

Bethel family,

It is with heartfelt love for Jesus and His church that I inform you that I have submitted my resignation as Senior Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church. The last 7 years serving in this role have been humbling, exciting, and a demonstration of the grace of God. This church and community welcomed my family and I with open arms and has shown the love of Jesus through everything that's come our way. I have loved our time together and my prayer is that we will continue the fond feelings of brotherly affection for one another.

I've been asked to serve as a pastor for a church in northern Colorado and after much prayer and discernment, Heather and I have decided to accept this position. We talk about following the leading of the Lord in our family a lot, and we believe the Lord is leading us to serve in this new way. While we are excited about this new opportunity, we are grieving over leaving the Bethel staff, elders, and church family we love so dearly. But we feel this comes at a strategic time as our older two children are off to college, and our youngest is still in elementary school. Also, the new location gives us greater accessibility to family. We have some family in Colorado, and we will be near a major airport that will give us easier accessibility to our aging parents in Washington state.

Our current plan is that I would remain on staff at Bethel through the first Sunday in August so that we can formulate a thoughtful transition plan. Plus, I really want to finish preaching through the book of Daniel. We know that if the Lord is leading me to something new, then the Lord has someone new in mind for Bethel. Jesus is the leader of the church. Not a pastor and not the elders. We are always in good hands when we are resting securely in His grip. My commitment is to finish well and do everything I can to position Bethel for God glorifying health. I believe the best days of Bethel's Gospel-impact are yet to come.

Please join us on Sunday morning where I will begin each service with this announcement and you will get to hear from Rick Welty, Chairman of the Elder board, on this subject as well. Please be in prayer for our elders, our staff, and all those who will be involved in this transition process. We all love this church, and we know that God will continue to lead and guide His church for His glory.

In His Service,

Scott Wilson