

March 13, 2024

## Dear Church Family,

This week you have received much communication from the church office. No doubt that God is on the move and much is happening in the life of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Because of our Lord's activity, in His people, there is the need to send out another important piece of communication to the church family.

The Lord has answered another prayer concerning an additional step in completing the first-year goals of our six-year plan. It is with great joy and excitement that the Church Council, upon the recommendation of the Family Pastor Search Team and the approval of the Personnel Committee, propose that we hire Bryan Yelton as the new Family Discipleship Pastor.

Bryan has a fresh vision to develop a partnership between the church and the home to make disciples who make disciples. He will take the lead in planning, implementing, and evaluating a pathway to teach children, students, and adults, develop leaders, and equip parents to become disciple-makers.

In addition, Bryan will oversee an integrated educational pathway, train facilitators and mentors, provide necessary resources and training to disciple children, students, and parents.

We invite you come to a "Meet and Greet" on Sunday, March 17th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall to meet Bryan and his wife, Rachel. This will be an informal, drop-in opportunity to speak with and introduce yourselves to our candidate and his bride.

On Sunday, March 24, we will have an opportunity for the church to approve this recommendation as a part of our worship and celebration. To God be the glory! He is doing great things. This is a major piece in preparing us for what our Lord has planned for His people at Poplar Springs and for those whom the Lord is sending to our community. The harvest is plentiful.

I am so appreciative of the Search Team, Personnel Committee, and Church Council for providing great leadership in this process. Our Church Council recommended that we move forward so as not to have to do a vote on Easter Sunday. With that recommendation, we needed to act quickly. The Lord's timing is perfect!

Words cannot describe how thankful I am for the opportunity to serve you. You are a true blessing and grace gift in my life.

In His Love, Pastor Ken