

Breaking News: Chris Reed Steps Down from MorningStar Ministries

Reed, who has served as both the CEO and the president of MorningStar, turned in his resignation on Monday, Aug. 26, and is now handing the ministry back over to Rick Joyner.

In a statement posted on X, Chris Reed shared how difficult the decision was for him to step away from MorningStar.

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“After MUCH prayer, thought, and consideration, along with Missy and trusted friends, I have decided to fully and immediately step down from all leadership responsibilities at MorningStar Ministries. This includes my role as CEO, President, and Senior Pastor of the Fort Mill Church, turning the ministry back over to Rick Joyner, the founder of MorningStar. I submitted by letter of resignation on Monday, August 26, 2024, and it was graciously accepted.”

Reed acknowledges that this decision will be a shock for many people, and he is “heartbroken.”

“I know this may come as a surprise, and perhaps even a shock, to some of you. Please believe me when I say this was not an easy decision. I am heartbroken. There are many reasons behind this choice, but primarily, after three years of serving here, including over a year as CEO and President, I have come to realize that I cannot continue in this role.”

Reed reaffirmed that the call on his life to work in ministry is still active, and he will continue to pursue this calling

to share the gospel.

“My calling has always been, and remains, to prophesy, pastor, teach, preach, and write. That is why I have made the decision to return fully to what God has called me to.”

Reed is going to work on creating a web-based model of house churches that have regional leaders. He will also continue his work leading and training others through a prophetic online school. In the future, Reed desires to relocate to a different part of South Carolina and begin a new church.

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He further acknowledged allegations about a former volunteer and police officer committing sexual crimes against minors. Reed says these crimes happened before he assumed leadership duties, and that it was reported immediately to authorities.

“As many of you are aware, in the late spring of 2023, allegations surfaced over a former volunteer and police officer. These crimes took place before I took over. We immediately told the police and this was reported in the news. I never met the man or his family. The individual committed terrible crimes against minors. Missy and I stand unequivocally with the victims and their families. I condemn his actions in the strongest possible terms. This is also why I hired an external group to train our staff on sexual abuse awareness and how to safeguard minors.”

Reed says that both he and his wife, Missy, were sexually abused as children by people outside their families, and so this topic hits close to home as it is something he says has “haunted me throughout my life since it happened when I was just seven years old.”



Reed ended the document by thanking everyone at MorningStar for the opportunity he had to work with them and create lasting friendships. He also apologized for the inconvenience and disruption that his exit may cause.

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