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disciples of Jesus Christ

into the truth we're learning & the stuff we're doing in the month of...

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TRANSITIONS...

Summer time is a time of transitions. Fifth graders become Junior Highers, eighth graders become Senior Highers and twelfth graders graduate into the rest of life. Two summers ago, after Kristi and I transitioned into marriage, we transitioned into youth ministry here at the Chapel: two of the best things that ever happened to us.

This summer will mark yet another transition in our life and in the life of this youth group. Some of you may have heard that Kristi and I will be moving to Kentucky in August in order to attend seminary. That is true.

Why are we going to seminary, you ask? That's a good question! It's certainly not because there aren't a million great things about staying with you. We are excited about how God has been and will continue to work through His Word to transform your hearts and the hearts of your friends. We often speak of how wonderful it would be to watch each of you graduate High School, for you have become dear to us.

The only thing that we could possibly desire more than this is to know God's Word better in order to serve His church more effectively for the joy of more people in His Son. Jesus prayed, "sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (Jn.17:17,18). If God's people are to light the world, they must live by the light of His Word. By going back to school, it is our hope that God would bring Himself more glory through our marriage and our ministry as I grow in my knowledge of, love for and ability to communicate the Word. Not to fear though, the Chapel has been my church home since 1997 and it will be my home for years to come. As long as you're connected to the body, we are connected to each other!

This summer also marks an important transition for you. As I write this letter, a group of men and women are meeting at the Chapel to pray for and discuss who will be your next youth pastor. He will be a godly man, he will love God's Word, he will treasure each of your souls and he will be committed to helping you reach your friends with the gospel of Christ. While the person God uses will be different, His purpose to glorify Himself in and through His church stands.

So let's pray together. You pray for our transition and we will pray for yours. Let's pray that God would give each of us the grace to grow stronger through these changes, knowing that while the people in our lives change, God never does!

Trusting and treasuring Christ with you,

Trent & Kristi

