



## **Camden Baptist Church**

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Fellow OARBC Pastors and Churches,

It was with sadness back in February that I read the letter from Chuck Pausley announcing his retirement at the end of the year. Then after reading the accompanying response from Adam McCune on behalf of the Council of 12, I began to do as they had requested: pray for the Pausley's, pray for the transition team, and pray for the churches of the OARBC. It is as a result of those prayers that you are reading the letter before you.

It is with both a sense of overwhelming fear and overpowering delight that I share my willingness to serve should my candidacy be ratified in our October meeting. Jeanne and I have been privileged to serve as pastor and pastor's wife in two OARBC churches over the last 27 years. We have found our fellowship of churches to be a great source of strength and encouragement, and we are humbled at the prospect of serving in this capacity.

We have a blessed heritage in the OARBC of strong doctrinal clarity and rich fellowship. God has demonstrated His faithfulness to His Word and His Church. It is my prayer that God may use the years ahead to deepen our dependence upon Him, and our interdependence upon each other. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and direction for the Pausley's, the Council of 12, and the churches of the OARBC; and please add Jeanne and I, as well as our Camden Church family.

By His Grace and For His Glory,

Bill Kopas