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To the membership of Hopewell Baptist Church, New Kent:

Jeremy grew up in a Pastor's house and felt the call to the Youth Pastorate in the 11th grade. In 1996, he received a BA in Youth Ministries & Bible from Northland Baptist Bible College in Wisconsin. Jeremy served in a Youth Pastor role in Michigan, Maryland and South Carolina until 2004 when he was called and ordained for the Pastorate and served Beaverton Baptist Church in Michigan as Pastor for 7 years. He is also a graduate of the School of Biblical Evangelism.

From 2011-2015, Jeremy served as Associate Pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois and then moved south near Audra's family in South Carolina, serving as Senior Pastor at Whitefield Baptist Church in Belton, SC until last year. He has led several missions trips throughout his time as Pastor and Youth Pastor, most recently to Boston where the NAMB has a church planting emphasis.

Jeremy (7/25/1974) and Audra (9/21) were married 4/5/1997. Their children are: Nicholas (6/3/1995*), Karissa (6/9/1999-3/6/2000), Samuel (2/28/2000*), Katiana (9/6/2004), Kalista (12/27/2006) and Korinna (6/30/2010).
*adopted in 2002

My name is Jeremy Smith and it has been my privilege to be in full-time ministry since 1997. The Lord has been leading my wife, Audra, and me through several unique and exciting service opportunities over that time. Naturally, we've also shared in some heartache and difficulties as we walk this path. Yet happily, we have been blessed to include our five children into the joy of serving God. We are truly a family ministry! Our two sons are now out on their own, and our three daughters are currently ages 14, 11 and 8.

We believe that the church is a family as well, and we minister to His Church as members of a loving family. We are open and real. Like family, we share in both the challenging times and the celebrations. It can be difficult, because the church in America tends away from relationships and more towards organizational religion. But we have been led to remove the business acumen of the church and bring it back to the model of the church in Acts. We desire to lead His Church to a real, passionate, fervent relationship with God and each other. Is that your desire as well?

The Lord has blessed us to build relationships throughout our ministry—relationships that continue to encourage us and bless us years later. We have had the opportunity to see His Church be the hands and feet of God. We've also seen the church struggle to "do" programs on their own without relying upon His leading. Our desire is to move away from stuffy religion and into a real relationship with our Lord and Savior.

This is us. Honest, raw and, at times, painfully real. We are seeking God's leading to a new family for our family to become an active part. I thank you for looking at my resume and prayerfully considering if God would bring our families together.

Sincerely,

JEREMY D. SMITH
Micah 6:8

