

Pastor Bud Fancy Update

Announcement – Sunday, September 11, 2022

On Sunday, July 18, 1973 I began my ministry in a little fishing village in southern NS. I am now 10 months away from completing 50 years in ministry. Fifty years seemed like a very long time when I was 22, I now realize it was like a vapor, here today and quickly gone.

These last 13+ years have brought much joy serving you as a church family. We have experienced the highs and lows that all churches face, but God has been faithful through it all. In the spring of 2019 I met with the board to discuss extending my call for 2 years and was surprised to walk out of the room that night having agreed to a 4 year extension. At that time, both Irene and I felt that 4 years seemed right, today we are in agreement that it is time to announce that on the 9th of July, 2023, I will be retiring from my position as *Lead Pastor* of Framework Church. My *heart* for you as a church family tugs at me, but the Holy Spirit clearly assures me this *is* the right decision. In May of next year I will be 72 and truly believe God has clearly indicated to me, *it is time*.

Irene and I intend to continue living here in PI, it is our home and you will continue to be our church family. I am thankful for so many faithful people who have served alongside Irene and I, you received us so graciously and have loved and honored us. I am excited for the future of Framework and look forward to what God has in store. I do want you to understand Irene and I are glad to talk about us but want you to clearly understand we will have nothing to do with choosing who the next pastor will be nor will we be sharing our opinions.

This is an integrity issue that is very important to me. We want nothing more than to fully support whoever God calls to be our next Lead Pastor. We trust the process our District Superintendent will lead our LBA through and that the decision will be made through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it is prudent for the outgoing pastor who is retiring to step away for a few weeks or months to allow an incoming leader to bond with his people. That being said, we are not going anywhere, Framework is our home and we look forward to continuing our relationship with you for many years to come.

This is *not* a time for sadness, I am filled with *gratitude* for all God's blessings these 50 years have provided. We serve a miraculous Savior who has supernaturally walked beside Irene and I. I want to thank the Local Church Board that has supported me 100% and, I know, will continue to support my final 10 months. I am totally committed to finishing well. I do not know all that my future holds, but I know who holds the future. I am confident His hand will continue to guide my journey.