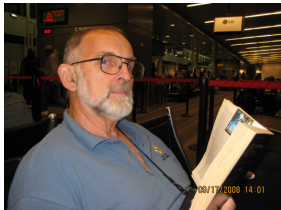




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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I'm so happy the Pastor Nominating Committee has completed their work and I hope you will enjoy this article.

Pastor Bob

Beginnings are a huge part of our lives: a new school year, a new job, a new summer vacation, and a new pastor. When I think about new beginnings, I think about all the beginnings for the disciples, their lives were always changing. They began a new career as disciples, they started to listen to Jesus, they began a deeper relationship with God, then Jesus died and they had to decide what to do next. After Jesus rose, the disciples began to be leaders themselves, then they embarked on their own ministry to share Jesus' salvation for all and the list goes on. It almost seems like every time they turned around their life changed. But what is so wonderful about each time their life changed is that each time their life changed their relationship with God deepened.

We are also in a new beginning at Altavista Presbyterian Church—a new pastor, me. I am so excited to begin this journey with you. I have watched as God has been working in my life to prepare me to be your pastor just as God has been working in your life to prepare you for me. I am excited to get to know all of you and the Altavista Church family. God has great plans for our new beginning and I can't wait to see what God will bring into our lives together.

The one constant in all the new beginnings that the disciples had was their continued relationship with Jesus. Through each change and challenge their relationship with Jesus deepened and their faith grew stronger. As we begin this new part of our ministry together I hope and pray that our relationships with Jesus will also continue to deepen and our faith will grow. I know that God has called me to be your new pastor and I know that He will continue to bless us as we begin this new part of our journey together. I look forward to meeting all of you in September, blessings until then.

Shalom, Kelsy

REMINDERS FOR AUGUST

- Aug 3 ~ Committee Meeting Night
- Aug. 8 ~ Koinonia Lunch following Worship
- Aug. 11 ~ APC will host Second Helping Lunch
- Aug. 15 ~ Session Meeting following Worship

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