



On Sunday, October 28th, during our morning worship gatherings, Pastor Aaron Swank shared some big news about how God is working in his life.

Pastor Aaron announced that he has decided to resign from his role as Youth Pastor here at Faith Church in order to follow God's call to a new ministry position. He has accepted a position as the Community Life Pastor at The Grove Church in Albany, a church in his hometown where he served as youth pastor 8 years ago. While he knows that it will be hard leaving his Faith Church family, he is excited about this new role because he will be investing in leaders, developing community within the church and helping the church contribute to the community.

Pastor Aaron: *"I have greatly enjoyed my time at Faith Church. The staff, the students, the ministries, the volunteers, and the family here have been amazing. I'm so thankful for what God has done in me and through me during my time here, and I thank everyone for their help, guidance, and support over the last five years."*

Pastor Derek: *"Pastor Aaron is loved, he has served well for 5+ years, and he will be missed. While we wish that he could have continued to serve here at Faith Church, I know we all really do want him to be where God wants him to be. Therefore, though I am bummed to see him go, I am also excited that God will continue to use him in a ministry role where he will continue to help people meet and follow Jesus! Please join me in praying God's best for Aaron and for our church as he makes this transition."*

Here are answers to some of the questions you might have:

When is Pastor Aaron's last Sunday on staff?

Our whole church family will gather together for ONE worship gathering at 10:45am on November 25th, Aaron's last Sunday with us. That worship gathering will include a time of recognizing and giving thanks for Pastor Aaron and sending him on to new adventures with our support and prayers. Following the worship gathering, we will enjoy fellowship and dessert in the Community Center. We invite you to join us for this opportunity to thank Pastor Aaron personally, celebrating with him about God's leading in his life.

What is the plan for student ministry in the coming weeks and months?

In addition to the great volunteers who currently serve in student ministry, we will be asking God to provide more great people to join the student ministry teams. Then, in the coming weeks, Pastor Derek and the Elder Team will be working alongside those teams to continue to care well for the teens in our church family.

When will we be hiring a new Youth Pastor?

Pastor Derek and our Elder Team would appreciate your prayers as we consider staffing options and timelines, seeking what and who God has next for our church. We will update you as things develop.