

January 19, 2011

Dear MVPC Family,

Last spring I wrote to inform the congregation that in anticipation of my retirement we were beginning a season of Succession Planning. I am so grateful for how God has been using this time to build strength, continuity and readiness for the incredible things He has ahead for MVPC.

The purpose of this letter now is to announce to you a specific date for my retirement. That date is May 22, 2011.

Appropriately enough, we will be celebrating Communion on that day, culminating an all-church celebration over the May 21-22 weekend. Leading up to that weekend, beginning on May 1, I will be giving a series of four farewell messages based on Philippians entitled, "Rejoice in the Lord, Always!"

As you might imagine, after nearly 29 years in God's calling to our beloved MVPC, Joy and I feel both a sense of joy as well as sadness as we anticipate this farewell. Most of all we feel deep gratitude for God's gracious work on so many fronts and in the lives of so many people during our years of ministry here. These are treasures not only lodged in our hearts but laid up in heaven!

These last few months together will be very precious. I praise God for His sweet peace, spiritual comfort and growing assurance as we journey towards this transition together.

What God has in store is nothing short of amazing!

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him.*  
1 Corinthians 2:9

For His Glory and in His Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Jim Rueb