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September 24, 2012

To the Congregation of Lake Murray Baptist Church:

On Wednesday evening, September 19, I informed Brian Charles, our Chairman of the Deacons, and our Personnel Committee, of my decision to resign as Senior Pastor of Lake Murray Baptist Church.

In January 2012, I was approached by Lifeway Christian Resources about a serving as a Discipleship Strategist in an exciting new venture for the company. We prayerfully turned down the request, not convinced the Lord was releasing us from this ministry. Lifeway pursued us again in April, and again we prayerfully turned down their request, unconvinced our ministry here was complete. When they approached us a third time in August, the Lord released us from ministry at Lake Murray, and we agreed to begin serving at Lifeway in October. My final Sunday with you will be September 30.

My family is deeply grateful for the wonderful people we've had the privilege to do life with since December 2008. It has been encouraging to see the Gospel at work in our marriages, our parenting, our illnesses, our disagreements, our challenges, and our ministries. God has proven faithful to glorify Himself in and through those people at Lake Murray who have sought to find their joy in Him. My prayer is that this congregation will ascribe to the Lord glory, majesty, dominion and authority as He keeps you from stumbling and one day presents you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy (Jude 24-25).

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21)."

Grace,

Pastor Rob