

June 6, 2010 FG Elder Report

Youth Ministry

As you may have heard by now, Jesse Magnuson has indicated that he and Amber need to step back from the responsibility of directing the youth ministry here at KSBC. We thank God for their investment in the lives of our teens and their oversight of the youth ministry for the past three years. They plan to still be involved with youth ministry but at a lesser degree as their family continues to grow.

Our Elders have been interacting with Drew and Elizabeth Humphrey over the past month or so regarding Drew serving as part-time Youth Director. For the Humphrey's, this would involve a move from Louisville this summer and a 3-5 year commitment to overseeing the youth ministry. KSBC would provide compensation in the form of housing and health insurance reimbursement with the intention of transitioning into a full-time internship or staff position in one year.

This Sunday the 13th, Drew and Elizabeth will be at KSBC for a time of everyone getting better acquainted. Drew will teach a combined teen class at 9 AM in the Ministry Center, they will share their testimonies in the worship service and then there will be a lunch in the Ministry Center after the service. Teens, parents and youth workers are invited to attend and participate in both the teen class at 9 AM as well as the lunch meeting. There will be opportunity for Q&A as well as interaction regarding the youth ministry in general.

Pastoral Staff hire

Our leadership developed a pastoral staffing plan and presented it to the congregation over a year ago that included hiring additional pastoral associates to give oversight in worship/music, youth ministry, tech/communications and college student ministry. In April an offer was made to Ben Whipple to be an associate pastor with oversight of worship/music and tech/communications. In recent weeks several good things have come together to cause the Elders to put the next staff hire on hold while we seek additional clarity.

Ben has accepted an associate pastor position in Traverse City, MI. Also, Abraham and Kari Cremeens will begin the pastoral internship program with oversight of the college student ministry here at KSBC while attending seminary at Faith Bible Seminary. While these decisions have emerged, the elders have a growing sense that one of our greatest needs is in the area of discipleship ministry. What we are beginning to refer to as life on life influence that is described in Eph. 4:11-16 with emphasis found in v.16 . . . *when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Please pray for and with us as we seek to develop and strengthen our Deacon/Ministry Team roles, renew our Small Group Ministry, and refresh our ministry to assimilate new people God brings our way into the life of our church body - and how any of this may impact our thinking about pastoral staff hiring. The Elders are looking forward to a time of interaction and prayer concerning these things with Deacons, Small Group Leaders and ABF teachers/leaders on June 22nd.

Worship/Music ministry

Our Sunday morning worship/music leadership responsibilities will be handled by Joel Brovont (75%) and Pastor Tim (25%). We are thankful for these men being willing to step up and minister in these ways. Pastor Whipple will give oversight for the planning and development of the AM service. Other worship leaders will be identified and developed as well.

Pastor Tim will assume oversight of the choirs and events such as Christmas and Easter. There will not be any substantive change in approach/style in our worship/music other than that reflected by different people having responsibility.

We plan to evaluate this approach as to its sustainability and consider implications for the possible need of staffing into this area in the future.

Crosswalk update

New Crosswalk project brochures have been produced and were made available to our church family at our June 6th Family Gathering. This is a tool designed to inform and encourage potential donors to partner with us. Our desire is for everyone in our church family to be well informed, enthused, praying and telling the Crosswalk story to anyone you may know with interest and capability to support the project.

Crosswalk Brochures are available from the church office. Please address any questions or contacts to our Crosswalk Board members . . . Brian Musser, Paul Briggs, John Sprunger, Daryl Starr, Lars Nielsen or Don Whipple.

Please continue to pray for our Elders as we seek to lead, feed and protect our church family in the advance of the gospel in this community and around the world.

Thanking God for you and your partnership in the gospel at KSBC,

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