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## **ATWATER BAPTIST CHURCH**

July 1, 2020

Atwater Baptist Church Family,

As you have all been informed Pastor John has retired as of July 1, 2020. I know we will all wish him well, and I hope we will all stay in touch with him and Vernetta and keep them in our prayers in the future.

With Pastor John retiring this opens the leadership position in our church. I have contacted Steve Bils who is the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast to start the procedure to find a new minister. The start of this procedure is to conduct a meeting with our congregation on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

Not only will the board members be attending but I would like to invite all the church members to attend as well. With the congregation attending we can directly address your concerns with Rev. Bils. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact Michelle at the church office at 358-5427 to let her know you will be attending. If you cannot attend and have a concern you would like to address please write it down and mail it to Atwater Baptist Church, 2124 First Street, Atwater, 95301, or call Michelle at the church office and have her write it down for you.

Due to the COVID-19 virus and us not being able to meet right now and John's retirement we need to get together and decide on the future of our church. Please plan to be at this very important meeting and decide on the future of Atwater Baptist Church.

As we enter this exciting time I ask for your continued support with your tithing for our church and your prayers for our leadership.

Carter Luxon

Moderator, Atwater Baptist Church