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Harvest Christian Center

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Passing the Mantle

Corning's long time Sr. Pastor Rob Kee is passing the mantle of his commission to Harvest Christian Center to local resident Rev. Mike Sharp.

Rev. Sharp and his wife Stephanie have been under the mentorship of Pastor Rob for ten years now and during this time have proven themselves to be faithful leaders to this congregation. They have both went through the Ministerial Internship Program, are both licensed ministers with the Church of God, Cleveland, TN., and Rev. Sharp has his Associates of Theology degree as well. Rev. Sharps' first official service as Sr. Pastor will be March 2, 2008. The current leadership team and ministering membership will stay intact and are in full support of this transition.

Pastor Rob and Belinda came to Corning with their eleven year old son Robert in September of 1996. Pastor Rob was 32 years old and his wife Belinda 29. Coming from Southern California it was a bit of a culture shock at first. They remember how the small town of Corning seemed and the pace much slower than what they were used to. Since then they have fallen in love with our city, its people and even its slower pace.

Much has happened in the course of almost twelve years of ministry in our fine community. In 1998 they were blessed with their now 9 year old daughter Lauren, in 2004 a wonderful daughter in-law, Lori, in 2007 a precious granddaughter Emery and another grandbaby on the way due in September of this year.

Although only the highlights, these blessings were accompanied by so many more that the Kees lost count years ago. Pastor Rob and Belinda have been blessed with the opportunity to meet and get to know many of the local members of our community. They have been surrounded by quality people who have come alongside of them to help minister to the lost and hurting of Corning.

Pastor Rob and Belinda are confident that God is doing something big and they are convinced that this change is instrumental in its birthing. The local ministering body, its leadership and the organization of which they are affiliated (Church of God, Cleveland, TN) are in support of this move and feel it is one of the most positive transitions they have ever been privileged to experience.

The question might be, "Where are Pastor Rob and Belinda going?" Good question and they are confident that God will reveal it to them as they continue to pursue Him in prayer. They stand in the faith of experience that God has always been faithful to reveal Himself and His direction when the time is right. For now they will be taking a much needed time away with their daughter Lauren as they prepare for the next leg of their journey.

Mark 12:29-31

Matthew 28:18-20

One thing is for sure regardless of what they end up doing or where they end up going they are forever indebted to Worship God and Disciple People.

Pastor Rob and Belinda feel honored to be able to entrust their precious congregation to such a competent staff of leaders and are confident that God is making these changes to further the work of spreading the Gospel in Corning and beyond. This is the most positive pastoral change many in our small community will have ever seen. If you have any questions please go directly to the source and call the Harvest Christian Center office at 824-2091, a member of their staff will be glad to assist you.

Cc: COMPORT; Bishop Mark Williams; Bishop Steve Grandy; Rev. Michael Sharp

Attached Picture Caption:

Rev. Robert D. Kee, long time Sr. Pastor of Harvest Christian Center, passes the mantle of the office of Sr. Pastor to his successor Rev. Michael Sharp, as the current leadership team look on in full support of this transition in excited anticipation of what lies ahead. From L to R: Lee and Rev. Pat Hunn; Executive Pastor Nick and Rev. Rachel Alexander; Rev. Robert D. and Rev. Belinda Kee, Former Sr. Pastors; Rev. Michael and Rev. Stephanie Sharp, Succeeding Sr. Pastors; Worship Pastor Robert and Rev. Lorinda Kee; Rev. Steve and Children's Ministry Pastor Donna Ebell.

