

January 24, 2024



Dear Members and Friends of South Church,

I would like to call South Church to a special season of prayer.

This *Call to Prayer* is in light of the fact that I believe 2024 is to be a year of transition for us as I step down from my role as senior pastor.

Although this is just the beginning of the transition, which may continue into 2025, it is vitally important to begin and bathe the process with prayer. Jesus is the head of the church (Colossians 1.18), and we must find His will and be led by His hand in this important matter.

In the month of February I hope to meet with the Official Board to begin discussing the process and the first steps that need to be taken.

By God's Grace and your faithful support, I am now entering my 30th year at this wonderful church. I have nothing but praise and gratitude to God for leading me here. That leading began in July of 1994 and was confirmed by you, South Church, when you extended a call to me in January 1995, to become your pastor.

This is not an easy decision. I could probably continue as pastor for a couple more years, but I am not convinced that would be in the best interests of our church. Please know that this is a letter of "Intention to Transition," and not an official "Resignation Letter."

Join me in prayer for God's leading and His protection, as transition times can be extremely challenging times for us all.

I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you from the depths of my heart and will love you forever!

With Deep Affection in Christ Jesus Our Lord,

Donald G. Denyes
South Church, Sr. Pastor

Philippians 1.3 I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now -

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