

Oakton Church of the Brethren

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Oakton Board, and with sadness and regret, I accepted the resignation of Pastor Chris Bowman, effective September 1, 2014.

Chris has served as pastor of the Oakton Church of the Brethren since 2004. His ministry here has been an exceptional one. His sermons are both thought provoking and entertaining, his children stories are captivating and his friendship, love and stewardship of our congregation have been inspirational.

Sherry has been a blessing to our congregation in service as a Sunday School teacher, a member of Book Studies, Bible Studies, Fellowship, and Bells as well as all the things that I have forgotten to list.

Jacob and Melissa have also been active members of our church helping with Vacation Bible School, Bells and youth activities. Again, I'm sure there are many things I have forgotten to mention. We've watched them grow, graduate from high school and college and will miss them as well.

The board has appointed Vice-Chair Brian Bachman to lead a transition team to help guide us in the months ahead. We are in conversation with Gene Hagenberger, our District Executive, as we plan our next steps to secure an Interim Pastor and create a search committee.

Brothers and Sisters, we are well prepared to continue our Lord's work. Our Vital Ministry Journey groups are helping us listen to each other and to God and uniting us in service as well as friendship. We are financially whole and blessed with a loving and caring church family. This is an exciting time for us all.

Pastor Chris' last official day here will be August 31 although he and Sherry will be using some time in August to prepare for their call. Between now and then, please take a moment to wish them well and pray that God will continue to walk with them on their journey.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Powell".

Rob Powell, Board Chair