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Dear SBC Church Family,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter. As you know I am away with Pastor Mike on a trip to the Biblelands, but I wish I were there to be able to share this news with you in person. Over the past year God has been working on my heart and placing in my soul a desire to preach and lead a body of believers to be about fulfilling the Great Commission. Not long ago I was contacted by the First Baptist Church of Kettering, OH (just outside of Dayton) about the possibility of becoming the Senior Pastor of that body. After much prayer Candace and I have accepted their call to lead them. We will begin our ministry there on January 2, 2011. Throughout this process I have sought the wisdom and counsel of Pastor Mike and he has been an encourager and prayer warrior on my behalf. He is a man of God and has mentored me in such a way that it causes me to reflect on Paul's ministry to Timothy.

Please know that I love you all and that the past four years have been some of the best of my life. Our family has been blessed to be a part of this church. You will always be a special place for us because you welcomed our son Shepherd into your fellowship and were such a part of God bringing him to us. For that we are in great debt to you all. Please know that we are not leaving because of anything here. We love you, we love Pastor Mike, and we love the staff. God has simply chosen to reassign our ministry and we must walk in obedience.

As soon as we are back in the country I will be sharing this information with you in person. Please be in prayer for me and my family as well as for your sister church, FBC Kettering, as they prepare to receive us there. On the brightside the new shoes you just bought are safe for the time being.

We love you,

Pastor Chad, Candace, Hadley, and Shepherd