

July 31, 2008

Dear HCC Family & Friends,

It is with a heavy heart, yet with a deep sense of God's leading, that I have decided to complete my ministry as Interim Senior Pastor at Harbor Covenant this fall, on Sunday, September 14.

The Lord has been opening doors for me in developing a ministry that includes music & drama, speaking & teaching engagements, and personal & professional coaching. In addition, Cherlyn and I have decided to home school our son Christian, so the early fall has become timely for us to move forward into this new stage in our lives.

This last year among you all has been a special time for me and for my family. It has been a great privilege to be your shepherd through this time of transition in the church's life. The interim pastor role is a unique one, I have learned. And for all I have had to contribute, I have gained double in rich relationships, in experience, and in my own spiritual growth. You have also blessed me beyond measure in the way you have included my family as part of your family without reservation—a precious gift to us that we will never forget!

I ask your continued prayers for us, even as we continue to pray for you in this journey toward calling the pastor that God has prepared for you. We have seen God's hand at work in so many ways over the last year that we should all have great confidence that He has wonderful things in store for this church in its service to the kingdom.

You are strong, you are courageous, and God is faithful! May He bless you richly as you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

In His love,

Pastor David A. Johnson