

Aletheia Church,

Please take a few moments to read the following note from Pastor Paul and the message below from the elders.

To Our Aletheia Church Family,

Thank you for the last 12 years of friendship and partnership in the gospel. They have been filled with grace and favor. We are thankful for the six month sabbatical. Our family was able to find some much needed rest after 20+ years of ministry. We reflected quite a bit. We prayed. We received counseling for our weary souls, and leading up to and upon our return we anticipated the next season with you all with an open hand to whatever it is that God wanted to do.

Though it has only been a very short time, it quickly became clear to us that God was leading us on to whatever is next for the Fiske family. It's difficult to understand, but we know God is speaking in this way, so we are doing our very best to be faithful to his call. As a result, I've decided to step away as lead pastor of Aletheia Church. Our hearts are both heavy and hopeful. We know God has an amazing plan for us. We know God has an amazing plan for this church.

The church, this church belongs to Jesus first and foremost. I have loved her and still love her as much or more than I have loved just about anything. However, God has made it very clear that our season here is over. The church is always bigger than one person or even than a couple of people. And God is always at work moving the pieces around for our good and for his glory. He will always do what is best for his Kingdom, and he will always care for us in the process.

Thank you for your friendship...thank you for your partnership...thank you for your care...thank you for your love.

Pastor Paul

The elder team, on behalf of the church, is so very thankful for the Fiske family and the impact they have had over the past 12 years. We would not be the church we are today without their faithfulness and commitment to the gospel. Their love and care for the church has impacted all of us tremendously and so many others throughout the years. We trust that God has a great plan for both the Fiske family and for Aletheia Church in the years ahead.

Pastor Paul made this announcement to our staff and Community Group leaders on Sunday morning, and we had a sweet time of prayer together with the Fiske family afterwards. We will also be honoring them during the August 29th worship service, so please join us for that, and in praying for them in this transition.

This is a great opportunity for us to trust God in the midst of a unique season, and we are confident as we continue to be the church that He has called us to be that He will continue to draw people to Himself, He will bring the growth, and He will use Aletheia Church in mighty ways in the years to come.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Brandon, Chris, or Raymond. We will also be available anytime after our Sunday gatherings as well. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the gospel with you all.