

2026-2 Email Intro for February 2026 Prayer Letter  
Continuing the Work of Discipleship  
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Dear Pastors, Church Families, and Friends,

### **Health Updates**

Putter has been going through some very stressful times. Her vision continues to deteriorate, and she now relies on plastic magnifying shields to read her Bible and most other printed material. In January, she also endured a COVID-like illness that included a persistent cough, dizziness, and stomach nausea lasting a couple of weeks. She has since begun seeing a new vision specialist and plans to follow up with our primary care doctor regarding the other concerns.

My health continues to improve. Prostate blood tests remain untraceable, which indicates that the weeks of daily radiation treatment successfully eliminated the cancer found in a lymph node near the prostate. In addition, my Rituxan infusion treatments reached the one-year mark in January 2026. These treatments are now scheduled every two months, with six remaining. Once completed, I should no longer need to take steroids to prevent recurring skin reactions. We are deeply grateful for the LORD's sustaining grace through this season.

### **Federal 501(c)(3) Ministry Update**

What was initially projected to take six months to a year has moved forward more quickly than expected. Approval for our federal 501(c)(3) status is on the way. Government shutdowns may affect this, but the LORD is with us.

### **Writing Projects**

The LORD has continued to lay several writing projects on my heart that directly serve the work of discipleship: The Great Commission Booklet (attached to this prayer letter)

The LOVE Book – Has the love of God reached your heart? Published 1<sup>st</sup> week of February – It will help you.

The CALVARY Book – What did Calvary mean to you?

Each of these is being written with the desire to help believers grow deeper in their understanding of Christ and His work.

### **Learning Center Developments**

I am currently working with a number of pastors to encourage and assist them as they prayerfully consider establishing Learning Centers within their churches. These are not programs meant to replace preaching or existing ministries, but simple, intentional learning environments where believers who desire to grow can be taught how to learn, study the Scriptures, and disciple others.

It has been a joy to walk alongside pastors who share this burden and who long to see their people multiply by becoming disciplers who continue discipling others. What continues to impress me is how eager many believers are to grow when they are given the opportunity. When learning replaces listening, confidence replaces confusion. Believers begin to understand what they believe, why they believe it, and how to help others grow. This is the fruit of discipleship, and it is exactly what the Great Commission calls us to produce.

As we move forward, our prayer remains simple: that the LORD would guide every step, open every door He desires opened, and give wisdom to pastors and church leaders as they seek to shepherd God's people well. We are not building an organization for its own sake, but seeking to be faithful stewards of a calling the LORD has made unmistakably clear.

### **Prayer Requests**

We ask you to pray with us in the days ahead:

That the 501(c)(3) process would be completed smoothly and in the LORD's timing

That pastors would be encouraged and strengthened, not burdened

That churches would rediscover the joy and purpose of intentional discipleship

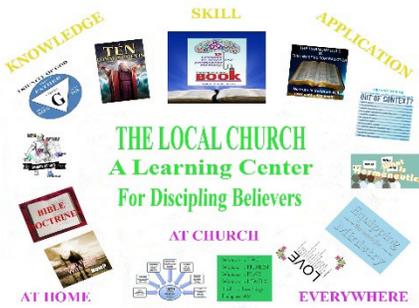
That Learning Centers would be established wherever hearts are willing and hungry to learn

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your faithful partnership in the gospel. We praise the LORD for what He has already done, and we trust Him completely for what lies ahead.

With love and prayers,

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Isaiah 41:10



## CREATING LEARNING CENTERS

WHERE BELIEVERS BECOME DISCIPLES

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### THE GREAT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

*Go ye therefore, and teach [make disciples in] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matt 28:19).*

As I write this letter, I do so with a burden that has been forming in my heart for many years, but has come into sharper focus recently. I believe we are living in a critical hour for the church, not because the gospel has lost its power, but because we have slowly drifted from the simplicity and priority of what the LORD originally entrusted to us.

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, His command was clear: “Go...make disciples.” Evangelism was assumed, but discipleship was central. The early church understood this. They did not merely gather converts; they patiently taught believers, grounding them in truth, doctrine, and obedience to Christ. Teaching was not an event; it was a way of life.

As we trace church history, especially after the time of Constantine and later Augustine, we see a gradual shift. The church moved from discipling believers to managing institutions. Over time, teaching gave way to tradition, and discipleship was often replaced with attendance. While God has always preserved a faithful remnant, the overall pattern reveals a steady loss of intentional, life-on-life learning.

Today, most churches are faithful in preaching the gospel and sincere in their love for the LORD. Pastors carry heavy responsibilities: preaching, counseling, shepherding, and leading. Yet in many places, the work of teaching believers how to know Christ deeply, handle Scripture confidently, and disciple others has quietly faded into the background.

Sunday School classes often function as listening centers rather than true learning environments. Believers hear good things, but many are never equipped to explain what they believe, defend the faith, or help others grow. Speaking is not the same as teaching, and listening is not the same as learning. True learning is what remains in permanent memory and becomes usable in daily life.

This is not an accusation; it is an observation. And it places all of us on our knees.

I believe the LORD is calling His churches back, not backward, but forward to intentional discipleship, not by dismantling what exists, but by adding what is missing. This is the vision behind Learning Centers: simple, flexible environments where believers who desire to grow can be taught how to learn, study the Word, and disciple others.

These Learning Centers are not a replacement for preaching or Sunday School. They are an option, an open door for those who hunger to go deeper. They allow pastors to shepherd without carrying the entire teaching burden alone and help believers move from spectators to servants.

As I stand at what I now recognize as my “Caleb’s Mountain,” I do so with both sobriety and hope. The task is great, but the LORD is greater. He has not abandoned His design for the church, and He is still stirring hearts to return to it.

Would you pray with us this month:

- That pastors would be encouraged, not overwhelmed
- That churches would rediscover the joy of discipling
- That believers would desire to truly know what they believe
- And that the LORD would raise up Learning Centers wherever hearts are willing

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and encouragement. This work is not about a program; it is about obedience. And I believe the LORD will honor every step taken to return to the heart of His commission.

With a grateful heart and unwavering hope,

Dave Weeks