

“It’s Time!”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2b says: *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to plant and a time to uproot...”* I have no doubt that God led Vicki and myself to Williston Crossings RV Resort in 2010, because He wanted to “plant” us in the fertile ground of Williston Church of God, so that we could continue to grow and mature in our walk with Him.

Vicki and I built our retirement, “forever” home in Kidron, Ohio (the gateway to Amish country) in 1995, and lived there until God plucked us up and planted us in Payson, AZ in 2004, and He planted us in an Evangelical Free church called Mountain Bible Church, where He soon put us to work. Then in 2009, that season ended and He plucked us from there and sent us back to Canton, Ohio - the general area where all of our family lived.

Then starting in the fall of 2010, we became “snowbirds,” spending 6 months in Canton at our condo, and 6 months in Williston at the RV park. But God wasn’t done yet - in 2016 we sold our condo and moved permanently to Williston, and as most of you know in May of 2020 God determined Vicki’s season had passed here on earth, and He plucked her from this sin cursed world to be with Him in glory! That was truly a rough season for those of us she left behind!

But life moves on, and so does God, so on Thanksgiving day He walked with me and talked with me and told me my season here in Williston was coming to an end, and He wanted me to “go home” to Canton Ohio for what I’m relatively sure will be the last “season” of my life. I have to tell you, it was not easy whenever God plucked us up from one locale and moved us to another, because wherever He planted us, we did our best to produce good fruit for His kingdom - we invested a lot of blood sweat and tears wherever we went!

Vicki and I have been blessed to have been a part of many really wonderful churches, but I believe He saved the best (WCOG) for last - it is the most “fertile” ground I’ve ever been planted in! I have never found such a loving, caring, kind, and compassionate church as the one I am sadly leaving, and I will dearly miss the many friends I have made through the years. I might be leaving, but I’m leaving a big part of my heart here, and taking all of you back to Ohio in what’s left of my heart!

Even though I’ll be in Ohio, I’m going to work “remotely” and continue to write the Prayer Focus each week, and continue to oversee our Prayer Warriors for as long as God (and our Pastors) wants me to. *“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.”* Farewell my friends - until we meet again! Amen!