

The Exchange Zone



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“Thank You!”

As most of you know by now, my last day on the Summitview staff is Monday June 30. God has called my family and me on to another ministry. Most likely that will be as a senior pastor in the Evangelical Free Church of Minden, Nebraska.

Because of this change, two passages of scripture are on my mind--one in the Old Testament and one in the New. The first is Philippians 1:3: “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.” This captures my attention because I am thinking back over the past nine months I have spent overseeing the teens and teen families. I am so thankful I have had the privilege of getting to know and to serve alongside you.

The second text is Psalm 50:23a: “The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me.” In other words, the one who thanks God for what he has reveals the full weight, i.e. the grace, love, wisdom, and sufficiency of God. In the case of my gratitude for you I believe it honors God since at the very core it displays a realization that God gave me the gift of serving You. It has been a joy!

I want to thank so many of you for your love, your many words of encouragement, and the passion with which You have served Christ and led your family.

I will miss you, as well as the entire Summitview congregation, and will always have a great affection for you. May God continue to bless you, your family, and this body of believers!

Joyfully Passing On the Baton With You,

Tom Barnes