

Dear CLF Friends of Dave and Arlene

Enclosed with the May newsletter were two colorful cards that are punched to be added to a book (or books) we are making Dave and Arlene as one of our good-bye gifts.

All of these colorful cards will be bound together for them to reflect on their nine years here.....

as memories of CLF, as connections to CLF, and certainly as a forever symbol of "Bind Us Together in Love".

We are hoping that each person will contribute. Please pick up your cards at the Church Office or let us know if you want us to mail them to you. The idea is a connection from you to Pastor Dave and/or Arlene. They will be missed tremendously.

When I have made these little books in the past, they were devotionals of scriptures on the front and a thought about that scripture connected to the person who would be receiving it on the back side. Some might put a favorite scripture on the front and a note (a thought about the scripture or a thank you or a memory) on the back to Dave or Arlene or both of them. I have seen a poem on one side and a drawing on the other. For children, their writing or drawing is so precious...and a photo is wonderful...or a note from mom and dad with a drawing or photo. Be creative, of course! Represent your family and your connections to them. We hope to have enough to make two or three colorful books....colorful cards and colorful connections.

We did this for my Dad's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday...each person had two cards on which to create so we would have 85 for his 85<sup>th</sup>. They were delightful! The new baby in the family had one card and the parents made a footprint on one side and scripture on the other. For my Dad, the scriptures and their connection to that person and to him are so very meaningful. The drawings and writings in the children's handwriting are blessings themselves.

Please take some time and enjoy making your card(s). It will be such a blessing to you. We will begin to compile them in the Office May 4<sup>th</sup>. ...hoping to mix the colors and get the first book done. There will be a box in the office if you want to drop them off. Feel free to mail them back, if that is easier. We will of course accept them the next week (May 11<sup>th</sup>). The Good-bye Gathering is May 14<sup>th</sup> on a Wednesday....if you just finish them then...please bring them and we will add them. **It is hoped we can keep this a surprise.** ☺ However, if it comes out....they will just anticipate getting to see and read it.

Please feel free to call or write me questions. Thank you for your labor of love in making your cards....it will be a precious and meaningful treasure for the Van Kleys from their CLF friends and family.

In His love and service,  
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