

Staffing update, October 2024

Hello Church Family,

Over these past few months we've been working on realigning our staffing structure. This began with a shift in roles for both Jeanne and Marlynn in the front office a couple months ago.

We have been continuing the realignment over these past few months. Today, I want to give you an update on where we are with our staffing heading into the holidays.

CUSTODIANS

Our fabled custodial team, affectionately named "The Dust Busters", Julie and Ellen, have both decided to step back from their custodial roles due to their doctors advice regarding the health of their backs. As you see Julie and Ellen please thank them for a job that was exceptionally well done! While we are sad to see them come off the team, they are still very much a part of our family. So let's celebrate them and the great job that they have done over these past couple of years. Let's also commit as a church family to pray for their recovery as they both go through back surgery.

We currently have temporary cleaning support and will be assessing what we want to do with this role in the weeks and months to come. You should see no interruption in the cleaning of the building while we are assessing this role.

PASTOR JIM'S ROLE

We have been working on clarifying Pastor Jim's role. We have landed on a new job title for him of "Next Gen. Associate Pastor." We landed on this name because we want to make sure that it is clear to anyone considering Living Vine as their church home that we care greatly about the next generation, and we also wanted to honor the work that Jim does for Living Vine that is beyond the scope of Youth Ministry. So, Pastor Jim will continue as youth pastor and pick up additional roles regarding Sunday morning teams and service planning. Jim and I will continue partnering together, along with Daric, in the preaching of the word.

KIDS DIRECTOR

After a long, slow, deliberate process we have extended an offer to Alicia Robinson to join our team as the Kids Ministry Director. We are excited for her to get started in this vital role. Alicia will be starting her role on the team soon. Her primary role is to lead our amazing kids ministry volunteers in developing an irresistible kids ministry that both blesses families and teaches children the gospel.

I am excited for the future of the ministry of the church that will happen based on this staffing realignment. Let's keep praying and ministering together as we aim to reach 1% of the lost people in our communities.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask me directly.

Blessing,

Pastor Chris