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### **NORTH COUNTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Founding Pastor “Passing the Mantle” on February 11**

**WHAT:** celebration of the leadership of Pastor Steve Calagna and welcoming of Pastor Matthew Willis as Lead Pastor

**WHEN:** February 11, 2024 @10am church service

**WHERE:** North County Christian Fellowship, 905 Vine Street, Paso Robles, CA

After more than 45 years, North County Christian Fellowship’s Lead Pastor, Steve Calagna, is “passing the mantle” to Pastor Matthew Willis during the 10AM Sunday service on February 11. Calagna will continue at NCCF as Pastor Emeritus while Willis begins his role as Lead Pastor.



Pastor Calagna grew up in Southern California where he completed his ministry degree at Melodyland School of Theology. He moved to the “little town of Paso Robles” to accept a youth pastor position after graduating. In 1978, a small group of Christian leaders, looking for a church that expressed a simple but genuine love for God, founded North County Christian Fellowship. Steve was asked to be the pastor of this group and he has served in that role for more than 45 years. It has always been Steve's heart to instill a genuine love for God with all he comes in contact with.



Pastor Matthew Willis grew up in the North County and has been a part of NCCF for 22 years where he served as the Youth Pastor for the past eleven. He will continue to play a key role in the Youth Ministry program even as he steps into his new position as Lead Pastor.

Julie Bower, a member of the NCCF congregation, had this to say about the church’s upcoming changes: “I love Pastor Matt; the guy is all heart and humility. I love Pastor Steve too, of course. I’ve learned so much from him, not just bible stories and verses but other things, life things that have gradually become part of me.”

The congregation of North County Christian Fellowship invites you to join them for this special time of honoring and encouraging these two men of faith who have a heart for God and a great hope for our community.