

Greetings,

The Lord issued a call to me many years ago to plant a church in Westbrook, Maine. While my wife and I prepared to come here, God was working behind the scenes preparing the hearts of those who would eventually be a part of our great church. During the past 10 years of our ministry here, we as a church family have truly witnessed God build a great work here. Personally, my wife and I have seen the call of God in our lives become a reality as our church became established.

Now God has issued another call - One that we honestly *were not looking for*. At a time when I have been very focused on seeing not only WBC become more rooted and established, but also more churches planted and rooted throughout Maine, God has changed my course of direction.

A couple of months ago, I received a call from Bro. Messer from Victory Baptist Church in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He had announced his resignation there as Pastor. Victory Baptist has gone through a difficult past few years and their church is hurting to put it simply. Bro. Messer asked me to pray about moving there to become their Pastor. I've had similar requests over the past years, but never had peace about leaving here. This time, God seemed to have other plans. I simply told Bro. Messer that we would pray and fast. As we've prayed, fasted & sought counsel about this decision, God has directed me to accept the call to Pastor Victory Baptist Church. Sally & I both are still in a bit of shock about the whole thing, but at the same time, we are at peace. When we moved to Maine, we intended to stay. We never entertained the thought or even had the desire to leave...and frankly we still don't! Maine is home. We love our church and have invested everything we have into it. We do not know all that God has in store for us, but we do know He has a plan and we want to be walking in perfect obedience to that plan.

We also believe God has a great plan for WBC. Even though I am serving as the Pastor Victory Baptist Church, Westbrook Baptist Church remains my priority and I will not leave until our church is ready for that transition

to take place. (*VBC is in complete agreement about me staying here until WBC is ready for me to leave.*) I believe God will send a man to Pastor our church who will be able to take our church to greater heights than I would ever be able to—please be praying for me and WBC for this great need!

This has not been a hasty or superficial decision. It has been bathed in prayer and much council has been sought. More detailed information will be posted on my blog (www.PastorStoeber.com) in the coming days.

With all that said, please know that I still have a burden for Maine and I have grown to love and enjoy your fellowship personally and corporately as we meet together as church families. I trust that you all will not think that I am leaving Maine to find “greener/easier pastures” some place else...actually the opposite just may be true! I value your friendship and trust that we will still be able to serve the Lord together and see God continue to do great things in Maine....and New Hampshire! Also, I am committed to maintaining and organizing the Plant & Root MAINE meetings until someone is willing/able to take it!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions....thank you!

Serving Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason D. Stoeber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below it.

Pastor Jason D. Stoeber