

Jonathan leaving

Good (DAY), I'm Bernie Michaud.

Most of you know me as I am a member here at Cornerstone.

Some of you don't know me because I pastor another church.

And so I am only here on special occasions.

You may know my wife Diane who is here each week.

I want to start by saying that I am saddened knowing that the Romigs are leaving.

Jonathan and I have become close friends and I will miss both him and his family.

I knew Jonathan before Cornerstone was formed.

I believed in the mission that God had called him to.

The mission of planting a church here in Westford.

This church plant was special to my heart as I was part of the first church plant on this property.

It was here back in the early seventies that I came to know Jesus.

I helped to build the first church building.

I learned to do ministry on this very spot.

So, my heart is not only with the Romigs but also with all of you.

My prayer is that God will lead the Romigs forward.

That they will find themselves serving God with a renewed spirit,

And a renewed sense of joy.

As for the rest of you who will remain behind,

My prayer is that you will look to God for guidance.

That you will draw even closer to God than you have in the past.

That you will also draw close to each other.

Showing love and holding one another up.

Listening to each other's concerns.

And, putting the good of others and the church ahead of your own.

As I prayed about this, I thought of a time of great turbulence that is recorded in the book of Exodus.

The people of God had, as a nation, left Egypt and were being persuaded by Pharaoh's army.

God's people came up against the Red Sea and there was no place to go.

You could hear the despair as they cried out to Moses,

“Why did you bring us here just to die.”

They had no hope of survival, much less having a better life.

But, at that time God parted the waters and the people crossed the sea on dry land.

It is my prayer that when it looks as though God has left our little church in a frightening place;

In a situation where there seems to be no hope,

That you will pray to God, and then wait to hear His voice,

and believe God for a miracle.

Believe me when I say, “This is no surprise to God.”

He has prepared a plan for this church long before the earth was formed.

He loves you and He loves this church.

May God richly bless you as you await His leading!

