

To our new family in Graham,

Kelli and I were humbled and thrilled (and Caleb was speechless) to be called to join the ministry of our Lord at Graham Bible Church! While we are overwhelmed by your kindness, we have great hope because Jesus has promised to purify his bride.

When we first started talking to Garrett and the elders, Kelli and I learned quickly just how gracious the Lord has been to your congregation. And we realized early how blessed we would be to serve with you. This became even more clear in our visits when we met you and saw firsthand your love for Jesus and for one another.

This week, in preparation for Garrett's series, I was reading through 1 Thessalonians. Paul's closing words to that congregation fit my desires for you:

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. 1 Thess 5.23-24*

Our prayer for you and us is that God will make us holy, and he will surely do it! He is faithful, and he is fitting us for heaven.

Please pray for us. Lord willing, we will join you in Graham in the middle of July. Please pray for God's mercy as we prepare for the move and ministry. Pray for our faithfulness and for the Lord to glorify himself through his strength in our weakness.

Now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,

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