

In January 1970, on the weekend of our 5th wedding anniversary, we wife Mary and I made a joint decision to respond to Jesus' call to follow him and go with him wherever he led us and to do whatever he asked us to do. And sure enough, within 3 years of that God called us to missionary work in a strange and distant land: Baton Rouge. And over the next 44 years we gradually learned that God's plan for our lives was much more challenging and adventurous than what we had imagined for ourselves. We travelled to all 50 United States and more than 60 countries, before returning to Texas in 1985. We had been members of a non-denominational Bible church, a United Methodist church, a charismatic Methodist church, a Southern Baptist church, an Assemblies of God church and a charismatic Presbyterian church. So, when we began coming to Grace Presbyterian Church the founding pastor Cleve Wheelus invited us over to his home to chat. He asked us why we wanted to attend Grace. We told him we felt that was where God was calling us. He bought that and we were welcomed into membership. We remained here through all of the pastors God has called here, and through all of the controversies that have arisen and subsided, including the Administrative Commission. Although we were obviously not afraid to go had God called us elsewhere, he has not. We remained because it was here that we found a family that loved and supported us. Mary passed on to God's eternal kingdom almost four years ago, but I remain here for that reason. This is my family. I expect to be here until God calls me elsewhere or he calls me home to join with his much larger family.

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