

## **NewSpring Church Statement**

Dear NewSpring Church,

Through much prayer and with a heavy heart, we have important information to share with you regarding our pastor, Perry Noble. As of Friday, July 1, and in accordance with the governing bylaws, the Board of Directors and the Pastor Advisory Team have removed Perry as Senior Pastor of NewSpring Church. While this is the most difficult and painful decision we have had to make - unfortunately it was necessary.

Perry has made some unfortunate choices and decisions that have caused us much concern. Over the course of several months our Executive Pastors met with and discussed at length with Perry these concerns regarding his personal behavior and spiritual walk.

Perry's posture towards his marriage, increased reliance on alcohol and other behaviors, were of continual concern. Due to this, the Executive Pastors confronted Perry and went through the steps of dealing with sin in the church as outlined in Matthew 18.

Because Perry chose not to properly address these ongoing issues and didn't take the necessary steps toward correcting them, he is no longer qualified, as outlined in 1 Timothy 3 and the church's bylaws, to continue as a pastor at NewSpring Church.

We will continue to love Perry and his family during this difficult time and we are committed to continue to pray for their healing. We are also committed to providing personal support to Perry and his family in the days ahead.

Though we know you may want more details to satisfy your curiosity, to do so would not be helpful to Perry or his family as they take their next steps.

Our faith remains strong, rooted in the power and promises of Jesus Christ. The Gospel gives us hope that Perry and his family can experience healing. This same Gospel also gives us confidence that NewSpring will continue to make a difference in our state.

In the coming weeks, we ask that you join us as a church family in continual prayer for Perry, his family, and our church.

The best is still yet to come.