

Grounded Student Ministries Parents,

It's a bittersweet season of transition in GSM. After decades of faithfully serving our Lord and His church in GSM (essentially since the founding of SWBC), Rob Stouffer is going to be taking a step back from the GSM leadership team, starting this summer.

In the fall of 2022, Rob first discussed the idea of transitioning out of GSM leadership with the other elders. The hope is that removing the GSM leadership responsibility affords Rob more time to become better equipped in discipleship counseling ministry. Rob expressed this desire to transition off the leadership team to me in spring of 2023 and we have been working together towards that end since that meeting with the support of the other elders.

After much prayer and many discussions over the past year, the GSM leadership team submitted to Rob's desire. Thankfully, Rob plans to continue to serve as a small group leader within GSM. We all think this frees up Rob in such a way that he can pursue training in discipleship counseling while still discipling students, which he deeply loves.

Rob has been such a faithful servant in GSM, but he's also been a faithful mentor to me over the past nine years and many others over the course of his time leading GSM. He has faithfully executed his charge to raise up and equip faithful leaders who can follow in his steps. We're praying that we will continue to lead GSM to be a fruitful and faithful ministry at Summit Woods Baptist Church.

If you have any questions about this transition, feel free to reach out to me.

Yours in Christ,  
Dalton

On behalf of the GSM Leadership Team (Jonathan Jackson, Heather Ruisinger, Raylene Tormanen, and Scott Tormanen)