

Summerville Baptist Church 2016

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PSALM 37:5 COMMIT THY WAY UNTO THE LORD; TRUST ALSO IN HIM; AND HE SHALL BRING IT TO PASS.

October 14, 2016

Dear Brother,

Thank you for being a faithful servant of the Lord here in the Pacific Northwest. We live in a beautiful part of God's creation, but it is also one of the most liberal and secular parts of our nation. This region is in a famine of truth from God but is inundated the deceptive lies of Satan. I am so thankful that God has placed you here for such a time as this, and I am praying for God to raise up many more like you who will stand in the gap for the souls of people that know not the truth of what God declares in His Word.

We are in a situation of divide & multiply here at Summerville Baptist Church that we have seen God do in His true churches through history all the way back to the beginning of this present age. Our Saviour sent out His disciples and told them to scatter preaching the gospel after His ascension back into Heaven. In the book of Acts, we see Baranbas being sent from Jerusalem to check on believers in other places, which turned into a church planting effort in Antioch. Then, in chapter 13, we see God separating the leadership of that church to send out Barnabas and Saul to another work that He desired for them to do with Him. We have experienced God calling out one from our leadership team to do another work, in another place, much like what they have been doing here with us.

Brother John Martin and his wife, Debbie, have been called of God to act on a burden He began to place on their hearts while they were still serving in the military. God burdened their hearts then to be a help to military believers stationed abroad once they were retired and prepared for the work God wanted them to do. When Brother John retired from the Marine Corp, God brought them here to Summerville Baptist Church to serve and grow in their preparations. The Martins are faithful servants of the Lord in this church body. Brother John has taught God's Word to children, teens, and adults. He also has filled the pulpit as a preacher of the Word for me many times and for other churches in Eastern Oregon. He has served as a Deacon for many years and is a faithful soul winner who seeks opportunities to share his faith with those who are lost. He and Sister Debbie have lead our Wednesday night children's program many times over the years, they are currently engaged in discipleship of new believers, and Sister Debbie is a vital part of our music ministry as well as Children's Cherub Choir. They are leaving some very big holes in our ministry here, but we are trusting the Lord to bring in and bring up new faithful servants to fill in the gaps.

The Martins have been accepted by BIMi as missionaries, they have been commissioned by and sent out from Summerville Baptist Church, and Brother John has been ordained as a preachers of the Gospel by the church family here as well. I am writing to you on their behalf asking you to be part of their support team that will operate a little differently than the traditional missionary support. The Martins are planning to do fill-in work for Missionary Pastors of churches that minister to US Military stationed in foreign lands. Their ministry will be short term

pulpit supply when the regular pastor needs to be gone for an extended time from his pastoral role in the church. The Martins will not need support when they are home, but will need temporary support for three or four months when they are called to go fill in for a pastor who is gone from his flock. Our vision is to have a list of churches who will be contacted when the need for support arises. Once enough support is raised for the length of time needed then we will be done for that short term ministry. The next time they are called out to serve the shepherding role of a church we will begin contacting churches on the list where we concluded previously. If we have enough churches that comprise the list of team members, then our need from each would only be once a year for a few months or so. I know this is not the conventional way to do missions support, but it is the best idea we have come up with for their unique ministry. They do not want to be receiving full-time support when they are here at home and not out on the mission field. If you would like them to come and share their ministry plan with your church family, they are available to do that for you. They will be communicating with all those on their support team quarterly about their ministry, keeping all their supporting church apprised of their ministry involvement and prayer needs.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord, to His Word, and to the church family He has called you to watch over and care for on His behalf. Thank you for the blessing you are to me personally, as a fellow servant of the Lord here in the northwest. Thank you also for being a friend to me and to other servants of the Lord in our region. May God continue to use you and your ministry for His glory until He returns to take us to be with Him eternally.

The Lord bless you keep you my friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin E. Humber".

Franklin E. Humber, Pastor