

March 18, 2011

Dear Friends,

*Our heart at Lone Tree Community Church is to bless the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We bless and celebrate the ministry Adventists are doing to advance the Kingdom of God. We honor the long and fruitful role this movement has played in our story with God. Our departure is for the sake of honor. March 8th, 2011 we were made aware of concerns brought up by the leadership of the Rocky Mountain Conference from local pastors. Their discomfort with some of the gifts of the Spirit we are experiencing manifest at Lone Tree was clearly and lovingly communicated. We fully embrace all the gifts of the Spirit including tongues, as a prayer language at Lone Tree. Our church board felt we could not compromise concerning this issue. Other items addressed in that meeting and later specified in the official letter received from Elder Thurber were issues we would have gladly come into submission on.*

*Though this break from the Seventh-day Adventist church is sudden, it is not reactionary. We highly value the presence of God, and it is this value that dictates that we cannot compromise to calm the concerns of others. We have been led by the Spirit to this crossroads. We have very carefully and thoughtfully chosen to move into an openness to spiritual gifts since 2008. While there are a wide range of ideas and practices among the individuals that attend Lone Tree, we are a body hungry for God and united by our mission to see His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). God has called us to guard and cherish his presence, and this will continue. We know there are many within Adventism that also love the presence of God, so we in no way want to communicate that this is not part of the Adventist movement.*

*We do not view our present departure as the breaking of relationship but a simple difference of opinion, many in our congregation cherish their membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and this will in no way come under attack from us. I commit to you that we will speak only blessing over Adventism. We will continue to hold a high opinion of the many Seventh-day Adventist Church members and employees we've been blessed to work beside. God has a big toolbox. We know earth-changing ministry is happening at our sister churches and we bless every one of them. We love you. We thank you for the love and support you have shown us. We know you are playing a vital role in God's Kingdom, and we stand beside you pressing into the things of God and celebrating His abounding love and faithfulness toward us!*

Sincerely,

Lindsay Moore

And the Leadership of Lone Tree Community Church