

**Commissioning of Andy Wood as Our New Lead Pastor
Rick and Kay Warren With Andy and Stacie Wood
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I. CHARGE TO OUR NEW PASTOR AND VOWS

*“As a fellow elder I charge you to **shepherd the flock of God** that you have been given the responsibility to care for. Watch over them because you want to do this, not out of duty. This is what God desires from you. Do it out of a **desire to serve**, not for mere pay. Don’t try to rule over those who’ve been entrusted into your care. Instead **lead them by your good examples to the flock**. Then when Christ, the Chief Shepherd, appears, your reward will be an eternal crown of glory that never fades away.” 1 Peter 5:1-4*

*“**Remember** your leaders, who **spoke the word of God to you**. **Consider the outcome of their way of life** and **imitate their faith**.” Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)*

II. ANDY’S TEN PERSONAL COMMITMENTS TO YOU

*“Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, **I also have decided to write an accurate account for you**, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.” Luke 1:1-4 (NLT)*

1. I will passionately follow Jesus with my whole heart!
2. I will love you and serve you with my whole heart!
3. I will actively pursue God’s vision for Saddleback Church.
4. I will model the vision and mission I am asking you to live.
5. I will lead the way with integrity, humility, and generosity.

6. I will be teachable, pursuing wisdom and discernment as I lead you.
7. I will live with accountability and surround myself with godly men and women.
8. I will honor and build on the foundation of this great church.
9. I will keep our church urgently focused on reaching people far from God.
10. I will daily seek the Holy Spirit’s power to do these things!

*“I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the **same purpose**. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.” 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 (NLT)*

*“And now **these three remain**: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)*

Ten Saddleback Values That Will Never Change:

- We will continue to preach the Good News of Jesus as the only source of hope for a broken and hurting world.
- We will continue to teach and obey the Bible as God’s authoritative word for all of our beliefs and every area of our lives.
- We will continue to be a Purpose Driven Church relentlessly focused on accomplishing God’s five eternal purposes found in the Great Commission and The Great Commandment.
- We will continue to make life transformation the aim of everything we do as a church. We will work hard to remove barriers and provide a path for you to grow in your faith as you live out God’s purposes for your life.

- We will continue to be a place of hope and healing, giving people a second chance to overcome hurts, habits, and hang-ups.
- We will continue to be a place and a people known by our love! We will love one another and our world by serving and sacrificing for the good of others.
- We will continue to be a multi-generational, multi-ethnic, all-nation congregation with a place for everyone. We'll work hard to build bridges of love and fulfill the ministry of reconciliation we're called to.
- We will continue to do everything we can to reach the Next Generation and help you raise your kids to be passionate followers of Jesus.
- We will continue to pray hard and work hard as we partner together to reach friends, family, and everyone who doesn't know the love of Jesus.
- We will continue to make Jesus the hero of our Saddleback Story as we step into the future and take God-inspired risks with bold faith, believing the best of what God wants to do is always in front of us!

III. RICK'S CHARGE TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*"Keep **putting into practice** all you learned from me and heard from me and saw me doing, and the God of peace will be with you."* **Philippians 4:9 (NLT)**

*"Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they ask. Their work is to **watch over your souls**, and they are accountable and will give an account to God. **So give them reason to do this joyfully** instead of with grief. That would certainly not benefit you."* **Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)**

IV. COMMUNION LED BY KAY AND STACIE

"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing, taking the humble position

*of a servant in human form. Then he obediently **humbled himself even further by dying on a cross for us**. Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!"* **Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)**