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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. We trust this letter finds each of you doing well, and enjoying a busy summer season where you are. We have had a lot of activity here in Yarmouth the past two months, and we have a lot going on in the days ahead. May the Lord give us all the strength and grace we need to see it through.

As I wrote in my last prayer letter, my wife again hosted a Mother's Day Ladies Banquet for the Independent Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia's South shore. There were nearly 80 ladies present representing at least five churches from the area. This year's theme was taken from II Cor. 5:17, "All Things Become New." The guest speaker was Mrs. Debbie Lavendar, wife of Pastor Paul Lavendar, the new pastor of New Testament Baptist Church on Cape Sable Island, NS. The women were blessed by her challenge, and enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship as well.

We were not able to schedule our baptismal service in May, but made plans to have the service on the evening of June 6. We had a total of five who were baptized that night right in the church. It was the first time anyone can remember an indoor baptism at Lighthouse. And it probably will not be forgotten! When I filled the tank with water, I was not able to warm the water at all. When they stepped into the tank, well, let's just say they had a spiritual awakening! But it went well, and I am so pleased to have had a part in this service.

For those of you who pray, please continue to pray for Joey and Jasmine. They are still coming to church but seem to have some real struggles in their lives. Jasmine followed the prayer of salvation on a tract I gave her, so I trust the Lord to deal with her as to her true spiritual condition. These two folks just need the Lord to work deeply in their hearts as they learn more of God's Word.

The church is now gearing up for our annual Vacation Bible School. We have a youth group from Granite Baptist Church in Glen Burnie, MD, coming to help this year. By the time you receive this letter the VBS will have come and gone. But we still covet your prayers for any of the children who accept Christ during the week.

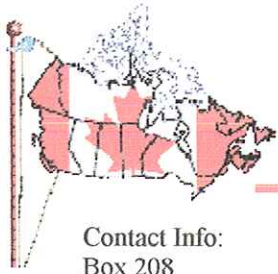
Finally, I would like to ask that you remember the church here in Yarmouth, as well as our family, in your prayers over the upcoming weeks. As we both enter a new phase of life and ministry, we need the Lord to guide and direct in all He would have us to do. We thank you for your faithfulness to pray for this ministry over the past few years. We could not have accomplished what we did were it not for friends like you. May God bless you for your service to Him through us.

In His Care,

Bro. Greg Chapman

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July 2, 2010

Dear Pastor Mackey and Camp Creek Baptist Church Family,

For the past few months, Proverbs 3:5-6 has been a recurring theme in my life. I seem to have come across these verses in many different ways during this time. And I know that it is what the Lord would have each of us do in every instance of our journey here – just get self out of the way, trust and acknowledge Him in all we do, and let Him direct our paths. As you may recall from our May prayer letter, I informed you that some needed changes were coming here at Lighthouse. It's in these changes that I now must trust the Lord and let Him lead, and the change I refer to is the purpose of this letter today.

Earlier this year, I communicated with my pastor and mission board that I had informed the church here in Yarmouth it was time to begin seeking my replacement as their Pastor. Granted, the goal has always been to be a help to this church and turn it over to another pastor, but I didn't think it would be this soon. We have made progress in different areas within the church. We have seen a few precious souls trust Christ as Savior, needed repairs have been made to the facilities, and the church is in great financial shape. However, after more than two years here in Canada, I have come to realize that church planting on a foreign mission field is not the ministry where my family and I belong. I am convinced that my strength for future ministry lies elsewhere, and that this church will be better able to take its next step under the leadership of another pastor. We truly love the folks of Lighthouse Baptist Church and want the very best for them. I believe that much more can be accomplished here with the right man in place.

As I reflect on the decision I made to move my family to Yarmouth, I know I did so with the absolute best of intentions, trying to follow the Lord. However, I feel the desire came from my seeing the need of this particular church, and not from a definite call to be a foreign missionary for the rest of my life. It may be that the Lord only intended for me to stay here a short time, as we have accomplished several important things at the church since we arrived. And I have personally learned a great deal about myself, my family, missions, and ministry in general. So I feel privileged to have labored here, and certainly all is not in vain. But for the church to continue moving forward, it is best that another pastor come in and we move on. We desire to serve the Lord with our lives and trust He will guide us down the path He would have us take.

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I know this announcement will come as a surprise to most of you, but I have confidence that each of you will understand that I must do what is needed for this church, my family, and my future ministry. Therefore, we have arranged with a veteran pastor from Maine, with over thirty years experience in ministry, to come to Lighthouse as Interim Pastor and continue aiding the church in their search for a full-time pastor. This gentleman has many contacts in the New England states as well as eastern Canada with whom he will communicate in his search. Also, I have been in contact with a few young men from here in Canada who are either finishing up in Bible College, or who have recently graduated, and are interested in becoming pastors in the Maritime provinces of Canada. The Interim Pastor will continue to follow up with these young men when he arrives, if we have not learned of their plans prior to our departure. I am excited about the possibilities that these young men present, not only for Lighthouse Baptist, but for other churches in Nova Scotia that are also in need of their own pastor. We pray for the Lord's will in this and ask you to do the same.

As for us, our relocation back to South Carolina will take place in mid-August. We would ask that you prayerfully consider continuing our support at least through the month of August while we are still on the field and beginning our transition. Should any of you wish to help us with financial support during our continued transition home, we certainly would appreciate the sacrifice. To accommodate any continued support, BIMBI will keep our account open through the month of November for you to do so if you choose. However, if you cannot or choose not to do so, we truly understand, and we want you to know how thankful we are for all you have done for us over the past five years. Many times in my prayer letters I stated that our supporting churches were the best any missionary could hope for. I do believe that. Each church, including yours, has been ever so faithful financially and prayerfully on our behalf. We are honored to have made the friends we now have among your church family. Our family continues to desire your friendship and prayers as we move to the next phase of our life and seek what the Lord would have for us.

I have enclosed for you our July prayer letter, and I will be sending another after we arrive home to update you on our status. Should you wish to contact me concerning this letter, you may do so using the above contact information. Again, I thank you for your confidence in me since the time you began our support. I can only ask that you trust me in this difficult decision as well. We love you all in the Lord.

With Grateful and Humble Hearts,



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