

Friday, November 22, 2024

Dear Cody WY Foursquare Friends and Family,

As many of you know, we are navigating a significant leadership change at Cody Foursquare. In this process, we thought it likely that the church would need to close public gatherings, at least for the near future. But thankfully, we have a contingent of members that desire to still gather, and are willing to take on responsibilities to help that happen. In light of that, this letter outlines a current update of what to expect in the coming weeks.

We will still gather as a church on Sunday mornings at 10am in the church building. As we have been, we will have guest speakers joining us to worship and share God's word. It may look different, but God's presence will be there and we will be gathered as a body of Christ. Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to help with this.

I am working with a representative group to compile a 90-day plan to continue Sunday gatherings, and keep the building open for the important groups that use it during the week. To be clear, we aren't establishing a new church council, creating new leadership structures, appointing an interim pastor, or charting a strategy of promotion, growth and outreach. These are all things that will be led by a new pastor. Right now, we're focused on ensuring there is a simple plan for continuing to gather as we seek a new pastor for Cody Foursquare. We'll know more what's needed the first week of December, and will get work out accordingly.

Sunday, December 1, will be a service focused on thanksgiving and gratitude, and will end with a time of saying thank you to our outgoing leadership team. The outgoing leadership team has loved, served and led with incredible faithfulness and care over the last several months since the previous pastor left, and for many years before that. They have been pillars of grace and stability, and so much of the rich community life of Cody Foursquare is attributed to their presence. We will take time to thank them for all they've done, and graciously release them to whatever the Lord has next for them and their families. I hope you will join us for this important time.

Lastly, we are committed to a charismatic, life-giving Foursquare church in Cody WY. This is still a somewhat fluid time, and a lot could change in the coming weeks. We are actively seeking a new pastor for Cody Foursquare. If during that time, we see a need to change course, please know we are still committed to a Foursquare work in Cody, including the church building.

If you have any questions, first check the "Transitions" page of the church website, <https://codyfoursquare.com/transition/>. We will post regular updates there. Any additional inquires can be sent to me (email below) or Steve Mickel, stmickel@foursquare.org. Please note I will away from my desk until December 2. Barring poor weather, I plan to be with you in Cody on December 1.

In summary, please know we're committed to serving you well. May the Lord bless you as you celebrate Thanksgiving next week. May your time be filled with rest, joy, and a deep sense of the goodness of God.

Sincerely,

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