

# Harvest Church



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# THE BEACON

September 2021 Newsletter



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DOUG

### THE TIMES, THEY'RE A-CHANGIN'

I think everybody is already up to speed on this, but I want to be sure everybody knows what is happening, so I'm going to risk repeating myself.

At my request, the Elders of Harvest Church have initiated the process of searching for the man God has called to be our next pastor. I will retire when that person assumes leadership of Harvest Church.

Please note the language in that statement: I haven't resigned with a terminal date. And we aren't trying to hire a pastor, we are asking God to show us who He has already called to lead us in the next phase of our life together.

The process for a search is outlined in our by-laws. The search team consists of the Elders plus any others they choose to add. The team has been appointed, and is listed in another part of this newsletter.

If you have input or ideas for the team, please speak to one of the team members. The work of a search team must necessarily be conducted out of the public eye, but the team is committed to listening to the congregation and keeping you informed of where they are in the process.

The team's assignment is to find one candidate to present to the congregation for an opportunity to meet him, hear him and vote on calling him.

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## From the Desk of Pastor Doug (Continued)

I've been asked a couple of questions that I'd like to answer here.

First, is there some problem that has led to my decision? No. I love the experience of pastoring Harvest Church. I've just realized that my energy and vision are not what this church needs for its next phase of ministry. As we emerge from the Covid mess, this church needs a fresh leader with different gifts and abilities. I came here with an understanding that I'd probably be here 2-5 years with some specific assignments to fulfill. I've been here over 6 years, and have done all those, except the final one of helping the church to transition to a new pastor, and now it's time to work on that.

The other question I hear is what will Pat and I do after I retire. And the answer to that question is that we don't know. We have a few "bucket list" goals, but those are not set in stone. We are praying about next steps, but they aren't clear at all at this point. Like most of life, we'll take one step at a time.

The process we're entering on usually takes 6-24 months to complete. Be patient and keep serving God and keep moving forward as we all anticipate God's next steps for us.

-Doug

## SEARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Under the Harvest Church by-laws, the search committee consists of the Elders and others the Elders appoint to serve with them for this task. The search team as been appointed, consisting of Scott Carey, Dean Schroeder, Nate Schwickerath, Rod Reicks, Heather Riha and Todd Becker. The search team has met once and appointed Todd as chairman. After the first week of September, they will meet weekly.

## **PASTOR DOUG'S SEPTEMBER SERMONS:**

### **September 5th**

Acts 2:5-12

“Babel Reversed”

### **September 12th**

Acts 2:13-18

“Living in the Last Days”

### **September 19th**

Acts 2:19-21

“Great Day Coming”

### **September 26th**

Acts 2:22-36

“Resurrection and God’s Plan for the Ages”

*Laura Wireman*

Laura Wireman, who was a long-time greeter at Harvest Church, died August 18th after a severe Covid infection. Services were held at Garden of Memories on August 21st.



# Pine Lake Women's Retreat

September 10th - 12th

YESTERDAY

TODAY

FOREVER

HEBREWS 13:8

Join us as we celebrate our forever faithful God!

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*



**Rod Reicks - September 1st**

**Tom Sauser - September 8th**

**Dale Tiemessen - September 8th**

**Isaak Schwickerath - September 13th**

**Ethan Sabelka - September 27th**





# September 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 11:00 a.m. "Harvest Connection" on Facebook	4
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