

## **Looking to the Future**

### **A letter from Shawn McMullen**

When I announced my resignation to the congregation on Sunday, January 15, I did so with mixed emotions. The process that led me to this step was a long and difficult one, coming after a long season of prayer. In the end, I concluded the best thing I can do for God with my remaining years of active service is devote myself to a ministry of writing and speaking as I continue my work with *The Lookout* at Standard Publishing,

My final day of service to the congregation has been set for Sunday, July 1. That gives us nearly six months to put a transition plan into place so the church can move forward as smoothly and effectively as possible.

In the months that lie ahead, prayer will be a key to all we do. In light of that, I'm preaching a nine-week sermon series on "The Lord's Prayer" that will continue through the end of March. In addition, I'm inviting all who would care to join me to participate in a monthly prayer time (beginning Sunday, January 29 at 5:30 PM) asking God to bless our church, its future, and the man God will send to serve the congregation as its next minister.

Yes, there are many changes ahead for the Church of Christ at Milan, but I believe each change can be a positive and productive one as we unite together to make an even greater impact on our community in the future.

God bless you all,

Shawn