



MISSION HILLS CHURCH

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July 1, 2019

Dear Mission Hills Dove Valley,

Almost two years ago Hillside Church asked to be adopted as a campus of Mission Hills. After much prayer and conversation, Mission Hills agreed, at which point Hillside Church became Mission Hills Dove Valley. Now, a year and a half later, after a great deal of deliberation and prayer, the Elder Team has decided to close the Dove Valley Campus.

We are very sad about this, but we are convinced that it is the wisest thing to do. In the weeks following Easter, we were actively interviewing potential Campus Pastors – I sat in on three interviews myself. We also visited several alternate venues that might work as a new meeting place for Dove Valley. We even tried to sign a contract on one of those locations, but the current tenant decided to stay put and not move ... so we kept looking.

However, the last 6–8 weeks continued to show a decline in attendance and several families let us know they would no longer be attending Dove Valley. These became the final deciding factors in the decision to close Dove Valley.

As far as the Dove Valley Staff goes ...

- Two of the Staff (Matt Winter & Jack Griffith) will be staying on with the Littleton Campus.
- Kelsey Erickson is in the process of transitioning to working full-time at her other job.
- Karen Carlson's role has been very part-time, and she will be looking to grow her exercise & fitness business.

I would like to thank each of you who has played a part in the ministry of Hillside / Mission Hills Dove Valley. Your faithful service and sacrifices for the Lord have not been wasted. The Lord has used you and will continue to use you, wherever He may lead you.

Here is what we are planning for the next two weeks. We are encouraging everyone from the Dove Valley Campus to join the Littleton Campus next Saturday evening for the all-campus outdoor baptism. The Saturday Service is at 5:00pm, followed by the outdoor baptism at 6:30. We will not meet next Sunday morning (July 7) as a result of the Saturday Baptism Service. The final official service at Dove Valley will be Sunday, July 14 at 9:30 where we will have a picnic together outside and some other activities to celebrate what God has done through Hillside / Mission Hills Dove Valley through the years.

We would love to have any of you who would like to join us for worship and other activities at the Littleton Campus following July 14. But if you would like help finding another place to worship, let us know if we can help you with that transition. If you have any questions I can help answer, please feel free to contact me.

God Bless You,

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