

Village Church Family,

In an ongoing effort to share more of the behind the scenes work of Village Church, our Leadership Team would like to share with you the details of some important developments with our staff team. Over the seven years that Village Church has existed, our staff has undergone many changes, responding to the unique challenges that ministry in our city provides. Once again we are in a season of transition, and are prayerfully making some adjustments responding to an opportunity that God has blessed us with.

Jeremy Hazelton, our Lead & Teaching Pastor, will continue in his role as our primary communicator on Sundays and provide leadership to our church as a whole, working closely with our Leadership Team and other staff, but will trim his weekday hours to accommodate an opportunity to become the Executive Director of 716 Ministries. 716 Ministries is a faith-based, non-profit community development organization, and while it is not directly tied to the ministry of Village Church, our two organizations share many of the same goals and have worked closely together for several years.

About a third of Jeremy's new duties with 716 overlap with responsibilities, meetings and service in our community where he served as Village's representative. This uncanny overlap underlined to us the appropriateness for Jeremy to adopt a bi-vocational model in pastoring Village Church. Many of the faith communities we admire and with which we collaborate function under a similar bi-vocational model where the pastor works a "normal" job in addition to regularly preaching. We believe the flexibility of Jeremy's new schedule allows him the time needed to successfully plan and prepare teaching, but we're additionally excited for the opportunity to entrust even more duties to Executive Pastor Darin Anders.

We want to be clear that Jeremy and his family will continue to be fully engaged with Village Church. We also want to be clear, that even though this new part-time status at Village Church will help us meet our financial goals, this change is not reactionary based on finances, but rather in response to the opportunity for Jeremy and our church to be more directly involved in ministry to our city as a whole.

Darin Anders, our Executive & Worship Pastor will continue full-time in his role with Village Church, and assume some additional responsibility for day-to-day operations at the church. Village Church has been blessed by the Anders family, and Darin in particular. His leadership of our Worship and Tech Teams, as well as the many behind the scenes improvements to our systems and processes is hard to overstate. His role will not so much change, as be more publicly recognized for the vital leadership that He provides to Village Church and to Three Stories Coffee.

Our Leadership Team will also continue to take a more visible role in the ministries of Village Church, and in some small ways has already begun to do so. Some of our leaders are

available each week for prayer at our gatherings, and in the Wait Room before and after Sunday Gatherings to connect with for questions or feedback. You can also reach out at anytime using the following email leadershipteam@villagechurchbflo.com

Village Church has a long history of creatively responding to opportunities and challenges posed by doing ministry in our city, and we remain committed to Finding Our Way Back to God, Together. Over the coming weeks as the logistics of these changes to our team are taking shape, we ask for your grace and patience and prayers. Our team will be meeting regularly to manage this process with God's guidance as we pray together for our church, and for the Kingdom of God in our city.

Grace and Peace,

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