

Family & Friends,

A calling to ministry was something God began revealing to me when I was a Junior in High School. I didn't understand much of it at the time, but deep down I knew it was the direction He was calling me. In the meantime, God led me to become a teacher. He provided a scholarship and before long I was entering a profession that I knew was only going to be a small part of my story. Why? Because when God says go, you go.

In the spring of 2009 I was a teacher at D.H. Conley and South Central High Schools. I wasn't miserable (most of the time), but I knew that ministry was the direction I was headed. That spring, I was presented with an opportunity to be a Music and Youth Pastor at a growing church with people I knew and respected, and a salary of more than 50% of a second year teacher. On paper it was a great opportunity, but I turned it down. Why? Because when God says stay, you stay.

Two years later I was invited to do something I never really thought about, lead a college ministry at the church I was already a part of. The salary package: \$500 a month. To most people it didn't make sense but to me it was one of the easiest decisions of my life. Why? Because when God says go, you go.

For the past eight years God has poured out His grace over Ignite Church and FUSE. To be a small part of sharing the

Gospel with those in need and seeing God raise up His church has been one of the great joys of my life. I've said it frequently that being a college pastor was the best job in the world.

Recently, a friend told a group of students that when you receive a gift you want, that's great. But when you get a gift you didn't even know you needed, that's grace. This summer, I was presented with an opportunity. An opportunity I wasn't looking for, but an opportunity God knew I needed.

I was invited to help lead a company with the vision of creating a Gospel centered culture but also with a vision to take the Gospel to places where it isn't prevalent. And while this has been the hardest decision I've ever had to make, I accepted. Why? Because when God says go, you go.

The next few weeks and months will be months of transition. Jessi and I still feel called to stay and serve at Ignite. I'll remain involved with FUSE, championing the ministry in whatever way God determines is best. I'll still be attending and speaking regularly until God brings us the new director. I'll also be heavily invested in the interview process as we look for someone to take on the role of College Pastor/FUSE Director as well as someone to come on board as the Executive Pastor/Director for Ignite.

In the meantime, I want to invite you to pray:

- Pray for my family as we make this exciting but difficult transition.
- Pray for God to bring the right person for both the College Pastor/FUSE Director and Executive Pastor/Director positions.
- Pray for the leaders at Ignite and FUSE as many of them are having to step up into greater roles as we make this transition.

To all who have been a part of this journey, thank you. I look forward to the coming chapter for all who are impacted. The best is yet to come.

Sincerely,

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Josh Lilley

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Our God has proven Himself so faithful! In the earliest days of Ignite our ministry quickly connected with LOTS of college students. Within a few months we saw that community deserved a committed pastor to lead them and impact ECU with the gospel. God provided our brother Josh who was willing to say yes to His calling and FUSE was born. Our church grew and we needed a permanent home and we saw we needed a committed pastor to lead that area of ministry.

God again provided for our church family in many ways through Josh who was willing to say yes to His calling. Now Josh is being called into a new area of ministry and I am both thankful and excited. Thankful for all Josh and his family has done to bless Ignite and I. Thankful he is still called to walk with our church family and us walk with him. Excited because I know that through God's calling to Josh people will hear the gospel who wouldn't otherwise. Excited because the same God who is calling Josh already has in mind the next person He will call to walk with Ignite. God has proven Himself so faithful and as Pastor Josh already said , "The best is yet to come!"

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Jason Lineberger