

Hello Church Family!

September 5, 2023

Fall is here! And so many changes have begun. Most of you know that my family has had big changes with the twins being away for their first year of college. The start to a new school year has also been full of change and challenge.

But the Lord has been with us through all of it. He has been working out all of the details that I am so good at worrying about. He's been reminding me that He is working, even when I don't see it or forget to look for His hand. And He's been helping me during this season, more than any other in my life, to learn to wait on Him, for His perfect plan and timing.

Psalm 46:10 says "Be still, and know that I am God." In the midst of the busyness and trials of life, let's trust Him with our lives and let's trust Him with NBNC. Great is His faithfulness!

Beginning on September 10th, we will have an interim preaching pastor. Jeff Tavares and his wife, Karen, are members of the Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Severn. I feel thankful and blessed that they will be with us at NBNC during this period of waiting and searching.

I'll leave the rest of the introductions up to Jeff. He has written a letter for us that follows here.

Prayerfully,

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Dear New Beginning Nazarene Church,

I want to take this opportunity to let each of you know how excited, honored, and humbled I am to begin serving at New Beginning Nazarene Church as your interim preaching pastor. Karen and I look forward to becoming part of your local church family for as long as God will have us there.

In my experience, pastoral transitions often cause anxiety within a congregation, and I would imagine there is at least some of that being felt today. My prayer is that through this time of transition the Lord will use me to provide a calm and consistent presence so that God's transforming work continues to change and restore each of us in his image--even as we pray, discern, and anticipate what God has next for New Beginning Church of the Nazarene.

I will share more about my background, family, and faith journey in the coming weeks as we worship together. I encourage each of you to be faithful in your attendance and participation in worship this Fall! I firmly believe there is ministry through the simple act of you being present on Sunday morning. See you on September 10<sup>th</sup>! In the meantime, may the good Lord continue to draw you to himself.

Grace and Peace!

Jeff