

Polly's Final Pondering

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43: 18-19

There is a song that is taking root in my heart. It was one of the first songs I ever sang in front of anyone. It was written by Michael W. Smith.

Packing up the dreams God's planted in the fertile of you. I can't believe the dreams He's granted mean a chapter in our lives is through. But we'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem we've gone. Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong.

And friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say never 'cause the welcome will not end. Though it's hard to let you go in the Father's hands we know that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

And with the faith and love God's given springing from the hope we know; We will pray the joy you live in is the strength that now you'll show. But we'll keep you close as always. It won't even seem we've gone. Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong.

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When I arrived here in June of 2011, I was filled with hopeful expectations of a ministry God had called us to share together. Little did I know that so many years would pass before my ministry as your pastor would be completed. Together we have accomplished so much for the kingdom of God in this mission field of Franklin Texas. And I have found a forever home among you. But in just a few more weeks God will call me to a new season of service, one outside of pastoral ministry. And God has been faithful to call another to serve as your pastor. That is the Kingdom of Heaven. God's people serving in the here and now, moving forward in an endless line of servants, some called to lead, some called to follow, and all called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed. All the while knowing God is with us all.

In Christ's light, Pastor Polly