

**Statement from Trinity Chapel**

On Sunday, December 7, 2008 our founder and Senior Pastor, Jim Bolin, resigned his position. Pastor Bolin admitted to inappropriate, consensual sexual conduct with an adult female. There was no illegal activity involved and Pastor Bolin has never been charged with or convicted of any crime at any time in his life.

While we understand that hurt and disappointment are normal and appropriate reactions, we have been overwhelmed by the nearly unanimous love and support that has been vocalized by our members repeatedly since the news was shared. Our congregation has been strong and gracious to our church and leadership. This kindness is a powerful testimony of the love, acceptance, and forgiveness that Jim and Robin Bolin have demonstrated to us for over 25 years.

On December 13, the Elders and Pastor's Council of Trinity Chapel met with Dr. Donald Walker to discuss the future of the church. Near the end of that meeting, it was decided by unanimous vote that the Executive Pastor, Jason Bolin, who is Jim Bolin's son, would become the new Senior Pastor.

On Sunday, December 14, Dr. Walker addressed the congregation of Trinity Chapel, informing them of Jim Bolin's resignation. He read a letter from Jim Bolin to the congregation in which Pastor Bolin admitted to the inappropriate behavior and asked the congregation to forgive him for the hurt that he had caused. Later, Dr. Walker informed the congregation that Jason Bolin had been selected as the new Senior Pastor, to which the congregation responded with a long standing ovation. Pastor Jason and his wife Sarah expressed their deep love and appreciation for the congregation's demonstration of confidence in their ability to lead Trinity Chapel into the future. While they were saddened about the circumstances of the day, they eagerly accepted their new role.

After the church service, members expressed both joy and relief that Pastor Jason would step up to lead the church.

Jim Bolin has begun a two year restoration process that will include counseling. The purpose of this process is to address the inappropriate conduct as well as to bring healing to Jim Bolin and his family.

We appreciate the kindness and graciousness that our community has shown to us during this difficult time. 1 Corinthians 13:8 says "love never fails." We commit to continue our love for our congregation and community, and we are confident that in doing so we will continue to be a powerful example of Christ's love.

Sincerely,

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