

When God called me to Clements in October of 1994, I had no idea that I would be here 20 years later. I didn't have a "20-year plan". Yet, without doubt, God has lead me to stay here, even during times when I thought He was finished with me.

Ten Reasons for the Last 20 years at Clements Baptist Church:

- 1. The shear grace of God.
- 2. A wonderful wife who has sacrificed for Jesus, our family, this church, and me.
- 3. Our grown kids, Jason, Amy, and Lee and now their beautiful families, have all played a major role in our 20 years here.
- 4. The pastor and the church have grown together.
- **5.** We have remained unified and committed to the Great Commission.
- 6. We have embraced change together.
- 7. I have refused to allow a person to escape my circle of love.



Bill Stafford:

"Tim, never let anyone leave your circle of love."

- 8. I have made the deliberate choice to forgive people and I have asked God to give me the ability to forget.
- 9. I have made my morning devotions a priority.
- **10.** I have tried to remember that all ministries have their seasons.

Ten Desires for the Next Decade:

- 1. I desire that Clements Baptist Church becomes even a greater house of prayer.
- 2. I desire that our worship services become even greater in their "spontaneous worship".
- 3. Within the year of 2015 I desire to see us use the Student Building as an overflow area for worship.
- 4. I desire to see us start multi-site campuses over the next ten years.
- 5. I desire to see more Regional Cell Groups planted all across our city and county.
- 6. I desire to see every member of Clements Baptist Church personally engaged in a Life on Life discipleship group.
- 7. I desire our church family to embrace the four words that have changed my life; Lordship, discipleship, relationship, and stewardship.
- 8. I desire to see us support and improve major ministries such as RESPITE and The Women's Downtown Rescue Mission.
- 9. I desire to see us be out of debt within the next ten years.
- 10. I desire to see us plant at least two churches through ICR, and NAMB SEND NORTH AMERICA over the next ten years.

My Closing Words:

I have to be the most blessed pastor in the state of Alabama, if not in the country. Thank you for allowing my family to serve Jesus with you here at Clements for 20 beautiful years. I am a better man because of you.