

Catalina Foothills Church



Dear CFC,

As the session of elders, we want to communicate updates on our life together as a church family. Some hard things, some joyful things, and all from the hand of our good God.

Yesterday we voted to receive the resignation letter of John Stone. Why? There have been multiple challenges over the last year with our culture and leadership, including the recent resignations. It has become very clear, upon deeper examination, that the leadership (staff, pastors, session) had lost confidence in John Stone and that he was a significant contributor to the dysfunction of our larger leadership culture. In light of that realization, John Stone has decided to resign and transition out of leadership in a helpful and honoring manner.

For many of you this may come as a shock. We are saddened but settled that God is good and graciously ruling over all things. John and Marisa were mightily used by God and leave Catalina Foothills a better place than when they arrived. We celebrate that and honor them for their sacrifice. *If you would like to hear more about this change and the path forward, as well as have an opportunity to ask questions, please come to our **Town Hall Meeting at 5PM on Sunday, April 7, in the sanctuary.** Childcare through 5th grade will be provided.*

We are grateful Byron Johns will be joining our staff as the new Executive Director in May. He and Julie purchased a home in Tucson this week! Byron has a tremendous resumé and experience from his work in churches larger than CFC. His strategic thinking and organizational skills, combined with his passion for ministry and leadership, will undoubtedly enrich our community in countless ways.

We were blessed to experience powerful and meaningful Good Friday and Easter services, where we celebrated the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. At CFC, through groups, classes, and friendships, lives continue to be transformed, with people coming to know Christ and experiencing His love and grace firsthand.

Additionally, we will vote next month to add additional elders and deacons. We have a slate of excellent elder and deacon candidates. These individuals have demonstrated a deep commitment to serving our church and community, and we are confident they will help the current session and diaconate lead us forward.

We have tasked our Senior Leadership Team (Rob Pendley, Chad Turner, and John Miller) with leading our staff during this period of transition.

Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121)

Grace and Peace in Christ,

The Session of Catalina Foothills Church

*Don Adams, Troy Cropp, Rob Dean, Chris Graves, David Mehl, Mark Ensio, Walter Hoge, Tod Newman,
Rob Pendley, Herman Pieterse, Tim Schannep, Chad Turner*