

Hello New Life,

On September 20th, I announced that I am super excited to step into a new ministry opportunity as an associate pastor here at New Life! If you missed that announcement, you can view it [here](#). You can also view a video with more information about it [here](#).

This transition won't happen for another year. We are announcing it now because we want to give everyone plenty of time to process the change and ask any questions you might have.

On September 30, 2027, I will step down as co-lead pastor at New Life. At that time John will naturally continue as New Life's lead pastor and I will take a planned sabbatical and immediately begin my new role as New Life's Teaching and Care Pastor after that.

While the change in my role is significant, much of what I do at New Life will remain the same. I will continue to teach and preach, care for people, and invest in the city I love. What will change is that I will no longer be an elder, serve on the Executive Leadership Team, or function in the lead seat.

There is another important part of this transition. Beginning in the summer of 2028, Debra and I plan to spend our summers in Colorado, near two of our children and two of our grandchildren. Being able to actively participate in their lives is a significant part of this decision, and we are incredibly excited about this season of our lives.

I believe God is directing this because it is good for us and good for New Life! I am not retiring! This is not a quick decision. We have prayerfully considered this for a couple years and the elders have planned the details of this for more than a year.

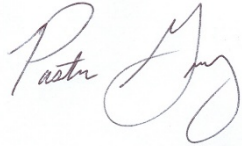
I have tremendous confidence in the elders and leadership of New Life. And I have tremendous confidence in Pastor John. I genuinely trust him as my pastor and look forward to serving under his leadership!

This isn't a decision being driven by conflict. No one is pushing me out. This is a decision driven by joy, trust, and a sense that God is leading me and New Life into a new season of ministry. After 29 years of serving as a pastor at this church, I believe it is time for me to step out of the lead seat, entrust that responsibility to John and others, and follow God's leading into a new season of life that allows us to invest more in our grandchildren during their formative years. New Life is healthy. Leadership is healthy. It is time.

Plus ... I am not going anywhere!

Tucson is our home, and New Life is our church! I fully embrace God's call on my life here in Tucson, and I am jazzed that I get to serve this city with my favorite church family. I love New Life. I love you - the people God has brought together in this church. And after 29 years, I am more excited than ever to cultivate a community that enjoys God and transforms the world through the gospel together!

Here's to many more years New Life - Love you, Pastor Greg

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor Greg". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.