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Senior Pastor Search Committee
Ridgeview Bible Church
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RE: [Senior Pastor Position]

Dear Senior Pastor Search Committee,

My desire for many years has been to one day pastor this church full-time for as long as God would allow. I believe God has given me the longing to enter this ministry. In terms of giftings for the senior pastorate, I have sought to serve this body with genuine love, tender leadership, and the laying open of God's Word to you in the opportunities the Lord has provided. I have not withheld myself from you, giftings (and certainly failures). I trust that He will give this committee, its elders, and the church membership the wisdom to discern if I should be called to serve in this capacity.

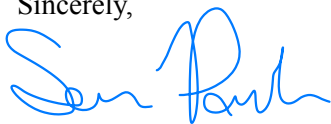
My desire to serve is fueled by (1) the work of Christ, (2) my joy in teaching God's Word, and (3) the love He has given me for this body. First, I can only ascribe Christ's gospel as a foundation for my ministry aspirations and confidence. The only lasting comfort I have found in this life is Jesus. I have seen many personal hopes fail time and again, yet He has remained, burning. I believe His Word is true, a sure and steady anchor; it has never failed. I believe, though I cannot fully comprehend the depths of His work. I have yet to reach the bottom of Christ's love; I don't expect to in this life. I desire for more devoted time to minister Christ's gospel.

Second, I cannot deny the love the Spirit has given me for teaching and preaching the Bible. Though I have mountains of experience to yet ascend, each door to serve in this capacity fills me with nervous joy. I believe He has gifted me with an ability to teach, though I rarely feel sufficient in the task. The gift of additional time to devote to this service is exciting to ponder.

Third, I love this church and the community and region it calls home. I pray that I have not just lived transactionally with you but that I have shared my very self with you as a testimony that my words about Christ are genuine. I hope you have seen my love for you grow, as I have been with you the past thirteen years and trust God in this.

So, I submit my application with joy in the hope of Christ, the power of God, who does immeasurably more than I can imagine. Let His will be done. I have deep affection for you all. If you wish to consider me further, I will seek to answer any questions with integrity whether they prove or disprove my qualifications.

Sincerely,



Samuel Parker