

Dear Church Family,

I have been meaning to write from the time we said our goodbyes. I wanted to express how special you are to me and the Ostrom family. I never intended to let two months pass before writing but perhaps it has afforded us an opportunity to appreciate more deeply the fond affection we have for you. We miss you greatly—the joys, encouragements, walking through life together, and growing in the Word.

The Lord was good to give us fourteen years together. Serving as your pastor was a blessing I didn't deserve. Your kindness and patience with me over the years is a testimony to God's gracious work in you. Together we learned that behind a frowning providence God hides a smiling face. We learned that God's grace is made perfect in weakness. And we learned that Christ is more valuable than anything. I pray Christ will continue to minister to you as you look to Him—the author and finisher of our faith.

You will never be far from us—the friendships forged are for eternity. Forgive me for the delay with this letter. I had always longed to do more writing for the church bulletin and the Pointers. Now I'm swamped with writing for BJU Press. Perhaps this is my penance (please laugh).

The move was difficult. It was not easy to uproot from the church family and community we came to love. But the Lord continues to provide. Joshua began BJA a couple weeks ago. Please pray for him as he makes the adjustment. Micah begins BJU next week. He is eager to start their cinematography program. And Cindy is staying busy at NHC, loving every moment of it. As for me, I have mixed feelings. As grateful as I am for the new opportunity, I miss serving at Poplar Springs.

Please know that we continue to pray for you. We hope to make a visit in the near future. It would be great to see you all again. Until

then, let's press forward toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

With much love and affection,
Bruce, Cindy, Micah, and Joshua

P.S. I'm always here for my PSBC friends.

P.S.S. Thank you very much for the wonderful send-off on our last Sunday (July 8th). The generous gift was a big help in our move. Thanks also to all the folks who helped with the move.

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