



GREATER PORTLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH

Rick Adams, Senior Pastor

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Dear Friend in Christ,

I pray that you are enjoying a blessed and prosperous New Year!

This past year marked my fortieth year as Senior Pastor of GPBC. Two years ago, the Lord showed me that it was time to prepare the church for their next pastor. After much prayer, God clearly revealed to me that Scott McFeters, one of my staff members, should be our next Senior Pastor of GPBC. To God's glory, the church voted overwhelmingly for him to be my successor. For the last year and half I have had the privilege to personally mentor and prepare him for that role. On Sunday, March 26, 2023, I will preach my last sermon as Senior Pastor and hand that title over to Pastor Scott McFeters. I will become Pastor Emeritus of GPBC and Regina and I will remain committed members of the church.

2023 will be a time of change for both GPBC and me! I have long had a burden for new pastors and churches as well as struggling pastors here in the Northwest. I have sought God's will and He has led me to pursue His call to help pastors and churches not only in the Northwest but wherever that door opens. I will be partnering with my friend and mentor, Dr. Charles T. Shoemaker, with Church Planting America, serving as Vice President.

The purpose of this letter is first and foremost to let you hear this news from me personally. You have been a friend to me and prayed for me through the years, for which I am eternally grateful. My prayer is that you will now continue to pray for Regina and me as God opens the door to this new chapter of our life and ministry.

Second, I would be honored to come and preach and present the tremendous need for this ministry if the Lord would lead you to invite me to do so. As I write this letter my calendar is open. I would be humbled by your consideration to have me come if the Lord so leads.

Years ago, I came to Portland by faith to start GPBC. Forty years later, this new ministry is requiring more faith than I have ever exercised. I am also humbly asking you to consider partnering with me financially by supporting me as a missionary to pastors and church planters. I desire to not only help pastors plant churches, but by God's grace to also help them stay in the ministry. Your prayerful consideration of this is not taken for granted.

Enclosed is my new prayer card with the promise of an official introduction to this new chapter of ministry with Church Planting America to soon follow, from me and Dr. Shoemaker. Please feel free to call or contact me if you have any questions. I would love to talk with you personally!

You can rest assured that I will continue to pray for you, asking God to let me partner with you as we continue "making a difference" for His glory!

Until then, I will be...

Ever your friend in Portland,



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