



# GRACE

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Grace Family,

With heavy hearts, the elders of Grace Baptist Church are writing to inform the congregation that Pastor Craig Miller has tendered his resignation as Lead Pastor effective on June 19th.

In the midst of several weeks of ministry discussions with the elders, Craig concluded that for the unity and strength of Grace Baptist Church, it would be best for him to resign. The Council of Elders has accepted his conclusion and his resignation. We know that this will come as a shock to many of you, and we want to assure you that we have not taken this process lightly. We have spent many hours in meetings, deliberations, and prayer.

We wish we could tell you this in person, but our current circumstances have made that difficult. We know that many of you have questions, including what are the next steps forward. This coming Sunday, June 14, will be Craig's last Sunday as Lead Pastor. He will preach his final sermon from the Book of Daniel. We are sorry that you have to hear about this news in this format. One of our renewed goals is to increase the clarity and regularity of communication. Beginning next week, we will communicate about a number of things, including ways to express appreciation to Pastor Craig and Kathy, transition plans, ministry plans moving forward, and responses to congregational questions.

We want to express our deep appreciation for Pastor Craig and Kathy. We love them dearly and are grateful for their fifteen years of fruitful ministry to the Grace family. We continue to value the significant areas of Grace's ministry that have developed under Craig's leadership. As he moves on to the next season, he leaves Grace in a healthy place in terms of ministry reach and financial stability. We, the elders, are thankful for Craig and Kathy and would like to lead the church in expressing our gratitude in creative ways, even as the restrictions due to the pandemic do not allow us to gather to thank them in the typical ways.

We want you to know that your elders love you and pray for you, and are here for you. Brothers and sisters, please join us in prayer for our church family. Pray that we would be in faithful pursuit of the Lord and one another in the midst of difficulty. Pray for Pastor Craig and Kathy as they seek the Lord's guidance for what the next chapter of their life will be. Pray for the elders, deacons, and staff as they seek to shepherd and serve this body for the sake of the gospel. The coming days will have hardships, but the Lord is good and is in control. He will sustain us.

Hoping in Christ,

The Grace Baptist Council of Elders