

# CALLED TO HELP

An update by Jessica Guadalupe

Over the last few years the church landscape in our city has been at a bit of a crossroads. With the growth of our city, many churches, ours included, have been blessed with a number of new people excited to join our gatherings. This hasn't been the case for all the churches in our valley.

Pastor Tucker believes this opens the door for a great revitalization effort for our city. *"We are in a generational shift. We live in time where we are starting to see a consolidation of local churches. Big churches are getting bigger, small churches are getting smaller, and some churches are no longer around. I hate to see churches close their doors or their buildings turned into businesses. I want to see the Kingdom in our city stand firm, not lose ground. I WANT TO BE A CHURCH THAT SENDS HELP."*



About a year and half ago, a group of our pastors were gathered for prayer, and could sense a move of the Holy Spirit for the Kingdom in our city. Rather than adding services and multiplying what we do on our campus, they believed the Lord was leading them to send people out. Not knowing when or how that would happen, they committed to pray and be ready to do whatever the Lord asked us to do as a church family in this area.



Kirk and his wife Mindy

At the same time, the Lord was stirring Pastor Kirk's heart to pray for a local church that was going through a difficult time. *"For two years I drove by Cole Community Church knowing the things they were going through and the difficulties they were having and just praying that the Lord would provide a solution and bring that church back to life."* Little did he know the Lord wanted to use him to lead the effort.

In recent months, god has made it clear to both the leadership at Cole Community, as well as our pastors at Calvary Boise, that we are to link arms in an effort to revitalize the ministry of Cole Community, and Pastor Kirk will lead the charge.

**BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY, KIRK WILL BE THE LEAD PASTOR AT COLE COMMUNITY.** He will begin by teaching there on Sunday mornings, and will spend a couple months focusing on building relationships with the church family there, and building a revitalization team. There will be upcoming opportunities to build up their worship team and other ministries, and he's already planning some local outreach around Easter.

Although we are "sending" Kirk to Cole Community, this is not the end of his leadership at Calvary Boise. He will continue to lead the missions ministry at Calvary, with the goal of partnering with Cole Community, which has a rich history in missions as well. He will be helping disciple and raise up someone to oversee our community groups. And he will oversee our Leadership Pathways program, which will help equip current and future leaders from Calvary, Cole Community, and other churches in the valley in a unified way.



Tucker, Noah & Kirk on a trip to Guatemala



The Crager Family at his oldest daughter's wedding earlier this month

**SO PLEASE PRAY.** Pray for the believers at Cole Community Church who have endured two very difficult years without a pastor. Pray for the transition for Kirk, his wife Mindy, and their kids. And pray for God to bring the right people to add to the church family at Cole Community. Kirk is praying for 50-100 people ready to help in the revitalization effort.

There will be a few vision nights in the next couple months where you will have the opportunity to hear what this revitalization looks like and pray about whether this is something God would have you be a part of. Additionally, Pastor Tucker encourages anyone who feels led to do so, to go visit Cole Community, and see what God is doing there. He says, *"I am very confident that God is doing a great work for both churches through this whole venture."*

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Please prayerfully consider joining Pastor Kirk for the first of several opportunities to hear the vision for all God is doing at Cole Community through this partnership, and pray about whether God would have you join in the revitalization effort. The first gathering will be **Sunday, January 28 at 2:00PM in the Calvary Boise Lobby.**

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Pastor Tucker and Pastor Kirk sat down to discuss all of this in deeper detail. Scan the QR code to watch the video on YouTube starting at noon on January 21.

