

Compass Bearing #36  
Devotions to Navigate the Coronavirus Pandemic  
**"A Fond Farewell"**  
Saturday, June 13, 2020  
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This is the final installment of Compass Bearings devotions. For the past twelve weeks Jeremy, Clayton, and I have sent out three of these a week to encourage and challenge you during our hiatus from face-to-face gatherings. But tomorrow we finally resume in-person worship. Hallelujah!

Tomorrow is also my last Sunday with The Compass Church. I am thankful that I will get to see so many of you before we move to Fishers. Don't get me wrong. I am very excited about my next challenge and opportunity as Lead Pastor at Fishers UMC. But the move is definitely bittersweet. I will miss all of you deeply.

Here is one thing I know: God is not done with either of us yet. There is so much more for you to be and do in the Lord's name. And there is so much more for Lisa, Abraham, and me to be and do when we get to Fishers. The kingdom of God knows no boundaries. As Methodism's founder John Wesley once said, "the world is my parish."

As I think of what God has in store for you, receive this prayer Paul wrote to one of his favorite congregations:

*<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe (Ephesians 1:15-19).*

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for 18½ tremendous years of ministry. You have made me better as a pastor, as a Christian, and as a person. You have been a constant source of encouragement. You have been a blessing to all of us in ways beyond imagination. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

By the way, service times tomorrow:

- Selma, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
- Yorktown, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
- Winchester, 9:30 a.m.
- Online, 9:00 a.m. or after

See you in church!