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Retirement

As you know, I plan to retire the end of June as associate pastor at Open Door Bible Church. The question is: What does it mean for me to retire? A dictionary has these options: 1. Retreat, 2. to withdraw esp. for privacy, 3. to withdraw from one's occupation or position, conclude one's career, 4. to go to bed, 5. to cause to be out in baseball.

I suppose # 3 fits the best for me, since # 4 I have already been doing all my life and # 5 doesn't seem to fit since I haven't played baseball now for decades ☺. #2 is why a pastor takes a day-off. ☺ And # 1 sounds like long-range planning at a church board retreat! Actually the practical definition is when you stop being a Paid pastor!

Many conversations for me recently have been about the plans for my retiring. Questions have been like: When are you retiring? (Since we had not set a date before) Where are you moving? As if we were moving away and leaving. Are you moving back to Nebraska? We have no plans to move anywhere. In fact, we are still planning to be a part of Open Door Bible Church and continue to work together with you all to carry out our RBI – of reaching people with the gospel, building them up in Christ and being involved together to do it. Of course, there will be a difference in roles and responsibilities, but I am looking forward to what the Lord has ahead for Nora and me personally, as well as what He has ahead for us as a church family.

So this really is not about saying farewell, but a challenge for us all to be faithful to follow and serve the Lord through all the changes in life. None of us really knows what the future holds for us but we do know the One who holds the future. Like the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:12b “for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.” Paul's confidence was in our Lord Jesus Christ, even though he would soon be executed when he penned that. We need to continue to live with our confidence in Him too, whatever our future is here on earth. We need to keep our focus on God's promises to us in Christ for all eternity. God's Word, the Bible is eternal and unchangeable. Remember God does not lie, so we can trust Him and what He says to us in His Word. We must not turn aside to myths and trends and fads – 2 Timothy 4:1-5.



God's purpose for all of us believers in Christ is to glorify Him through proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world around us so they too can know the joy of serving Jesus. From this wonderful privilege we do NOT retire.

Pastor Jim



Saturday June 10

There will be no Saturday service June 10 due to the wedding of Sarah Litke and Stuart Friberg. The families will be using the church building for the reception that evening.

Sunday, June 11

During our Sunday services June 11 we will be celebrating the ministry of associate pastor Jim Engelman as he retires at the end of June.

Sunday, June 18

Summer worship schedule starts: Sundays at 8:00 and 9:45 am (no Sunday School/ABF's).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 12-16 ~ 8:30-11:30am

This year's theme: Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Register your children (ages 4 - 4th grade) today at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/friedens>

Contact Tim & Michelle Nikolai or Pastor Nate.

YOUTH GROUPS

One Life - for grades 5-8, will not be meeting during the summer.

REACH - for High School students, will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm through the end of July.



MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 5 -

8:00pm ODBC Red vs. St. Joe's @ Belgium

8:00pm ODBC Blue vs. Vineyard @ Grafton

June 12 -

8:00pm ODBC Red vs. ODBC Blue @ Belgium

June 19 -

6:30pm ODBC Red vs. Pilgrim @ Grafton

6:30pm ODBC Blue vs. Portview @ Belgium

June 26 - Make-up Games

2017 GENERAL FUND REPORT as May 31

Giving this year – \$ 191,657.00

Expenses this year – \$ 216,872.00

This year's giving deficit – \$ 25,215.00

BUILDING FUND REPORT

Giving this year – \$73,230.00

Expenses this year – \$5,900.00

Current Building Fund Balance: \$514,660.00