I want to say thank you again. It seems that I am saying Thank you for one reason or another the last 6 months. Thanks for the gift of serving with you. Thanks for the gift of living in your home. Thanks for the gift of food. Thanks for the gift of love and support. Thanks for the financial gift. Thank you.

I shared with a small group of folks the other night that this has been a humbling and affirming part of my and my family’s life. I have been so used to being in the “power” position of caring and taking care of things. For my family and for the church that I left to come here. It was a time when I felt the need to try and control all the situations that came my way.

But then in May 2024, things began to go sideways. Change began to be apparent. And moves needed to be made, and there was so much that was out of my control. And I began to really understand one of my favorite two letter phrases…. “But, God.”  Life was seemingly out of my hands….

 But, God knew where we were heading before we did.

 But, God had a worship community ready for us to be a part of.

 But, God put people in place to love and support us.

 But, God provided a hope in Christ for us when life went tragically bad.

 But God continues to lead, and we continue to trust.

 But God….

I know I was called to be a pastor in this community at this time, and I love that God had such a big hand in getting us here, But, God has also prepared you to be a people of this community at this time for us as well.  I will testify until my time ends that God has a plan.  And you need to hear that you have done as much pastoring to me and my family than I have ever done with you yet. And thank you.

I look forward to seeing where God will take us together for the sake of His Kingdom. I wouldn’t want to do this without you, and I’m glad I don’t have to.

 God Loves You and So do I,

 Pastor Jay