

## Transcript of Video Message from Rev. John Johnson

Congratulations Faith, on 60 years of ministry and mission there on the west side of Greensboro. It was my pleasure and privilege to serve as your pastor from 2010 to 2013.

As I thought back over my time there with you, some really wonderful memories come to mind, from joyful worship, to engaging and insightful bible and book studies, to great times of fellowship, to celebrating the seasons of the church year, I'm convinced that I am a much better pastor now in large part because of the time that I spent there with you.

One accomplishment of my time there that may seem a bit mundane but I think can provide a wonderful metaphor, and that was the installation of the new French doors in the entrance to the office.

You may remember how dark that entrance was, how uninviting it was as you entered the church.

But once those new doors were installed, everyone remarked about how much brighter, how much more light came into the church, how much more welcoming it was.

As Faith celebrated its 60 years of ministry, I encourage you to continue to let that light in. Continue to let the light of Christ within those walls, in order that you will be able to continue to carry the light of Christ out into a dark and troubled world.

As I worship in my own church on this day, I will pause to say a prayer of thanks for my time there with you. To offer a prayer of thanks for the many ways that you are carrying the light of Christ into the world. And a prayer that the next 60 years can provide many more opportunities to share **Christ's light**.

Blessings my friends, and may the peace and joy of Christ be with you all.