

FINAL FAQ's

Pastor Brian's call as Senior Pastor at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren

- 1) WHEN IS PASTOR BRIAN'S LAST DAY ON STAFF AT FCOB?
 - a. While October 30th is Pastor Brian's last Sunday at FCOB, he will be taking some vacation time he has saved up to bridge a gap between FCOB and his new call at Ephrata Church of the Brethren. To that end, his last official day as a staff member is November 19th. Please pray that this time will be one of honest reflection, prayerful focus, and both remembering the past and looking forward to the future of his call.
- 2) WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR CONTACTING PASTOR BRIAN AFTER HE LEAVES?
 - a. As is the protocol for FCOB, we are asking that Pastor Brian be given a 6 month space from FCOB to focus on his new role as the Senior Pastor for the Ephrata Church of the Brethren. As such, he also is being asked to provide that same space for FCOB to adjust to a new reality without his pastoral leadership here. After a six month period, non-pastoral contact may be made with Pastor Brian, realizing that he has a new faith community he is called to care for. After this 6 month period, you may email him at bmessler.personal@gmail.com or contact him through FB messenger.
- 3) WHAT IS PASTOR BRIAN'S BIGGEST HOPE FOR FCOB?
 - a. In Pastor Brian's own words, "I pray that FCOB seeks Jesus in all ways. That the gospel is center to who we are and who God calls us to be. That we provide opportunities for spiritual growth and Biblical outreach in such ways that draw people to Jesus. I hope that FCOB is a force for Jesus in the community of Frederick and that the church rely fully on the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the task the God has set before us. In all, I pray that love prevails, that joy is abundant, that discipleship and evangelism abound, and that we honor and respect one another as we love God together."
- 4) WHAT ARE PASTOR BRIAN'S FINAL WORDS FOR FCOB?
 - a. In his own words, "Brothers and sisters in Christ – you are loved! I have been so blessed to walk with you for these last 12 years. You have helped me to grow, you have encouraged me, mentored me, celebrated with me, and cried with me. All in all, we have done life together and for that, I am grateful. I will be in prayer for you all as you seek God's call and will in your lives individually and together as a congregation. FCOB's future is bright, as you surrender to God's call, allow Him to use you, and also be bold and courageous in that call for your lives. You are a wonderful church family and I cannot begin to thank you enough. God bless you all!"
- 5) WHERE CAN I GO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT PASTOR BRIAN'S CALL OR NEXT STEPS RELATED TO HIS ROLE?
 - a. If you have questions regarding Pastor Brian's call or move, we encourage you to go directly to Pastor Brian himself. For all other inquiries, please contact any member of the Leadership Team (Tom Simmons, Lisa Gouker, Michelle Dorsch, Bill Mitchell, Janet Fogle, Bette Shafer, Doug Fisher, Lerry Fogle, Dave Weldon), Pastor Gene, or Paul Derstine.