



June 1, 2009

Dear Good Shepherd family,

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote that we have all been given gifts to equip the saints for the work of ministry and build the body of Christ. Because of these gifts, we are all called to different ministries, some to leadership, some to music, some to work with children and some to service.

After much prayer, thought and conversation, I have discerned a call to lead a different ministry. Lisa, Renee, Cole, Pete and I will move to New Orleans, LA in August to fulfill this call. My last Sunday in Delaware at Good Shepherd will be July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

We have built such a strong church together. There are so many gifts we share. There has always been an enthusiastic leadership, producing ideas well beyond any expectations. The level of commitment I have seen at Good Shepherd is the single factor that made this decision of change so difficult. We will miss you all. We have had fun together, become good friends and have shared a lot with each other. I am convinced that this move will only give each of us the opportunity and ability to grow stronger.

In this time of transition, please keep my family in your prayers. Know that I will keep Good Shepherd in my prayers in your time of growth.

There will be a time for questions at the annual parish meeting this Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 a.m. service. The move to Saint Nicholas on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. will still go forward, and I will be able to help with this transition.

May God guide us and bless us.

Peace,

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