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To our amazing church family:

Yesterday, I made an exciting announcement to our church family: with the unanimous vote of our Local Board of Administration, we will be rebranding our church with a new identity. Effective Sunday, September 6th, we will officially relaunch as **Family Community Church**!

This process began with a simple question: *as a church, who are we?* I have wrestled to answer this for many months, combing extensively through the rich history and deep-rooted legacy this church once held. First and foremost, we are – and will *continue* to be – a Wesleyan church. This is a heritage to be proud of! However, WWC was once a thriving house of ministry, reaching many families in our community. In more recent years, the church has struggled simply to exist, and a painful truth became evident: we had to change our approach, or we would continue to deteriorate.

To drive our ministry efficacy – which we measure by the number of lives that are transformed by the Gospel of Christ and the hope of a future with purpose – we have developed a new mission and vision, based on biblical values and driven by the Gospel.

Our mission is clear: “**Growing God’s Kingdom Through Our Community**.” This encapsulates the biblical mandate for both evangelism and discipleship (Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 4:11-16). We need to help win new souls to Christ, and the community of Warrenton is ripe for the harvest!

How will we see this mission accomplished? Our vision explains this in greater detail:

“We will build a **family-centered** culture of discipleship and authentic Christian community where we **E**mbrace, **E**ncourage, **E**quip, and **E**mpower families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the hope of a future with purpose.”

* **Embrace** people at every stage of life and maturity, no matter where they are
* **Encourage** spiritual growth through Gospel-centered preaching and teaching
* **Equip** our church family to engage in active ministry in their respective circles of influence
* **Empower** our church family by fostering ministry opportunities and releasing people for service

As we navigate this exciting transition, you may have questions, comments, or concerns that you would like to discuss, and I would love to hear from you! We can schedule a time to sit down and discuss whatever is on your heart.

Sarah and I are thrilled to be part of this amazing community, and we look forward to many years of fruitful ministry here in Warrenton. As we build God’s house, we will do so together – as all families should. I am so blessed to be your pastor, and there is nowhere else I would rather be.

God bless,

Pastor Jareb