



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

April 12, 2026

Dear Beloved Flock,

The writer of Ecclesiastes informs us that *“for everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven”* (Eccles. 3:1). That adage applies to me at my age (soon to be 79) and in my ministry as a pastor (now 54 years in duration). For my service to the King and His sheep, there has indeed been extended season of life, but sadly the time for this activity has come to an end. Though I enjoy being a preacher of the Word and a shepherd of God’s people, I am growing weary of the burden and sense a need to lay that burden down. Health challenges related to diabetes, neuropathy, and heart disease have reinforced this conviction. Fervent prayer as I’ve cast this care upon the Lord and godly counsel I’ve sought from family and friends have *“directed me in the way I should go”* (Isaiah 48:17). Therefore, I will step down as the senior pastor of Grace Bible Church on September 30, 2026, with my last Sunday in the pulpit being September 27, enabling me to complete twenty-five full years of love-filled service to this church and its congregation. Thank you, dear People, for ***“all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God”*** (1 Thess. 3:9). ***“To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity”*** (2 Peter 3:18).

Pastor Bill Bjork
Senior Pastor

P.S. You will have an opportunity to discuss this development and to learn more about what your Elders are planning for the church’s future at the Congregational Business Meeting scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday, April 27. See you then!