

Dear First Baptist Port Charlotte family,

On behalf of my family I am writing to express our deepest gratitude and most sincere thanks for your love and forgiveness. The season that we have gone through has been challenging and, at times, very difficult. However, I want to let you all know that God has faithfully walked with us, guided us, and grown us in accordance to His will. His provisions are undeniable as we are living what James 1 teaches when it tells us to endure and persevere. By His grace we have been not only able to endure but to live free because of God's application of truth to our lives.

We are so appreciative of First Baptist because God has blessed us through you. I would like to first and foremost thank each of you that have prayed for us. I can testify that God has heard your prayers and answered them much to our delight. We are convinced that intercessory prayer made on our behalf is why we are enjoying the healing and triumph that we have experienced. Second, we greatly appreciate the counseling that has been provided, which has not only benefitted Keesha and I, but has helped our family as a whole. Thirdly, some of you have personally blessed us with friendship, invites to fellowship, cards, text messages, and phone calls. Through you, God has pursued us with His great love. So, "Thank You" First Baptist for allowing God to use you in a way that has ministered to us.

Today, we find ourselves settled at a church that has wrapped its arms around all of us. God is using them to nurture and encourage us. It is not good to live in isolation so we knew that plugging into a church body was critical. For a season it has been made clear that this is where we are to attend and develop relationships. As for the future, we are being patient and waiting for God's movement and direction. We are in agreement with the prayer of Jesus; God's will is best, and that is our desire.

Please know that we love and miss you all. First Baptist was our church home for three years and we are very fond of that time serving alongside our brothers and sisters here. We would appreciate your continued prayers. Please know that we are praying for God's will to be done in and through First Baptist, and we rejoice in the kingdom work He is doing through you.

Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new."... Revelation 21:5a

By His Grace, with sincere love,

Neal, Keesha, Gavin, Chase, and Shirley McKinney