**Student Ministry and Staff Transition**  
*Frequently Asked Questions - June 2019*

**What is happening?**
On June 2, we announced that Pastor Jon will be stepping down from his role as Student Pastor at Crosspoint in the fall of 2019. We anticipate Jon will be transitioning out of his role as early as September and as late as November.

**Is the Watts family moving? If so, where?**
They anticipate that they will be moving to the state of North Carolina. An exact city has yet to be determined. Jon spent much of his childhood in the Charlotte area, and continues to have a heart for that area of the nation, including friends and family who reside there.

**Why is Jon stepping down?**
Jon has been on staff at Crosspoint for exactly 3 years, in the role of Student Pastor. Over those years, Jon’s calling within the kingdom has been clarifying. As our church family would attest to, he has a strong gift and ability to teach and preach the Word. We have been strengthened as a church through his gift. His ability in this area has been affirmed by not only Crosspointers, but those who have sat under his teaching in other venues. Through the plurality of godly counsel, both inside and outside of Crosspoint, and Jon and Sarah seeking the Lord, they believe He has a call on their lives to one-day serve as a church planter or in a senior teaching role in a local church that is in an urban/suburban context, rather than a rural one. They sense their time in student ministry at Crosspoint needs to come to a close, so they might begin to prepare intentionally for this next season of kingdom work.

**What will Jon be doing next?**
Jon is currently exploring job opportunities in the North Carolina area. He is hoping to connect to a local church that is affiliated with either the Acts 29 network (acts29.com) and/or the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention). He is also exploring potential residency programs in the North Carolina area that have a desire to train up church planters. An exact role has yet to be determined, but is actively being pursued and investigated. We are trusting the Spirit to continue to lead and direct.

**When Jon began, as a Student Pastor, was he simply seeing it as a stepping stone in the kingdom?**
No. Jon has been faithful in his role as Student Pastor. He and Sarah anticipated being at Crosspoint for a minimum of 5 years, if not much longer. But the Lord had different plans. We honor and affirm their desire to be obedient to the Spirit and walk by faith.

**What will student ministry look like in the summer and fall?**
Jon will continue to lead our student ministry this summer and early fall. All the planned events (Ascend Camp, Mission Peoria, etc.) will still be happening, and Hype will begin gathering again on Sunday evenings, starting July 7. Both the elder team’s strong desire, as well as Jon’s, is that Hype would be left in a position that is healthy and vibrant, with a highly engaged volunteer team and an intentional plan for outreach and discipling for the upcoming school year (2019-2020).

**Who will lead Hype’s student ministry (6th-12th grade) moving forward?**
As an elder team, we are excited to share that Kent Hinrichsen will be joining the Crosspoint staff in September 2019, on a full-time basis. Kent grew up in the Eureka area, is a member of Crosspoint, and a recent graduate of Moody Bible Institute, with a bachelor’s in Pastoral Ministry. Kent served as an intern at Crosspoint during the summer of 2017, leading a college ministry, as well as, preaching and serving in other areas. We’re thrilled to see the Lord call ‘one of our own’ to join in the mission of making disciples of Jesus who live 3D together. Kent loves the Lord and people well, and his joy and passion are contagious.
What is Kent doing now?
Since September 2018, Kent has been serving on a part-time basis at a church in Hammond, Indiana, while he was finishing his senior year at Moody. In his role there, he has been preaching 1-2 times a month, investing into students and children at the church, and volunteering at InterVarsity at Purdue Northwest. Much like Jon desires to leave his ministry role well, Kent does too, thus the time between here and September.

Will Kent’s job description include any other areas of ministry around Crosspoint?
Kent will lead up Hype’s student ministry, along with a new ministry to college/post-high school young adults. We are so excited to not only see Kent invest into middle and high school students, but also, help us as a church be more effective in our ministry to college students and young adults. There is a great opportunity and need, not only in our church, but in our community for a college/post-high school ministry.

Is Crosspoint committed to the next generation?
The next generation matters deeply to our church. It always has. It is part of our DNA and burden as a church. We often say that the next generation is not only the church of tomorrow, but of today. So by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit, we pray that we might reach and prepare students in great ways in the years ahead.

What about the other staff members? Are they leaving too?
No. :) Pastor Dave will remain in his role, as will Becky Williamson (children’s ministry director), Erika Leman (bookkeeper), and Gerry Hetz (custodian).

We are experiencing a lot of transition right now as a church, aren’t we?
Later this year, Pastor Erik and his family will be commissioned and sent out to start Redeemer Community Church in Minonk (launching October). Pastor Jon and his family will be transitioning out later this year to pursue where the Lord is leading them. The Johnson and Watts families are dearly loved by the Crosspoint family. While there is a sense of loss in seeing the Lord call family members out, there is also a sense of great joy to see evidence of His hand at work. Many churches are forced into transitions due to sin or conflict. Glory to God, that is not the case here.

The end of our document called ‘The Crosspoint Culture’ says this, As God’s people we are called to walk and live by faith. So we’re ok with change, trying something new, and trusting in the God who knows and sees all. We pursue a Kingdom mindset that partners with other Bible believing, Christ-centered churches and ministries. In the end, our goal is not to bring Crosspoint glory, but God glory. We’re shining His light, expanding His Kingdom, and seeking to leave an eternal impact on our community and world.

Praise God for how He is enabling us to live that out as His church. The Lord is calling some Crosspointers to go, and others to remain. Either way, the Kingdom is expanding and God is being glorified, both here in the Eureka area, and one day in Minonk and North Carolina.

As a Crosspointer, what am I being called to in this season of transition?
One word…Engage. Engage in a posture that prays with expectation and faith. Engage as a member of Crosspoint that lives out the ‘one another’s’ in community. Engage in an area(s) of ministry in the church and serve wholeheartedly as a part of the Body. Engage as a disciplemaker who shows and tells of the Good News, as a way of life. Crosspoint family, the mission remains the same. We exist to bring glory to God by making disciples of Jesus who live 3D together. Our God is forever faithful and at work, so may we keep walking by faith with great hope and anticipation for the future!

Further questions?
Don’t hesitate to reach out to a Crosspoint elder (Brad Leman, Ben Martin, Dave Steinbeck, Joel Zehr). We’d also encourage you to talk to Pastor Jon directly for questions that involve his future and family.