

From Pastor Stephen

Loved Ones,

In spite of social media, computer access, and phones that go with us everywhere, I sometimes think there is still a shortage of meaningful communication in the world today. It seems strange that most of the “time-saving devices” we own have actually taken quality time away from us!

It is my delight to pray for this wonderful congregation regularly, and it seems that the last couple of weeks I have felt the need to just write a few heart-felt lines to the Christian Life family. Nothing heavy; nothing profoundly spiritual – I just wanted to say “thank you” for a few things.

First of all, thank you for the privilege of being your pastor for almost 24 years. There is no job as fulfilling and rewarding as being the shepherd of this flock.

Thank you for loving me and my entire family – my wife, our mothers, my children, and now my growing herd of grandchildren.

Thank you for being so faithful through the years. Faithful to come, to give, to pray, to serve, to build the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for being here to join me in the years ahead as we pursue His Presence. You have been faithful in great times and in times of trial, in times of plenty and in times of lack. You have made a commitment to be the People of God in this community, and there are no words to express how I love you for that.

Someone has said that when a love letter is written, the one writing doesn't know for sure what he wants to say, and doesn't know for sure what he has said once the letter is finished. After all, love is often indescribable and sometimes beyond our ability to articulate. Passion is like that sometimes. However, in this case, I know what I wanted to say, and I hope I have made it clear – I love you.

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