

Our continued effort to keep you, the congregants of Life Church, informed regarding the ongoing changes occurring during this transition period can be found below. Please be advised that if you are just joining us on this update for the first time, it would be good for you to back up to the post dated August 22, 2019 so that you know what has taken place up to this point.

- August 21, 2019 – the search for a new secretary begins as our current secretary communicated her resignation on August 19, 2019, effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – The OneLife parent meeting took place with parents attending OneLife and joining the students in praying for the future of OneLife as well as hearing the vision for the youth ministry in this interim time – which includes a focus on making disciples, creating a safe place for students to communicate with leaders about their struggle with the most recent resignations, and creating a culture where community is cultivated.
- August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – The Transition Team met with Pastor Eric Hulstrand to discuss specific questions and clarifications Eric needed prior to speaking the next day. Specifically, Pastor Eric asked clarifying questions to better understand the historical facts communicated on the previous update. Included in the discussion was Pastor Eric's desire to understand how the decision to pay two of the outgoing pastors one year's salary was determined. As stated by Roy Lemke at a recent Sunday night prayer meeting, Wayne Preston stated that because Life Church does not have a retirement package for staff, the elders (Wayne Preston, Roy Lemke, and Gene Field) determined they would agree to pay a salary to both Pastor Patrick and Pastor Nicholas for the course of one year while they start their new church (this was determined on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, when Pastor Patrick and Pastor Nicholas submitted their resignations to the elders). Other discussion centered around the logistics of the coming survey and listening weekend.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Pastor Eric Hulstrand spoke to the entire congregation during the Sunday morning message. He spoke on the importance of speaking the truth in love and also how biblical it is to ask for help when there's a mess to clean up. Having a 3<sup>rd</sup> party come in to help sort things out in an objective way is an important piece to seeing a church like Life Church maintain health and wellness as a body. He also explained the survey process and invited anyone and everyone who currently calls Life Church their home church and those who have left to participate. We encourage you to go and view the service online at our website or you can view it right on Facebook as well.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – A brief Transition Team Meeting took place after prayer on Sunday night. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss whether or not the team felt Pastor Eric Hulstrand should speak the next couple of Sundays while he works with us through the surveys and gives us his observations and recommendations. Based on the morning's sermon, the team felt Pastor Eric would do a superb job filling in for a couple of weeks

and continuing to bring us a vital message for this season. We look forward to having him preach the next two Sundays.

- August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - Another Transition Team meeting took place this week with the two main points of discussion centering around the interim pastor search and the process of addressing governance.
  - Interim Pastor Search - 3 different members of the transition team (Amber, Nicole, and Pastor Greg) were assigned the task of contacting the Assemblies of God, TrueBridge, and Harvest Network International - one a spirit-filled denomination and the other two, associations of spirit-filled churches. The purpose of contacting them is to discuss with them their interim pastor process and if they have recommendations of pastors who have been trained as interim pastors and have experience in churches like Life Church. The contacts will be made in the next 7 days and we will keep you updated on that process.
  - Governance - The Transition Team began to discuss some ideas about how we can involve more of the congregation in the process of setting the governance structure for Life Church to be strong and effective for many years to come. Nothing was determined at the meeting, but ideas were shared and we are asking everyone to join us in praying about how we can effectively do this. We will keep you updated on this in the very near future.
    - Another issue of concern that was talked about was the number of our current elders and if we legally need to do something now to “conduct business” as a legal corporation. Wayne Preston stated he had sought legal counsel from Pemberton Law Firm on behalf of the elders regarding this matter and Pemberton’s counsel was that the board needs to be brought to 5 members to have a quorum until a new governance structure can be set. These will be temporary elders for the interim and the board will be working to fill two of the vacancies to bring them to 5 members over the course of the next few weeks. Again, more to come on this in the very near future.

Please subscribe and check back for ongoing updates in the coming weeks and months. We love you, Church!

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