



Dear St. Mark's Church,

Over the past five years, St. Mark's has had the opportunity to have a redemptive presence in the Mebane community through our multisite campus. What an exciting and challenging journey we've shared as we've worked together to establish a congregation of passionate, developing Christ followers, willing to give themselves to make Jesus famous in that part of Alamance county. We've celebrated many successes over the years as well as experienced God's faithfulness through challenging seasons. This has truly been a God sized adventure.

As you are aware, the leadership of St. Mark's has been looking for a facility that would allow the multisite campus to establish permanent roots in the Mebane community. With all the vacant buildings around Mebane, you would assume that something would be available. But our search continues to confirm that most are either too small, too cost prohibitive or simply located outside the Mebane area. This has been a considerable challenge for our church - a challenge that has been met with a heart to discern God's plan for our multisite ministry.

In October of 2010, we were notified that the lease of our temporary home at Garrett Elementary School would end this February. With no foreseeable facility to relocate, I recommended to the leadership at St. Mark's that we began to consider if God was leading our multisite ministry in a different direction. After much discussion, the hard decision was made to close our Mebane campus the last Sunday in February 2011 – specifically our Sunday 10:30 AM worship service. ***Currently we do plan to keep the downtown office open to preserve a presence in Mebane and to facilitate our weekly Bible studies and middle and high school ministry.***

St. Mark's is deeply grateful to everyone who has graciously given their time, energy and resources to support the Mebane campus over the last five years. As you pray for those affected by this decision, we invite you to celebrate all that God has accomplished through our multisite ministry.

In Christ

Eric

Eric Allred

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