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Sometimes, ministry for the Lord is bittersweet. I write to you to announce that as of the vote of the pastors of the Metro Baptist Association on Sept 21, it is final and official that the Lord is calling me away from Raymond Road.

Here is what that means. My last Sunday with you will be October 4. After that, I will be the new A.M.S. (Associational Missions Strategist) for Metro Baptist Association. I and my family will continue to be members of Raymond Road. You will continue to see Marion and the girls at church. I will be able to attend here on occasion, although all of my Sundays will be spent traveling from church to church, assisting the Southern Baptist churches in Madison and Hinds County.

This transition tastes bitter with the sadness of missing seeing all of you every week, and of missing spending time with you as your pastor. However, it also tastes sweet with the joy of continuing to be part of this congregation, and with the joy of seeing that the Lord is the one who is guiding me toward the work of the Metro Baptist Association.

Let me explain some of the details of my new calling. This is not the same as the Mississippi Baptist Convention (or as I call it, the state convention), which serves all SBC churches in the state and operates out of their building on State Street in Jackson. The local association is more personal, and consists of the approximately 80 Southern Baptist churches of Hinds and Madison counties (Rankin County has their own association), and operates out of their office just off I-220 in north Jackson. Raymond Road sends 2% of undesignated receipts to Metro Baptist Association to support the work. My new ministry as A.M.S., which functions as the executive director of the association, is to assist ALL the churches in that association, which includes Raymond Road. You should expect to see me around on occasion, both as a church member and as an A.M.S. who seeks to serve this church. My task will be to rally all our churches to the Great Commission. I will be working to encourage pastors, to revitalize churches, to plant new churches, to provide training to churches, and to network all our churches to work together for the sake of the gospel.

It has been a high honor for me to serve the Lord with you here for the past 4 years. You have loved me and my family far, far beyond what we deserve (which is why we want to remain part of this church family.) The future of this church is bright with missions and evangelism and ministry and spiritual growth. And I look forward to watching the Lord continue to work here.

Allow me to pray upon you the blessing of Israel from the ancient priest, Aaron, from Numbers 6:24-26,

“May the Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

With Love,
Bro. Aaron