



# Thank You

Greetings FMBC Family,

On behalf of my wife, our gracious First Lady, and myself, I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt love to each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve over these past 5-years.

In January 2020, I entered a conversation that would change the course of my life and ministry. It was an invitation to return to Freewill as Senior Pastor, a church that had already poured so much into me. After much prayer, reflection, and wise counsel, I said yes. Little did any of us know that just a few months later, the world would be turned upside down by a global pandemic. Emotions ran high; fear, uncertainty, and grief visited many of our homes and yet, it was the church that became a steady place of strength, hope, and spiritual clarity.

I returned to Freewill with excitement and vision, ready to serve a place that had already sown richly into my life.

Over the past five years, we have seen tremendous growth, in our technology, operations, infrastructure, and financial stewardship. More importantly, we've seen deep spiritual development, discipleship, and the strengthening of community bonds that can only be attributed to the grace of God. But above all the measurable progress, I must tell you this: God is here!

Just as God told Joshua, “*As I was with Moses, so shall I be with you,*” I believe that same promise is true for us. When you understand the power, presence, and provision that followed Moses, you understand the weight of that assurance. Freewill, God is with us, and I am filled with expectation about His presence and what it means for our church’s future.

As we move “**Freewill Forward**,” this is more than a theme, it’s a call. A call to keep growing, keep trusting, keep serving, and keep pressing toward the purpose God has for us.

Let us remember this: ***A Praying Church is a Powerful Church.*** I need and humbly solicit your prayers. Prayers not only for my family and I, but for this ministry, our leaders and members, our unity and for God’s wisdom to guide every decision? Will you believe God with me for the greater that is yet to come, for our church and for your life?

I also ask you to take your place in this move of God.

- Will you find a place to serve with passion and faithfulness, knowing your service is not in vain, but is helping change lives and spread the Gospel?
- Will you speak life over our church, using your voice to encourage others, build unity, and draw souls to Christ?
- Will you be an ambassador for the Kingdom, not just promoting our ministry, but representing the heart of Jesus wherever you go?

Together, we can fulfill the Great Commission found in Matthew 28: “*Go and make disciples of all nations.*”

I also thank you not only for partnering with me, but for loving my family. Your kindness to my wife and our three children has blessed us deeply. We are honored to be part of this family.

Finally, I want to hear from you. How may I serve you better as your pastor? Your spiritual growth and well-being matter to me. If you have thoughts, ideas, or ways I can better walk with you on your journey, please don’t hesitate to let me know directly via a call or email.

Thank you for your trust, your love, for believing in the vision and walking with us.

With Love, Gratitude & Grace, Pastor Quentin & Dr. Consuela Byrd