

1) How long have you lived in Cherryville and why?

I am a lifelong resident of Cherryville. I have had opportunities to move, but I am very glad I never left, as I love Cherryville and the quality of life we have here.

2) What do you do for a living?

After 40 years in the transportation industry, I am presently self-employed, working primarily as a sales consultant in the moving and storage industry, and as a Real Estate Broker (NC License # 263490) with Vickie Spurling Realty.

3) Why did you run for Mayor?

Having served as Mayor of Cherryville from 1999 – 2003, I knew there would be a future opportunity for me to return to public service. So, after much prayer and deliberation with my best friend and life companion, Mary Brown, we felt it was the right time. Also, I feel this is the perfect opportunity for me to offer my skillset and leadership for the future betterment of Cherryville.

4) What neighborhood/district do you live in?

Mary and I presently live on Elm Street; and I have lived my entire life within the Second Ward in Cherryville.

5) What is the most courageous thing you have done in your life?

I honestly would not associate anything I have ever done with being 'courageous'. My Dad courageously served in World War II as have many veterans in defending this country; many have fought and died in courageous acts defending their religious and personal beliefs; and the list of truly courageous acts goes on and on. Against this backdrop, nothing I have ever done could remotely be seen as courageous.

6) What accomplishment makes you the proudest?

There are many things in life I am proud of, including: being an Ordained Elder at First Presbyterian Church; serving as Mayor of Cherryville; graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; my professional career; being licensed as a North Carolina Real Estate Broker; and receiving the Eagle Scout Award. However, by no accomplishment of mine, I am most proud and blessed to have been born into the most wonderful and incredible family, as the son of Hector and Margaret Boyles Stroupe.

7) What do you want the citizens of Cherryville to know about you?

I want to develop plans and initiatives to grow and improve Cherryville for future generations. Among my top objectives: Developing and implementing long-range strategic plans across all City departments and services; Applying better approaches to quality customer service by treating all customers as valued individuals rather than mere transactions; and Expanding quality of life and beautification efforts throughout the City. My promise to Cherryville is that I will use my integrity, dependability and leadership to work diligently to promote and advance anything that contributes to a better Cherryville!