

## A word from Pastor Paul



Dear Friends,

Yesterday Fair Haven voted 165-28 to merge with Chapelwood. The unification process has begun.

However, not all (at least 28) were not in favor. I hope each of us will do all they can to graciously smooth over any hurt feelings that linger from this vote. Some of our brothers and sisters are in pain. Let's love and support them! Let's be there for them.

Jesus once said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you...so that you might go and bear fruit..." (From John 15:16). Most of us think that We chose to join our church. That may be true. But many believe it was God that led us into the church, not the other way round. Maybe we only Think we choose the church we are in. Maybe God chooses and we just follow.

God has led many to join Fair Haven; did He lead you here? I predict He will lead many more here, but not simply to join a church. I predict he will lead many more to dedicate their lives to Him. They will be in ministry to this community, ministry to our families, and ministry in ways we simply can't yet imagine!

Love,

Paul