

Dear Pathways Church Family,

We hope this message finds you in good health and filled with God's grace. We understand that the past few months have been a challenging time for our church community, and we want to address some of the concerns and questions that have arisen during this season.

First and foremost, we want to express our gratitude for the devotion and love that each of you has shown for our church. It is clear that Pathways Church is a place where many individuals and families have found a home to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We are a diverse body of believers, and that diversity is a reflection of a healthy and vibrant church.

Over the past 30-45 days, we have received a substantial number of emails from our congregation, and we've recognized that there are varying perspectives and strong feelings within our church community. These sentiments can be broadly categorized into several groups:

1. Some believe that Pastor Adam should return to the stage, acknowledging forgiveness for his past sins.
2. Others hold the view that Pastor Adam should not return to his pastoral role, citing biblical passages such as 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.
3. A more extensive group falls into a range of categories, from newcomers seeking a church family to long-standing attenders with various emotions, including confusion, frustration, agreement, disagreement, or simply a desire for a return to normalcy.

We share this information because we have heard from people who fit into all of these categories and we recognize that there is a wide spectrum of viewpoints within our congregation, each arising from a place of love and devotion to the work that God is doing at Pathways Church.

However, we acknowledge that the diversity of opinions has led to confusion and misinformation circulating within our church community. Satan is actively sowing discord, and it is essential that we respond with prayer, unity, and a commitment to God's word.

The Elder Board has been diligently working to navigate these complexities. We have been praying, studying God's word, consulting with professionals, and seeking guidance from God for our decisions.

In an effort to enhance transparency and address the questions we've received, we have scheduled a church meeting on October 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the church. To ensure the privacy of sensitive matters, our attorney will be present to guide us through the meeting. We recognize that open communication and answers to your questions are crucial, and we believe this meeting will provide an opportunity for clarity and unity.

Additionally, in preparation for the October 10 meeting, [please submit your questions on this form](#) by Friday, October 6. We will do our best to compile these submissions and the questions we have been receiving over the past couple of weeks and use them to share answers at the meeting. We acknowledge that our responses may not have always been immediate, as our Elder Board members have other obligations, including full-time jobs and families but, we have been trying to communicate in a timely manner.

Our commitment remains unwavering. We love God, we pray for our church daily, and we stand united in our effort to expel Satan's influence from our community. During this challenging season, we ask for your grace and understanding. We are all experiencing pain and frustration in different ways, and the most important thing we can do is to remain strong in our faith, continue in prayer, and maintain our unity as a church body.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We look forward to coming together as a church family on October 10th, and we trust that God will guide us in the days and weeks ahead.

Pathways Church Elder Board