

From



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Dear Church Family,

As you receive our newest edition of the *Together at Dawson* magazine, my favorite time of the year is right around the corner. In just a few weeks, we will officially be in the season of spring. As it is with every new year, with the coming of spring, there is the arrival of many new beginnings. There will be flowers blooming all around us and a new baseball season on the horizon.

For Dawson, there is an added amount of excitement in the air as new beginnings lie ahead for us as well. Later this month, we will gather as a church family for a Called Church Conference. At the conference, we will hear a report from our Sanctuary and Adjacent Spaces Ad Hoc Team and the recommendations they will present regarding the needed renovations. Together we will have the privilege to hear these details and prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance on the best steps to take in the next chapter of our church's life. The goal of this entire process is to clearly communicate the details of the project in such a way that promotes unity and clarity for God's guidance for our congregation. In the following pages, you will find more information regarding the Sanctuary Renovation, but the majority of the information will be made available in the upcoming weeks.

But that's not all. In this issue you will also find that there was much to be grateful for in 2022. Please take a moment to look back and see all the ways that God was at work in and through our church family.

Lastly, Dawson's history is rich with stories of many faithful members who came before us. Because of their bold steps and faithful responses over the past 97 years, we have been the beneficiaries and have inherited their legacy of faithfulness. I am inspired by their willingness to trust God in all circumstances and encouraged to know that it is now our turn to faithfully invest for the generations that will come after us.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Eldridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

Pastor David