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Dear Calvary Family,

The summer of 1998 was a good summer for the Sublett family, and not simply because I *only* fractured a vertebrae in a 40 foot fall (that's a fun story) but began the process of our move to State College and Calvary. You may have heard this story more than once, but I came to the initial meeting with a little bit of a "this church had better impress me if they want us to move here" kind of attitude. A short (less than 15 minute) and unscheduled hallway meeting with Pastor Dan left me with a "what do I have to do to be a part of this?" kind of attitude! We found ourselves loving the vision behind Calvary's expression of church, and over the past 11 years, we have fallen in love with the people at Calvary and with State College, in general.

I was called to be the youth pastor, and found that while some things were similar, Calvary's culture and growth meant that I had to acquire new skills and strategies for ministry. I've learned to build and equip people to serve in teams for ministry, and how to cast vision for the building of teams. I've also found other areas of leadership developing in me—leading worship, mentoring, leading a staff, and preaching are pieces of the puzzle that I've seen growing in my life and heart over the past 11 years.

With the move to doing church in multiple-sites, I was given the chance to lead Midtown. The leadership team understood that some changes would need to take place (building a leadership team for midtown, pastoral care for those attending, etc), and thought that I would be a good fit for this role at midtown. The only catch was that my responsibilities as the youth pastor demanded most of my time and attention, which brought me to the crossroads of a difficult decision. Fortunately, we believe we've landed on a decision that will be a good thing for all parties.

I will still have a place in student ministry, but it will be more of a coaching role. My new official job title will be Pastor for the Next Generation Ministries. I will serve student ministry by providing oversight and coaching to those who will be leading the week-to-week operation of XStream (middle school) and HSM (high school ministry). With my plate being less full, I will have more time and energy to devote more attention to midtown, which is the gathering that most of our PSU students attend. This focus on the Next Generation (12-25 year olds) resonates with me, and I am excited about the future. There may be changes to the programs, but the commitment to the vision and values of Calvary will remain unchanged. I believe that our ministry to middle school and high school students will be stronger than ever, and that we are poised on the brink of a breakthrough!

Thank you for your years of support. We have loved serving students and families through Calvary. Our hearts have grown with the countless team members and students we've rubbed shoulders with. And we continue to be as excited as ever about the direction that Calvary is headed. We believe that the best is yet to come, and we look forward to seeing the new expression of ministry to/for students that will emerge from this move. For us, the greatest part in all this is that we get to stay here, to do life with people that we love, in a city that we believe God has called us to.

Yours, theirs, and His,

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