

## A Message From Keith Rogers

As you consider the opportunity to partner with leadership at CrossBridge for ministry to students and their parents, I want to share a few words with you regarding our time in Birmingham with this church family.

First, let me assure you that we're not running away from anything at CrossBridge. Nothing's broken. After sixteen years in youth ministry, the time has come for us to walk into a new season for our family. That's it. I'm transitioning into an adult ministry role with a church in Charlottesville, Virginia. Otherwise, we'd be pumped to press on in life with these students and parents we love so deeply.

Second, it's impossible to say how tremendously blessed we have been to love and be loved by this people. Their hearts have always been for us and we never once felt like hired hands. Their constant and abiding support was never in doubt. We'll always treasure these last years in youth ministry we were blessed to live with CrossBridge.

Third, the time I spent working alongside Garry, Charlie, Paige and Phyllis was refreshing and rewarding. We came to CrossBridge wounded at work in an unhealthy environment. Staff life at CrossBridge was redeeming and restorative for us. I know I'll look back on sweet memories with this staff and cherish them forever. I have no doubt they'll welcome the next youth minister at CrossBridge with the same kindness and sincerity of heart they showed me.

Finally, should you find yourself with any questions about the youth ministry at CrossBridge, the staff, the shepherds, Birmingham or the weather, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll do my best to answer any questions you have. May God bless your life in ministry for His glory and the growth of His kingdom.

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