



November 2, 2023

Pastor,

The psalmist wrote in Psalm 37:23-24 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.* I am thankful that as we follow His lead we know that He will bring us through every trial of our faith. God has been faithful to His Word to uphold my family as we have begun to adjust to life with Pam in heaven.

Pam and I talked much about the Lord and what ministry He would have for me after she was gone. One thing we both knew was that the Lord's call on my life to preach and the specific direction he had given me in January to pastor again had not changed. I had candidated at 2 churches in Jacksonville since the first of the year, but the Lord closed the door both times. Looking back, I can see that He knew I was going to need more time to care for her and minister to my family. After the funeral I came back to Jacksonville to stay with the kids and seek the Lord's direction. I received a text in mid September about a church here that was without a pastor and was fighting to keep their doors open. After visiting and them asking me to candidate, I accepted the call to be the pastor of Heavenly Heights Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL on October 8.

With a membership of only 15 people this is a church recovery ministry. The church has no debt and can pay all of their regular monthly bills, but there is very little left to pay a pastor's salary, so for now I am working part time for my son Cory at his golf cart shop. Similar to a church planter, the need and my desire is to be full time in the work of leading this church back to a place of growth.

I am writing to make two requests. First is for prayer. Having started in Aklavik in 2007 with a similar scenario I know how important it is to have God's people praying for you. The second request is for support for 1 year. I believe if we are faithful the Lord will add to the church during this time and that they will be able to support their pastor.

I am thankful for the faithfulness of your church to support us while we were in the Arctic and am asking for your consideration for this need. Support designated for Pastor Noland can be sent to Heavenly Heights Baptist Church, 6680 Dunn Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32218. I spoke with the church accountant who helps small churches and missionaries and his recommendation is for all support to go through the church as they are already incorporated and able to issue receipts. I will be following up on this letter with a phone call in the next couple of weeks or you can contact me by phone or text at 904-718-4223 and email at [larrynoland68@gmail.com](mailto:larrynoland68@gmail.com)

In His Service,

Pastor Larry Noland