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A Breath of Praise Church Celebrates the Ordination of Mike Hardwick as Elder

Brownwood, Texas — A Breath of Praise Church of Brownwood proudly announces the ordination of Mike Hardwick as an Elder within the ministry, recognizing his faithful service, spiritual leadership, dedication to ministry, and commitment to serving both the church and the Brownwood and Early communities.

Mike Hardwick has long been recognized within the church and surrounding community as a dependable, servant-minded leader who consistently demonstrates humility, integrity, faithfulness, and a heart for helping others. Through years of ministry involvement, encouragement, support, and leadership, he has played an important role in strengthening relationships within the church and supporting the continued growth of the ministry.

Hardwick is widely known throughout Brown County as the owner and operator of Hardwick's Farmer's Market & Nursery, a longtime family-oriented business serving the region with nursery products, produce, home décor, furniture, gardening supplies, seasonal items, and local goods. The business was originally established in 1995 and has continued growing into a well-known destination within the area.

Through his business leadership and community involvement, Hardwick has become known for his strong work ethic, customer relationships, support of local families, and commitment to serving the surrounding communities. Church leadership noted that many people throughout Brownwood, Early, and surrounding areas know Hardwick not only through ministry, but also through decades of interaction, service, and community engagement connected to his business and local involvement.

In addition to overseeing day-to-day operations at Hardwick's Farmer's Market & Nursery, Hardwick has built a reputation for:

- Community-focused leadership
- Supporting local families and customers
- Long-term business commitment within Brown County
- Strong work ethic and servant leadership
- Encouraging fellowship and relationships within the community
- Faithful and consistent support of church and ministry initiatives

Church leadership stated that the ordination reflects both recognition of faithful service and affirmation of spiritual leadership.

"Ordination is more than a title," leadership shared. "It represents spiritual maturity, consistency, integrity, leadership, and a willingness to serve God's people. Mike Hardwick has continually demonstrated those qualities through his actions, commitment, and dedication to ministry."

Leadership also emphasized the importance of developing strong spiritual leadership to help support the church's continued outreach, discipleship, ministry growth, and community impact.

Hardwick expressed gratitude and humility regarding the ordination.

"It is an honor and privilege to continue serving in this capacity," Hardwick shared. "My desire is to continue supporting the ministry, encouraging others, and serving wherever God leads."

The ordination service was celebrated among church leadership, members, family, friends, and supporters as a meaningful milestone in the continued growth and development of A Breath of Praise Church.

A Breath of Praise Church remains committed to serving the Brownwood community through worship, outreach, revival services, teaching, discipleship, and ministry development.