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Following 25 years as Senior Pastor at Stonebriar Community Church, Dr. Charles R. Swindoll will step into a new role as Stonebriar's Founding Pastor. Pastor Chuck, as he is affectionately known, will continue his preaching ministry on Sundays at Stonebriar as well as his international broadcast ministry, Insight for Living.

Dr. Jonathan Murphy will join the Stonebriar staff on May 1 as the new Senior Pastor, holding full responsibility for all of the church's day-to-day ministry programs and operations, and filling in for Pastor Chuck at the pulpit when called upon.

Pastor Chuck has served as Senior Pastor since Stonebriar's founding in October of 1998. Under his leadership, the church has grown into a community of more than 3,000 attendees and 16,000 online viewers each Sunday. Pastor Chuck is also the Chancellor Emeritus of Dallas Theological Seminary, where he completed his ministry studies and later served as the seminary's fourth president from 1994 to 2001.

Dr. Jonathan Murphy has been a regular pulpit guest at Stonebriar for the past five years. Originally hailing from Northern Ireland, Jonathan currently serves as a professor and chair of the pastoral ministries department at Dallas Theological Seminary and is a part of the preaching team at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth, Texas. In 2022, Pastor Chuck and the Stonebriar elders unanimously decided that Jonathan would be an ideal candidate for the future role of Senior Pastor and extended Jonathan a letter of intent, which he gladly accepted. In March of 2024, all parties prayerfully agreed that now is the time for Jonathan to step into his new role.