

# PETE HATTON RESIGNATION LETTER

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Dear Redeemer Family,

It is with a heavy, and yet, thankful heart that I write to tender my resignation as your pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Edmond, OK effective August 21, 2022. Kristen and I moved to Edmond with our three children almost 14 years ago in January 2009, to work in conjunction with the Southwest Church Planting Network of the PCA to help establish a new church. We came here not knowing what we were doing and, yet God in His kindness and goodness saw fit to plant and grow His church here. It started with a bible study in our home with about 14 families. Then we made plans to start Sunday morning worship at Edmond Christian Academy, which we did for over 2 years, but after much conflict and heartache, we decided to replant the church as we moved to Cross Timbers Elementary School.

These were the crucial & critical years of our church, because after 5 years I was ready to be done and leave the ministry, but the core group agreed that I needed help, so we decided to hire Clay as Associate pastor. Having Clay breathed life back into me and after 7 years (and 2 leadership trainings) we FINALLY became particularized!! But when we could no longer afford to stay at Cross Timbers, who could forget our time at Matthew's Funeral Home (affectionately called "Matthew's Chapel"). God has taken us as a church through a lot of things that He has used to shape and mold us into a gospel-oriented and gospel-centered church. When we had to leave Matthew's "Chapel" we were at another crossroads, because there was no place where we could go. Until God at the 11th hour provided us with a permanent home at a former wedding chapel. This IS our Ebenezer!! A memorial marker of God's faithfulness that we can look at and say, "God provided here, why would we doubt Him now?"

For the past 4 years God has brought us to a point where we are the healthiest, we have ever been. We have 2 great ruling elders (who have & will shepherd you well), a diaconate team who are serving and meeting the needs of the church well and

committed volunteers who sacrifice and love our church family well. I feel like we are leaving the church in good hands and with a solid foundation built on the gospel, and not on me!!

Personally, me and my family have been through a lot over these 13 plus years, which has prepared us for our next calling. A calling I did not seek, but one where God has called - where I will be serving as pastor to families at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas. PCPC is where I grew up in the faith. I interned there & was ordained there. This church holds a special place in my heart, and God is bringing us full circle back to where it all began (Kristen & I met at PCPC).

We love and treasure y'all and leaving Redeemer weighs heavy on our hearts. We will be around until August and are willing to meet with you as you process this as well. You have loved us and our family well for many years. And we are excited for God's new call on our lives. Please pray for our family as we transition (especially that we would find a house, because Dallas is expensive!). This is the only home Jonathan has known, so this is very difficult for him. And pray for Charlie, Andy and Clay as they lead you through this transition, and Lord willing you will call Clay to be your Sr. Pastor!! Jesus is the Head of his Church. Redeemer belongs to him. He loves her and will take care of her. It has been a privilege to be your pastor under the Chief Shepherd, Christ Jesus.

With much love, and thankfulness for our friendship and partnership in the gospel,

Pete