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BEING PUT OUT
TO PASTOR

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“ So Ron, we understand that as part of your transition plan, you retired from being Pastor at Parkside some five years ago in order for Pastor Nigel to become our new Lead Pastor. Now that you have returned to help out on the pastoral staff, what is it that you do? ”

Good question! Most of us know that Pastor Gordon oversees our Children’s Ministry, and Pastor Jeremiah leads our Student Ministry and preaches every six weeks or so to give Pastor Nigel a break. Of course, Pastor Nigel, as our Lead Pastor, does most of the heavy lifting with his teaching on Sundays and his overall leadership of the church in all our areas of vision and ministry. That’s why he is called the “Lead” Pastor.

As for what I do, let me put it this way! “When horses retire, they are put out to pasture. When ministers retire, they are put out to **pastor!**” I have the honor and privilege of continuing to pastor. My volunteer position and honor at Parkside is to be the President of Pastor Nigel’s Fan Club, of which there are hundreds of members! My assigned position at Parkside is to be Community Life Pastor, which entails facilitating ongoing connections and helping people assimilate into the life and ministry of Parkside.

This particular ministry has two key connection points:

- ① To welcome newer people as they begin to check out Parkside... which is why you will usually see me on Sunday mornings out in front with our Connect Team helping to greet people, welcome them, and give direction to visitors. Whenever possible, we follow up on those guests, seek to answer questions, and help them connect with other Parksidiers and ministries.
- ② To encourage Parksidiers to lean into a deeper walk with Jesus through Sunday worship, LIFEgroup discipleship, and opportunities to serve in various ministries at Parkside and beyond. So, if you are looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Jesus, connect with others in a small group gathering, serve in some capacity at Parkside, or in our Parkside community at large (i.e., *Crown Valley Youth Ranch, Good News Jail Ministry, Care Pregnancy, Visalia Rescue Mission, or Hands in the Community*), feel free to connect with me in person, by phone, text, or by email.

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So ... basically my ministry is people ... shepherding/pastoring people. I am honored to be put out to pastor!

Ron