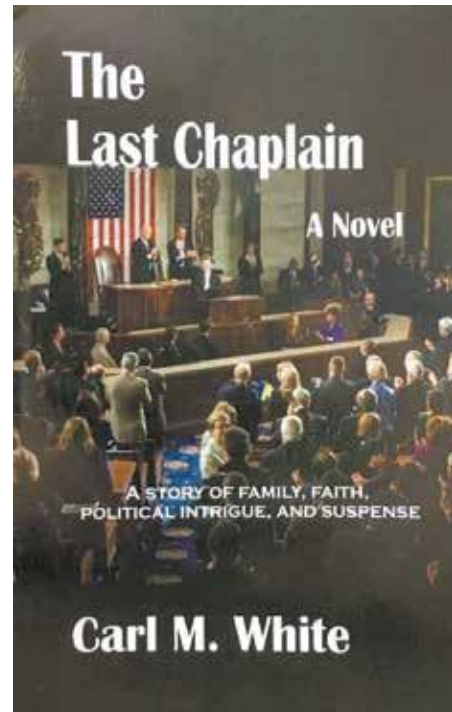
The fictional book tells the story of Lisa Smith, who, at the request of Pastor John Grant, the last chaplain of the United States Senate, embarks on the adventure of a lifetime: find a former Senate staff member and convince him to reveal to a D.C. reporter the plot that led to Dr. Grant's removal and the discrediting of his best friend, a United States Senator.

White says he has always been a storyteller, telling his children tales on camping trips and writing short stories on biblical themes for his congregations.

"About three years ago, I had this idea in my head about a retired pastor on a walker," White said. "Things had not gone well in his life. He was frustrated

— that became *The Last Chaplain*."

White describes the book as Christian fiction, not preaching, but about characters who have real faith that make a difference.



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"It shows how he and his wife sought to be faithful all their lives serving the Lord, yet they struggled with their children," White said. "I think a lot of Christian parents can identify with that."

A native of Jackson, White is retired after serving as a pastor for thirty-six years, the last seventeen at Highland Baptist Church in Meridian. He is a graduate of Provine High

School in Jackson. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Southern Mississippi, as well as the Master of Divinity and the Doctor of Ministry degrees from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Frances, make their home in Meridian.

White will speak in Parkway's Adult Education Building. The program begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call 601-924-9912. White's blog can be viewed at www.pastorcarlwhite.com



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