

FAMILY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings, Grace Church Family, from your Search Committee, from your elders, and on behalf of your church staff. We trust you read the email about our congregational family meeting next Sunday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Our official business during that important meeting is to “honor the past” by voting to formally relieve Bill of his call in which he faithfully served us for 32 years. In addition to tonight’s celebration, we have the privilege next week to formally send Bill into his well-deserved retirement, as a good and faithful servant.

As we “look to the future,” there will be reports from your search committee, from your elders, and from our interim pastor Chad Donohoe. Importantly, while our long-serving pastor has retired, we remain the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, we will talk about continuing in that important work and calling in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

To frame our time together next Sunday night, we will turn to God in bringing our petitions before Him because He rules and reigns on the throne. We will also exalt and praise Him in song. Then, we will gather in fellowship with the sweet treat of ice cream.

So, please join us next Sunday night for this very important and special time for our church.

Two key items Bill gave to us in his final sermon and Wednesday night talk should be reverberating through our minds as we continue to be the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. From the final Wednesday night talk focused on Romans 15, “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant [us] to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together [we] may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord

Jesus Christ.” From the closing lines of last Sunday’s sermon quoting I Corinthians 2:2, “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

As we enter this service of worship, may God be glorified, may we have ears to hear, may our voices lift in praise, and may we know Jesus and the power of His resurrection.

All praise be to God.