

Manheim Brethren In Christ Church

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To the Church gathered at Manheim BIC,

It is my pleasure to write to you today and speak to the ongoing life and ministry of the Manheim BIC congregation. I encourage you in your faithful following of and continued mission with Jesus.

Today, I have the opportunity to announce the assignment of your next Lead Pastor. It was a pleasure for me to work with your Church Leadership Board in the specific task of searching for a new pastor as the Pastoral Search Committee. They served well seeking God for the future of this congregation and who could best help lead the church in that direction. I was impressed by each of their hearts for Jesus and their collective desire for his best for this congregation both now and in the days ahead. I have also been encouraged by the spirit and demeanor of you as the church through this time of transition and your many prayers.

Following the search process, Bryce Taylor has accepted the invitation to serve as the next Lead Pastor of Manheim BIC Church. He and his spouse Christina, along with their seven sons already reside in the Manheim area. Bryce is currently the Vice President of Operations at Binkley and Hurst and has served in multiple pastoral roles prior, including at The Worship Center in Lancaster. His heart for Jesus is expressed for both the church and the community and he and Christina are especially excited to serve in a church family that is focused on the community they love and to which they are already connected. His start date is March 12, 2020.

I, along with the Church Leadership Board, am pleased to complete the search process and we are anticipating how God will use Bryce and Christina to help move God's mission for Manheim BIC forward. They do not do so alone. You, who have chosen to form the church in this location, are the driving force for mission with Jesus. Now Bryce will come to help to lead into this next chapter of ministry. I am eager to see what God will do in the days ahead.

As we look forward, I want to express my sincere thanks to the great staff at MBIC, as well as Vern Bosserman, for helping to lead this church through the interim time without a lead pastor. They did an excellent job and you are set up well to continue vital ministry and mission when Bryce arrives.

Thank-you for your faithfulness as a congregation. Please be in prayer for the Taylor family and for your church during this season of transition. God has been faithful to this congregation in each and every season. The coming one will be no different.

Grateful to serve with you,



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