

Good Morning Church Family,

First off, please do not mistake my absence as a sign of any negative feelings, ill-will or distrust. It is the exact opposite. It is just too hard, and no one likes crying into a mask. I have requested this space from the Board, as it is difficult to be asked to leave this church and ministry that I deeply love and support. I understand the reasoning and logistics of why my position has been eliminated and I can honestly say; I saw it coming, though that doesn't make the transition any easier.

I have loved being here as your pastor! It has been a privilege to minister to each of you, and especially to the children and youth!

I came to this church looking to explore the title "Pastor"- to use the gifts, talents and abilities God has given to me. You invited me in and allowed me to explore and live out my calling. This church will always hold a special place in my heart, as this is not only where I began my pastoral ministry, but where I married the love of my life, Alex. We have celebrated many special times together over the past 4 and a half years and those memories will continue with me for the rest of my life.

I will continue to serve at this church until April 30<sup>th</sup>, with every intention of finishing strong. It is my hope to put strategies in place so our current ministries will continue to flourish.

I know, this might feel like another lost for the church, but God is at work here.

I trust His Spirit is leading in Pastor Nathan, the new board, and in each one of you! I am excited to stay in contact, to see how the Spirit has led and directed this body of Christ to spread his Kingdom in Wetaskiwin.

It is my desire to continue in ministry within the Church of God, in doing so, I hope to see you again at Deer Valley Meadows or other Regional Events, and perhaps even invited back, one day as a Guest Speaker.

Both Alex and I would appreciate your prayers in this time of transition, and for God's discernment in where He is leading me to minister too next.

Much love, and gratitude.

See you next Sunday,  
Pastor Sarah