

Dear loved GHFC parents and leaders,

As I reflect on this summer, I am grateful for this beautiful season God has given us. Summer has been full of joy with VBS, Sunday life, and many wonderful family connections at parks, beaches, the courtyard and more. As the warm days start to cool and leaves begin to turn, there is a new season approaching and as it comes I see God is also bringing a new season to our children's ministry. Please read Josh's letter below to see what changes are in store for our elementary ministry along with Josh Grossman and His family.

Dear Parents and Leaders,

It is with tears of sadness and joy that I am writing you to let you know of an opportunity that has come up for my family and I. I was recently offered a full time youth pastor position at another local church, College Ave Church in Whittier. This position was off my radar and not even something I was seeking out, but God opened up the doors and opened up my heart to a new ministry at a new church. One of the great blessings about this change is that in no way is it a negative change. I am not leaving because of being hurt or burnt out. In fact, I feel like the elementary ministry is thriving right now! We are getting new kiddos all the time and the gospel is being taught weekly! Through much prayer and discernment, I have accepted the job at College Ave Church and will begin to phase out of my roles here at Granada Heights Friends Church in the coming weeks. I am beyond thankful for the friendships and relationships that I have made over the past 5 years serving in the Children's Ministry and 2 years on staff. You and specifically your kids have made such a HUGE impact on my family and I. Words cannot express my gratitude for this. You have loved us well and I hope that I have made as big of an impact on your kids as they have made on my family and me. God has shown His faithfulness to my family in this provision and I have no doubt that the next person in the Elementary role will be up for the task and be blessed by you and your kids as much as I was. As of now we do not know who the next Elementary Coordinator will be. We will begin accepting applications this week. Contact Teri at Teri@ghfc.org for more info! Alyssia, Kaylee, and I will still be local and would love to keep in touch with you. We love you all.

In Him,

Josh Grossman

P.S. We plan to be here until October. Please, please, please stop in and connect with us before we venture out on this ministry journey! All ministry events including 5th grade hangouts will still continue!

It is definitely bittersweet to see the Grossman's leave, but we are so grateful for the time we've had with them. I see God's fingerprints on all the pieces leading them to this new role at College Avenue, and that is truly sweet!

Isaiah 43:19 says "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" I am excited to see all the new God has planned, let's knowingly watch for what is to come as we look to perceive it together! Please continue praying for His good work here! Let me know if I can answer any questions, you may have.

In Him, Teri Elfelt (children's Director) teri@ghfc.org (562)756-5731

P.S. God speaks strongly to me through song, and in this new season, these two songs are especially encouraging to my heart, I pray they encourage yours today! Remember God's faithfulness every season, and watch for how He works all around us in everything!

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