



June 26, 2009

Dear Highland Hills Family,

Last week our Worship Leader, Larry Gingrich, shared with me that some exciting things are happening for him and his family. The Lord has called Larry and his wife Kim to serve Him in Missouri. This news was bittersweet, as the Gingrich family has been such a blessing to us during their time here. But as Larry filled me in, I began to rejoice with him that God has opened this door for his family.

Please see Larry's letter below for more details:

Dear HHBC family,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve with you for the last 18 months as worship leader. It has been a tremendous joy and an experience that I will always treasure. God has opened an opportunity for Kimberly and me to serve on staff together at a church in the St. Louis area. We are truly excited about the opportunity to serve together, AND be closer to both of our sons who are attending college in Missouri already.

My position in Missouri begins in August, so I will stay at HHBC throughout the month of July to be as helpful as I can be in this transition. It has indeed been a joy to work with John Mark and Debbie, the staff, and the wonderful people of HHBC for the last year and a half. Thank you for your willingness to serve, your receptivity to me and my family, and for bringing joy to us while we've been in the desert. I know that God has wonderful things in store for your future!

*Sincerely,
Larry Gingrich*

We have truly been blessed by Larry's Leadership in our Worship Services. It is exciting to see the Lord moving in his life and we celebrate this exciting time with him. And of course, we can always celebrate that we are in God's hands and that He is in control. We can celebrate that He is able and will provide.

So what's next? Specifically, I have been working with the Administration Committee in identifying and taking the next steps, including:

- Posting a job opening and interviewing candidates for an Interim Worship Leader
- Setting the goal of having an interim worship leader in place by August 1, 2009
- Evaluating and creating a job description for the permanent position
- Interviewing candidates and ultimately hiring the one God leads to us

Let me challenge you to do a couple of things. Pray - please pray for our church, for me, and for HHBC's worship leader. During his remaining weeks with us in July, please also be sure to thank Larry and Kim for their faithful service. If you have any questions at all regarding this transition, please be sure and let me know.

He is Able,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mark", written in a cursive style.

Pastor John Mark