

From Matt and Amy Day,

Dear Church family,

For almost 14 years, I've faithfully preached the Word of God to you. I have lived before you a life of faithfully serving Jesus. We have sought God together and He has done a great work among us.

It is with sadness and heaviness of heart that I tell you that I will no longer be your pastor. I made a poor judgement on how to deal with sensitive and confidential information that in itself is a legal issue and could have legal consequences. It was not in keeping with the Biblical office of elder. What I have not done is preached anything contrary to Scripture, or been unfaithful to my wife or anything like that. What these men have done is courageous. They have fasted and prayed and sought the very minutest detail of the Word of God. They are to be commended because it's exactly the kind of guys you want leading this church.

Because of my error in judgment, the elders have unanimously agreed to remove me from my position of leadership and I Biblically have to trust their judgement. The elders have the authority to remove the pastor according to our elder handbook. You need to understand Romans 13:1. *"Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."* We submit to their authority and to God's.

These are good men and we love them and their families. We are accepting their decision without bitterness and anger and ask that you do the same.

Only God knows the heavenly realm. We have to trust Him even though we cannot clearly see.

With that said, please pray for our family as we seek the new direction that He has for us to pursue and pray that the Kingdom of God flourishes no matter where we are. God called me to preach when I was 11 years old. He has not rescinded that calling!

Even though I am no longer your pastor, we are still your friends. Our family dearly loves this body of believers and we want to continue to come and attend The Bridge with you while are still in this area. It has been an honor to serve among you. We are so thankful for our time at The Bridge. You have been such a faithfully loving and supporting congregation that will always be dear to our hearts.

The Bridge Church is such a special place. God has put together a beautiful family of believers. I pray that you will not allow this situation to change how you feel how you feel about this church. We love The Bridge, and we want to finish well.

Proverbs 22:1 says that a good name is to be chosen over great riches. I am so thankful that the name of The Bridge Church is great.

You are still loved, and Jesus is still Lord!

Pastor Matt, Amy and the kids.