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This weekend, we will celebrate nine years together as Pastor and People, and our hearts are filled with gratitude—to God for His unfailing faithfulness and to each of you for the privilege of serving as your Senior Pastor.

For nine years, God has joined us together in sacred partnership. Like every meaningful relationship, ours has experienced both triumphs and trials. We have faced moments that tested our faith, stretched our patience, and required us to seek God with greater humility and dependence. Yet, through every challenge, God has sustained us. What could have divided us has developed us. What could have discouraged us has deepened us. What could have stopped us has strengthened our determination to continue the work God has entrusted to our hands.

We have witnessed lives transformed, families strengthened, ministries expanded, and new doors opened. We have seen God provide, expand our reach, and position CBC to serve this present age more effectively. The Lord has reminded us that when we pray together, labor together, sacrifice together, and trust God together, there is no limit to what He can accomplish through us.

Paul declared, “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you” (Phil. 1:3, ESV). That verse expresses my feelings when I reflect on this journey. I am grateful for those who have prayed for us, stood beside us, served faithfully, given sacrificially, and remained committed to the vision. Every victory we celebrate has been made possible by the grace of God and the collective faithfulness of His people.

This anniversary is more than a commemoration of the years behind us; it is a consecration for the years before us. We honor the past, we celebrate what God has done, and we are expectant about what God is preparing to do.

I firmly believe that, TOGETHER, we are prepared for what God has in store for our future. Our assignment is not finished, and our greatest ministry is not behind us. There are still lives to reach, disciples to develop, injustices to confront, communities to strengthen, and generations to prepare. God has brought us this far because He intends to take us farther.

As we approach this anniversary, let us do so with grateful hearts, renewed commitment, and great expectation.

With pastoral love and expectation,

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