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Dear Parents and Students,

God has exciting changes awaiting Oakwood and we want to keep you informed. Through prayer and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the staff of Oakwood are making a couple of shifts to align with the Spirit's direction. Oakwood is taking steps to focus on key values of Evangelism, Identity in Christ, and Discipleship.

The first exciting change is that Pastor Jordan is going to become the Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Oakwood. He will be helping individuals move forward in their spiritual journey. He will also be building some programs that will help all ages grow in their relationship with Christ and find ways to get plugged in at Oakwood. This change will happen at the end of January, right after Believe Weekend (Jan 28-30- SIGN YOUR STUDENT UP FOR THE BEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR! -Pastor Jordan).

But that leaves the question, what about the student ministry? And the answer to this is just as exciting, if not more so!

Pastor Brandon is going to be stepping into the role of Pastor to Students and Families. This role will include oversight of grades 6-12 and leadership over all Oakwood Student Ministry staff. Middle School and High School will stay separate ministries, and Pastor Brandon will give a cohesive vision and leadership to both ministries. Pastor Jordan will also be present and involved in speaking and teaching, along with more of his discipleship responsibilities. To help Pastor Brandon lead this new style of student ministry, we have a young couple who will be coming on staff fulltime in May. Full reveal to come!

Hebrews 6:19 says, *"This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary."* We believe that Jesus is the true anchor to our souls and pray that every student has the opportunity to find that certainty in Him.

We are excited about what the Lord has for Oakwood and our Students in 2022. We ask for your prayers and support during this season of change.

In Christ,

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Pastor to Students and Families

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