As a matter of information for those who were not in attendance at church today.This morning after service it was with a heavy heart that I resigned Mt Pleasant. I would like to thank the church family at Mt. Pleasant for 15 wonderful years. Someone shared with me before I arrived all those years ago that Mt. Pleasant was “a little slice of heaven.” These words came to life for my family and I over the years. When I came to Mt. Pleasant almost 15 years ago, I came because of the call of God. “If anyone would come after me he must deny himself, take his cross and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23). This is the directive from Jesus to go with Him where He calls you, when He calls you, to serve His purpose. As a pastor, when you arrive as a shepherd, the plan is to stay forever always knowing that God has called you for a purpose and a time and a season. I shared with Mt. Pleasant pastor search committee 15 years ago that my greatest strength was to lead a church to come together bringing unity and harmony. I believe we have accomplished that and so much more. One of the hardest decisions of my life has been in making the decision to leave Mt. Pleasant. If this were about serving in a great place with great godly people I would stay. If this were about friendships I would stay. If this were about being comfortable I would stay. This is about the call of God. When Jesus calls us to new places and new seasons we must be obedient and submit to His will. God is calling our family to serve in a new place, Pleasant Grove Baptist in Oakboro. This is not a decision that was taken lightly or easy. Our family loves where we live, we love what we do, we love this church, and we love you. This is about God’s call and taking up our cross and following Jesus in a faith walk. God has a new chapter and a new season for Mt. Pleasant with a new God called man and his family to come and lead to even greater heights. God is calling our family and Mt. Pleasant to a faith walk today. I know today is sad, it is very much so for us. I will be in the pulpit at Mt Pleasant the next two weeks with my final Sunday preaching on Sunday June 28th. I would like and it is my hope we can celebrate over these next weeks the time we have spent together and finish this chapter and season on a high note looking forward to what God has in store as we move forward.