

September 26, 2010

Peachtree Baptist Church Family,

Our church today finds itself in great financial difficulty. Through the first 9 months of this year we are more than \$50,000 behind in contributions compared to expenses, we have nearly exhausted our meager reserves and cut our budget and our payroll in every possible area but one, that of Senior Pastor. It is now time for us all to realize that with our congregation's current level of tithes and offerings that financial support for a full time Senior Pastor is beyond our reach. Having received only one salary increase in my 12.5 years at Peachtree I cannot support my family with only the salary that our church can now afford to pay. Facing these realities, and seeking to keep our Stewardship Ministry Team, Church Council, and congregation from having to navigate potentially painful discussions, I do hereby submit my resignation as the full-time Senior Pastor of Peachtree Baptist Church effective October 31, 2010.

Having not a calling to any other congregation, and recognizing that several of our neighboring congregations, including Druid Hills Baptist, Briarcliff Baptist, and Morningside Baptist, have part-time and/or bi-vocational senior pastors, it is my hope to continue serving this congregation as Senior Pastor on a Bi-vocational basis beginning November 1, 2010. Terms and responsibilities for this new role would need to be negotiated with the Church Council and ratified by the church in conference in October.

I consider my calling to serve as Senior Pastor of Peachtree Baptist Church to be among the highest honors of my life. I have worked diligently and faithfully these past 12+ years, and hope to continue to minister among you into the future.

God's servant,

Rev. Dr. Robert H. Walker, Jr.
Senior Pastor